



Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mark



Annual Parochial Meeting 28 April 2019

The meeting began with prayers

It was noted that 64 church members attended the meeting, compared with 35 in the previous year which was a great turnout.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 April 2018 were approved and are available via the Church website.

The format of the meeting and the procedure to be followed were restated to members as follows: four Church Council meetings to be held each year with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting being held no later than 30 April each year. Details regarding the membership structure are included in the minutes file.

Appointments

The Rev. Canon Charles Royden was appointed chair of the meeting

Mike Cooper was appointed Lay Chair

Jim Williams was appointed secretary

Safeguarding Officer Mrs Janet Day

Electoral Roll Officer Mrs Avril Williams

Election of Members to the PCC

The following people were elected:

Clerks in Holy Orders Rev. Canon Charles Royden – Chair, Rev. Dr Sam Cappleman

Reader Mrs Wendy Waters

Church Wardens Mike Cooper, Jim Williams

Deputy Church Wardens (Leadership Team: Rev Alan Kirk, Mrs Janet Warren, Mrs Liz Jackson, Mrs Laura Farthing)

Deanery Synod Representatives Mrs Linda Parry, Mrs Laura Farthing, Dr Tim Wilkes

Treasurer Mr Ian Farthing

Elected Representatives Mrs Margaret Appleton, Mrs Elizabeth Bean, Mr Graham Brown, Mr John Day, Mr Vincent Holloway, Mrs Janet Ibberson, Mr Mick Ovenden, Mr Edward Parry, Miss Marion Prior, Miss Wendy Rider, Mrs Morag Stewart, , Mr Mike Warren, Mrs Joan York

Standing Committee

This is drawn from members of the PCC and, not less than 5 persons, will form the Church Leadership Team. Membership must include the ministers, Church Wardens and Treasurer. The team is comprised as follows; Rev. Cannon Charles Royden, Rev. Dr Sam Cappleman, Mr Mike Cooper, Mr Jim Williams, Mr Ian Farthing, Mrs Laura Farthing, Mrs Liz Jackson, Rev Alan Kirk, Mrs Janet Warren.

Young Person Representative It was agreed to invite Miss Aleta Swaby-Kelly is to be invited as the young person's representative on the PCC.

Charlie thanked members of the Leadership Team and PCC members for their support in the organisation and efficient running of the church over the past year, with special thanks to Mr Edward Parry and Mrs Wendy Waters who had completed a full six years on the Leadership Team. There had been a number of challenges, but we are all committed to the growing future of our church and the welcome given all who visit us.

Membership

Mrs Avril Williams reported that there are 150 church members currently on the electoral roll. Members also re- elected Avril as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year.

Financial Report

Mr Ian Farthing gave a detailed review of the church finances. The church auditors, Collett Hulance, had audited and approved the accounts, which is a requirement under section 145 of the Charities Act. A copy of the audited accounts is available for inspection from the Church office. Members unanimously approved the appointment of Collet Hulance for the current financial year.

Ian highlighted a number of points from the financial year e.g. all Diocesan payments had been made on time, the Church Mission project at the Bedford River Festival, supporting Open House, ground work on the Garden of Remembrance and general maintenance of the church premises, introduction of workplace pensions and introducing card reading equipment in the church office. Ian pointed out that an additional £20,904 of income would be needed to meet the Diocesan Quota in the coming financial year following the termination of the sharing agreement with Putnoe Heights Church. Thanks were recorded to Ian for continuing to look after the finances so diligently.

Church Premises and adoption of Policies

It was confirmed that maintenance work and general up keep of the premises is carried out as necessary. All policies are up to date and are displayed on the church website .

Safeguarding Policy Serious Incident Reporting

Charlie restated to all members the responsibilities they hold as trustees and these are clearly set out in the meeting agenda and the Diocesan policies "Protecting all God's Children" and "Promoting a Safer Church".

Safeguarding training and completion of DBS checks will be put in place for the new PCC members.

Deanery Synod Report

It was report that all is running well in the Deanery with all vacancies filled apart from a part time ministry at Renhold.

Annual Report

Edward Parry gave a detailed report on the past year at St Mark's. Particular thanks were recorded to Charlie and Sam for their continuing hard work. Sam was also congratulated on his appointment as

Chaplain to the Bishop of Bedford. All aspect of the churches activities were reported on. Special thanks were recorded to Wendy Rider as Centre Manager and to all of the volunteers who support the work and outreach of St Mark's. It was planned to repeat the late summer mission weekend, which had been so successful in 2018. Phil and Di Stone of The Scargill Movement will be sharing the weekend of 14 and 15 September with us.

A copy of the full report is included in the Church minutes file and is available on the website.

Dates for future Meetings

Church Council Meeting: 22 May, 26 September, 28 November

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting: 19 April 2020