



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS
AND
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
FOR THE PARISH OF HARNHAM
21st OCTOBER 2020
IN HARNHAM PARISH HALL AND VIA ZOOM**

Opening Prayers led by Revd Becky.

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes wherever you call us.

Lord God, we ask for your wisdom, in your call on our lives to worship and serve you and for your blessing on this meeting and the work of your church, Amen.

There were 9 people in the hall socially distanced and wearing masks, and 19 via zoom. Revd Becky and Linda Baker were both on zoom and in the hall.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Michael and Brenda Camp, Val Overton, Sister Theresa Mary, David and Diana Curzon, Julia Woodford

Annual Parish Meeting

Churchwardens – an explanation of PCC discussions.

As it currently stands Charles Woodd has been nominated as one churchwarden. Jane Greenaway has served the parish as Churchwarden for 6 years and is willing to stand for another parochial year. In order for her to do the PCC has supported a motion that will need to be voted on at the APCM if no other candidate stands. I quote the church legislation:

A churchwarden may serve for six successive periods. If he or she was a churchwarden before 2002, the six periods run from 2002, this period runs from 2002. He / She is disqualified from being chosen to serve for more than six successive periods but he / she can take a gap of two years and stand again. Parishioners may resolve at the APCM that this section does not apply and that resolution can be revoked subsequently. (Churchwardens Measure 2001 point 3)

I therefore suggest that the following motion is brought to the APCM if no one else stands.

“The Parish supports the motion that the Churchwarden’s measure of 2001 point 3 is suspended until the next Annual Parochial Church meeting.”

By a show of hands on screen and present in the hall, all were in agreement to the motion.

Election of Churchwardens

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH WARDENS		
Name	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
Jane Greenaway	Charles Woodd	Sue Reeder
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As there were no other candidates both were unanimously elected as the new churchwardens.

Revd Becky thanked Jane and Charles for all they do, but especially for what they have done over the past year.

Minutes of the meeting of 30th April 2019.

Were signed by Revd Becky as a true record of the last meeting.

Matters Arising from the last APCM.

The only matter arising from the last APCM was the 2019 Stewardship campaign. Charles Wood told those present that the 2019 campaign also very much about introducing everyone to the Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme benefits the parish in 3 ways, as it is easily administered, provides monthly income, so aids cash flow and allows annual increases with inflation.

Parish giving was increased by £5,000 as a result of Stewardship. In addition there were 25 volunteering pledges too.

2020 Stewardship campaign was launched at the Harvest Service in September and Charles Woodd asked that those who had not yet returned their forms to do so as soon as possible. Currently out of an Electoral Roll of 159 only 27 have been returned.

Revd Becky thanked everyone who contributed as without them we could not do what we do to serve the community.

Report on the Proceedings.

This was circulated as part of the Annual Report and there were no further comments or questions.

Electoral Roll Report.

David Curzon has sent his apologies for this meeting so Linda Baker read out his report.

In 2019 David reported that there were 165 on the roll. This year he is reporting that we have 159. 9 have passed away and we have 3 new members.

Revd Becky paid tribute to 4 of the those who had died, George Sansome who was a churchwarden at All Saints at one time, Jane Pelly who was a LPA for the parish, Steve Weatherburn who attended All Saints and Bible Study, who also assisted with social events in the parish and flower arranging and Sue Witt, another member of All Saints who assisted

with readings, social events and Saturday morning coffee. She gave thanks for their life fellowship and fellowship when we join them in Heaven.

Revd Becky went on to say that many of the parishioners are getting older and frailer. The Covid crisis has made them reflect on their situations as a result some are planning to move from the parish to be nearer to family. Many have been finding the past months difficult and Revd Becky expressed her thanks to the team set up to ring all the parishioners on a regular basis as it really makes a difference. This situation has also highlighted the importance of focussing on Mission to get younger families and youth involved with the church.

Presentation of the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019.

The accounts were circulated via email in advance of the meeting.

Michael Fisher addressed everyone by beginning with a follow up to Charles's information on Stewardship. In 2019 35 signed up to the Planned Giving Scheme, 3 have gone, and we have a further 4 signing up. 21 of the initial 35 have increased their donations and this has helped to cover the costs of those who have left.

Michael mentioned that appeals for specific projects have also helped the parish finances. First good example of this was St George's boiler, but in the past year we have appealed for help with the Insurance excesses following the church break ins, and also contributions to the Vicar's Discretionary fund.

He went on to say how last year we had not been able to pay part of the Diocesan Share and this year we are in a similar position with the added situation of Covid 19 affecting income, especially mentioning the lack of hall funds due to the hall being closed. He explained that he has no pleasure in cutting back but he has to balance the books and this year we may have to decide whether we pay the share or do away giving. One suggestion is that the hall acts as our away giving this year. A decision new PCC will have to make later.

Joanna Woodd asked if other parishes are in the same situation because of Covid how is the Diocese managing financially. Revd Becky replied by saying there is a special meeting planned for January to discuss stewardship in light of the pandemic.

Michael then thanked those who assist him with his role of treasurer, Jan Spiller who banks the collections, David Curzon who deals with the Parish Giving and Gift Aid, Linda Baker the fees from services and hall income and Grace Hickman for magazine payment.

Revd Becky thanked Michael for producing the accounts and for all he does during the year as treasurer.

Michael thanked Joyce Salkeld who was the Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner of accounts for 2020.

At this point in time, 2 people have been approached to be our Independent Examiner for 2020 and both have declined. Joyce Salkeld assisted this year and Neil Turpin last year. We are looking for someone with business/accounting experience that could do this role for us voluntarily, otherwise we will need to approach someone professionally at great cost to the parish. Those present were asked to think of someone.

Report on fabrics, goods and ornaments and signing the Church Inventories.

Charles reported that the main change to St George's was that a new Sound System was installed thanks to an anonymous donation. The church recently had its Quinquennial inspection but no report yet.

In All Saints the organ loft has been cleared and new cupboards installed for the Parish Archives.

New Notice boards have been installed at the Hall and at the gateway to St George's churchyard. (put here as no need for faculty application) We have one for All Saints too but waiting on a faculty for this.

Break ins at the churches in November 2019 and October 2020 are being dealt with.

Thanks to Kevin Clark the church yards are being well looked after. Wild flowers and wildlife are being encouraged at both buildings and Swift boxes are being installed at St George's, although the swifts seem to treating the building as their home anyway. Joanna Woodd was thanked for all she does in the churchyards supporting Eco church.

Elections

a) PCC Members*(If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of seats to be filled each candidate is declared elected. Parish governance rules M9 (3))*

There are 6 vacancies to fill this year. No one further volunteered at the meeting so the following were elected.

1.Emma Wilson	nominated by Jane Greenaway and Seconded by Charles Woodd
2.Val Overton	nominated by Charles Woodd and Seconded by Jane Greenaway

b) Deanery Synod

Revd Becky explained that its important to have representatives on the Deanery Synod this year as the Diocese is restructuring and will be looking at Mission, Stewardship and Appointments. There are 3 spaces to fill. No further volunteers so the following were elected.

1. Katy Carter	Nominated by Linda Baker and seconded by Jane Greenaway
2. Neil Turpin	Nominated by Linda Baker and seconded by Jane Greenaway

Motion concerning postal vote

When planning for the APCM around Covid guidelines we looked at possible postal votes. However, we discovered that we cannot offer postal votes or proxy votes as previously thought, as this would be breaking church representation rules. We would have needed to vote in favour of a postal voting system at last year's APCM in order for it to take place and (M11 (1))

So just in case it is needed next year we propose that:

'The Parish resolves that the any person entitled to attend the APCM and vote in an election of parochial representatives of the laity may apply for a postal vote (within seven days of the close of the meeting.)'

All present showed their agreement with a show of hands – everyone was in agreement.

Questions arising from the Annual Report

Revd Becky updated everyone on the effect of Covid regulations and plans for the next few months.

- Services are continuing indoors and outdoors once a month. Please not booking is essential and masks are needed. If attending outdoors, feel free to bring blankets, hotwater bottles.
 - We are putting recordings of services on Youtube, live streaming technology is being investigated and is crucial and an investment in mission e.g. Revd Becky now has 250 followers on Twitter instead of 90 and the Harnham Parish you tube site for service had over 200 hits for Easter services last year. A new Facebook page is being investigated and Messy Church has been continuing on Zoom.
 - Revd Julian has retired from school and is now very active in Parish. We are also grateful for his technical skills and use of his Sound system for outside services. 4 "permission to officiate" have been renewed this year for clergy and we welcome Revd Michael Camp to the team. Sister T stepped down from a licenced position as Parish Worker and we are planning a thank you service in January. Grace Hickman has also stepped back from organising deliveries for magazine.
 - parish is particularly feeling the loss of some of the regular congregation.
 - Community outreach is carried out through phone calls and zoom. 20 teas were delivered to some of the more vulnerable in the parish via the Silver Sunday teas. Deliveries are made via Pantry partnership. Barbara Laws has gathered a team of 10 together making soup to deliver to the homeless with Encircles. Magazines have been in shops and now being delivered again. Charles has been chairing the Community Link and congregation members have been assisting with the Harnham Harvest Table.
 - Michael Camp is a new Foundation Governor for the Junior School, and parishioners David Stone and Jeanne Ross are also continuing to support the school.
 - Katy Carter is our new LLM.
 - Revd Becky thanked the Standing Committee, for being a great team, for everything they do and for meeting more frequently since the pandemic started, and for their support during these circumstances.
- Those present acknowledged with a round of applause.
- Even during a "lockdown" the parish is thriving.

Jane Greenaway thanked Revd Becky for being calm and serene during a difficult situation. For all her research and planning to make sure things run smoothly. At each stage of the pandemic she has adapted to opening churches to prayer, face masks the scrupulous cleaning, the outdoor services, a magical outdoor pause for prosecco.

Jane went on to say we have adapted a way we communicate, and we have tried to involve the community and rumours of a “drive thru nativity” sounds fun. She also thanked Julian for his contribution to the parish now he has retired.

Despite restrictions for baptisms, weddings and funerals, Becky has been able to produce serene, peaceful and wonderful moments.

Charles Woodd then spoke and thanked Becky, Julian and Matthew for the reflections, services displayed on Youtube. The parish has 35 items now on Youtube. 200 people viewed the Harvest service. The online services are watched and really appreciated by those when in “lockdown” but also for those who still feel safer at home. He thanked Julian for the use of his equipment and technology know how.

Phone contact made between parishioners, meetings held via zoom, everything done in the Parish is second to none and Charles presented Becky with a gift and explained that they also had one for Julian and would give it to him on another occasion as he was attending the meeting via zoom.

Prayers and the Grace

Prayers were led by Revd Julian and then Charles Woodd read the following prayer:

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meeting ended at 8.45pm with The Grace