

Minutes of St Mary's Vestry and Annual District Church Meetings
Held on Sunday 20th September 2020 in St Mary's Church

Vestry Meeting

Election of District Churchwardens

There being no other nominations the following were duly elected (to be ratified at the APCM 11.10.20):

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| Jean Smith | proposed | Jean Donovan | 2nd | Chris Tebbit |
| Derek White-Taylor | proposed | Jean Smith | 2nd | Malcolm Stowell |

Andrea Sparrow (Chair) thanked Jean and Derek for offering to stand for another year. The meeting closed.

Annual District Church Meeting

1. Andrea Sparrow (Chair) opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Present: Andrea Sparrow - Parish Churchwarden (Chair)
Ruth Ayling (minute secretary)
Reader Rob Walker
plus 7 parishioners

Apologies: Revd. Alistair Stewart, Revd. Linda Hillier

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2019** (previously circulated with Agenda)

It was proposed Rob Walker, 2nd Elizabeth Bishop that the minutes are signed as a true record of the meeting. Agreed.

4. **Presentation of a Copy of the District Electoral Roll**

Rob Walker presented a copy of the District Electoral Roll to the Chair, the total now being 75 up from 72 last year.

5. **Annual Report on the Proceedings of the DCC** (previously circulated with Agenda)

The Report was accepted by the meeting.

6. **Annual Report on Financial Affairs** (previously circulated with Agenda)

It was proposed Chris Tebbit, 2nd Henry Showers that the accounts be adopted. Unanimously agreed.

7. **Annual Report on Fabric** (previously circulated with Agenda)

The meeting was happy to receive the report.

8. **Elections**

8.1 **DCC – 4 Vacancies**

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| Lynn Walker | proposed | Ruth Ayling | 2nd | Andrea Sparrow | elected |
| Chris Tebbit | proposed | Ruth Ayling | 2nd | Lynn Walker | elected |
| Henry Showers | proposed | Chris Tebbit | 2nd | Colin Dutton | elected |
| Leonie Adams | proposed | Chris Tebbit | 2nd | Elizabeth Bishop | elected |

There being no other nominations the above were duly elected and their appointments will be ratified at the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 11.10.20.

8.2 **PCC – 2 Vacancies**

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| Liz Bishop | proposed | Ruth Ayling | 2nd | Chris Tebbit | elected |
| Jean Donovan | proposed | Chris Tebbit | 2nd | Ruth Ayling | elected |

There being no other nominations the above were duly elected and their appointments will be ratified at the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 11.10.20.

8.3 Deanery Synod - 1 vacancy

Jean Smith proposed Andrea Sparrow 2nd Jean Donovan elected

There being no other nominations the above person was duly elected and her appointment will be ratified at the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 11.10.20.

Andrea Sparrow thanked all those who volunteered to fill the positions giving us a full complement in these difficult times.

9. Appointment of Sidesmen

It was proposed from the Chair that the Sidesmen list be appointed en bloc. Unanimously agreed. Anyone wishing to volunteer as a Sidesman can do so at any time.

10. Rector's Report (previously circulated with agenda)

Andrea Sparrow said that a farewell party for Fr Andrew and Heather is still scheduled to happen in due course.

Jean Smith said she had received some contributions for a gift which she is holding in the bank until needed.

Chris Tebbit said the other churches were doing the same.

11. General Questions on Church Matters

i. Chris Tebbit asked that all Celebrants wear masks before as well as during preparation of the Sacrament. It was agreed wearing gloves was also a good idea. Andrea Sparrow to pass on this request.

ii. Derek White-Taylor thanked the Ministry Team for all their work during the interregnum. He thanked Rob for his work and referred the meeting to last year's comments: "Rob whose sermons grab our attention;". Derek said we were fortunate to have Fr Alistair with his great knowledge and thanks to Revd. Linda for all her help. Andrea Sparrow echoed these sentiments and added her thanks.

iii. Andrea Sparrow said the Churchwardens had to be sworn in by the relevant Incumbent by end January. APCMs must be held by 30.11.20.

iv. Elizabeth Bishop asked when we could expect to welcome a new Rector. Andrea Sparrow replied that she is pulling the Parish Profile together at the moment with the Parishioners' comments and the first draft should go to the PCC then Deanery in the next 2-3 weeks. A Section 12 meeting then has to be held when the Bishop formally approves the appointment and advertising (which we have input into) can go ahead, probably in November. So we would be looking at after Easter to welcome the new Rector.

12. Provisional Date of next ADCM

Provisional date to be agreed in the future due to current situation of Covid 19.

The meeting closed with the saying of The Grace at 10:50am.