

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
WITH ST EADBURGHAS, BROADWAY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2021, 7.00 p.m. AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Present: Reverend Michelle Ward (Vicar) (Chairman), Mrs Sarah Beasley (Secretary),
Mr Kevin Beasley (Churchwarden), Mr John Hayes (Churchwarden),
Mrs Gill Hammond (Deputy Warden), Mrs Marilyn Walker plus 5 parishioners.

MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS
INCLUDING DEPUTY WARDEN

1. PRAYERS.

2. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS.

Nominations were received for:

Mr Kevin Beasley - proposed by Mrs Gill Hammond and seconded by Mr Stuart Bates;

Mr John Hayes - proposed by Mrs Marilyn Walker and seconded by Mrs Sarah Beasley;

Those in favour: 8; against 0; abstentions 2.

DEPUTY WARDEN

Mrs Gill Hammond was elected as Deputy Warden, proposed as by Mrs Sarah Beasley, seconded by Mr John Hayes. Agreed unanimously; 1 abstention.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. APOLOGIES were received from Revd Jo Williamson, Mr Simon Williamson, Mr Phil Whatmough, Dr Joan Reading, Mrs Elizabeth Chard, Ms Henrietta Cooke and Mr John Griffiths.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON 4th October 2020 AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

These had been published on the church website and were taken as read.

The minutes were proposed as a correct record of the proceedings by Mr Kevin Beasley, seconded by Mrs Gill Hammond.

Those in agreement that they were a correct record: 8. Against: 0;

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING – NONE

4. ELECTION OF 3 PCC MEMBERS

Mr Stuart Bates is stepping down as the representative for St Eadburgha's. Revd Ward thanked him for his time on the council.

There were no nominations for PCC members and none for a representative for St Eadburgha's.

5. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT Mrs Elizabeth Chard, Electoral Roll Officer.

85 on the Roll. 85 = 63 households; 48 females; 37 men. 79 resident in the Parish and 6 non-resident. Mrs Chard is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Revd Ward thanked Mrs Chard.

6. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2021. Mr Kevin Beasley, Treasurer. (KB)

Copies of the Report and Statements had been published on the Parish website. KB said he had not received any questions relating to the report or financial statements.

Kevin Beasley (KB) referred to his report, which shows all the figures, and said that if anyone had any questions, at any time, they could contact him.

Kevin thanked those who had continued to give during the pandemic as this has allowed the church to function. In 2019 the Planned Giving was £26000 but in 2020 this was down to £19500; likewise, Collections in 2019 generated £12861 but in 2020 only £1600, this was, of course, due to the fact that the church was not open and only a few services were held. This is reflected in fees received from weddings & funerals which in 2019 was just over £11000 but in 2020 was less than £8000. The Grapevine magazine was not produced in paper format as we were not able to gather to print, collate and deliver. There is an online version, but this does not have adverts, this further affecting income. There had been many cost cutting measures including redundancies. Expenditure was £44,433 in 2020 but we did not pay any Parish Share. There are no other areas where spending can be reduced.

Kevin stressed that we need to tell people about our situation and how we need help. The response from the magazine article was depressing. Revd Ward said that people don't realise the situation we are in and said that we need to have a public meeting with John Preston, Diocesan Secretary.

KB said that people are starting to come back to church, which is encouraging. Revd Ward said that the Parish Share will be changing to become a Benefice Share. Parishes will be graded as to how wealthy they are. It is not fully clear how this will work. Parishes have changed substantially after the pandemic can ask the Diocese to reduce the amount of share.

Revd Ward and Mrs Gill Hammond thanked Kevin for his report and all his work during a very stressful year.

Kevin Beasley proposed that the Annual Report and Financial Statements are approved by the meeting. John Hayes seconded. Agreed unanimously.

7. APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Clement Rabjohns Ltd, 111 -113 High Street, Evesham, WR11 4XP were proposed by Mr Kevin Beasley, seconded by Mr John Hayes and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

8. REPORTS

The reports of the Vicar, Secretary (the Annual Report), Treasurer, Churchwardens, Safeguarding Officer, Evesham Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and Friends of St Eadburgha's had been circulated and were taken as read. Thanks were given to the those who had submitted these reports. The reports were all unanimously adopted.

The Vicar thanked the Friends of St Eadburgha and the Thursday Team for their continued support.

The Vicar read out her report. KB asked if we could offer a service of reflection and remembrance when things get back to some sort of normality. The Vicar said we could possibly have a service on The Green, in September, for Broadway, Wickhamford and Childswickham.

With regard to people coming back to church she said that some people will be hesitant, and we will not be fully open by June, but it is up to us, as a congregation, to encourage people to return and reassure them. Some people will be disappointed that there is no organist, but this will be an opportunity to be more creative and have more choice. Mrs Gill Hammond said that sometimes the volume of the music is not loud enough. The Vicar said that this can depend on the setting of the recording, but this would be addressed. KB said that it would be a good idea to have the sound system and hearing loop checked.

(KB to action.)

Services are gradually being reintroduced so that the Worship Team is not overwhelmed.

Mr Kevin Beasley thanked the Vicar for all her care and support.

9. ANY MATTERS OF PAROCHIAL OR GENERAL CHURCH INTEREST.

i) Zoom meetings – KB asked if Zoom services would continue. The Vicar said that they would, whilst people are still shielding, until the end of June and then we can ask people what they would like. If we are willing to pay the monthly fee for Zoom then this can continue should people so wish.

10. DATE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2022

It was agreed that the PCC would agree a date for the annual meeting 2022

11. THE GRACE. The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. with all saying The Grace.