

PARISH OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER

Minutes of the Annual Meetings held at 8pm on 24th April 2019

Chairman: Rev Mark Wallace, Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. OPENING PRAYER

The Vicar opened the meeting in prayer.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

With no volunteers for the role, the Vicar agreed to act as Secretary for the Annual Meetings.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received are recorded in Appendix 1.

4. ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Dr Daniel Watts and Mrs Wendy Whitfield were re-elected as Churchwardens.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received are recorded in Appendix 1.

2. MINUTES OF THE AMP & APCM 2019

The minutes from the meeting held on 21st March 2019 were approved.

There were no matters arising.

3. ELECTORAL ROLL

Mrs Clare Reid (Electoral Roll Officer) reported that the number on the Electoral Roll had fallen to 46. Of those 46, 9 are resident in the parish.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Annual Report was received by the meeting with no questions raised.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2018

Mr Richard Lawn (PCC Treasurer) summarised the Financial Statement, and expressed his thanks to those who have given to support the work of the church in the past year. Overall, the PCC received £174,882 and spent £138,313. Receipts were boosted by some generous gifts, and around £98,000 of the expense went on Parish Share, wages, and provision for Revd Aella Gage. The General Fund overspend of around £6,000 is mainly due to a diocesan error and a solicitor's bill in connection with the Co-op bank building, both of which should be refunded in 2019. At the end of the year, there was £7,340 in the General Fund and £81,764 in restricted funds.

6. REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Mrs Wendy Whitfield (Churchwarden) reported on the following: the oil painting of the the church remains in the care of the Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service, while a faculty has been submitted requesting that the PCC should donate the painting to the CIMS; the bellringers had organised and funded the replacement of the carpet in the ringing chamber; the degradation of the church steps was being monitored; the Hall is generally in a poor state of repair, and a decision to close the Hall had been taken in November in light of a significant fall of plaster; repairs of the impact damage to the western boundary wall is still outstanding.

7. REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod meetings had included talks on church planting, on International Ministry, on the Anglican Methodist Covenant, on the forthcoming Deanery Vision Plan, and on Pioneer Ministry developments in the Deanery.

8. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mrs Bernice Watts was nominated for the one vacancy on the PCC (also to serve as Deanery Synod Representative) by Heather Loyd, seconded by Anne Kavanagh — and was duly elected.

The list of sidespersons was approved.

The appointment of Mr Tony Allen as Independent Examiner was proposed by Mr Richard Lawn and seconded by Mrs Wendy Whitfield; agreed *nem con*.

9. VICAR'S REPORT

The Vicar began by acknowledging that it had been a challenging year, with issues with the roofs of both the church and the Hall, with the cancellation of the Guest House Project, with the ongoing struggle regarding volunteers, and with the recent disappointment of not appointing an Associate Minister.

Nonetheless, there was much to be grateful for. Highlights from 2018 included the 'Life to the Full' mission, various baptisms, the confirmations in September, and the BBC Essex Carol Service. He also highlighted the ministry of Mr Peter Holden (who had retired as a Lay Reader in July 2018) and of Revd Aella Gage.

Looking ahead, there are a number of challenges: the work on the building with its associated fundraising; the diocesan desire for church-planting, along with the need to engage with the Deanery Vision Plan; and, all the while, striving to "keep the main thing as the main thing" as we seek to love and serve the Lord.

He concluded on a note of thanks to Mrs Bernice Watts for her work in the Parish Office.

10. QUESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Could thanks be expressed to St Botolph's for their fellowship? (Heather Loyd)

Could arrangements for the care of the cloth over the communion table be reconsidered? (Ursela Maggie)

Could thanks be expressed to the young people who help out on a Sunday morning with refreshments? (Val Morris)

Could the PCC consider having the Annual Church Meetings at a different time, to enable more people to attend? (Val Morris)

Could the Vicar clarify who was on the Development Committee? (Geraldine Joslin) Answer: James Coe, Mick Kavanagh, Richard Lawn and Wendy Whitfield.

Would the state of the Church Hall preclude the possibility of the Guest House Project in 2019-20? (Duncan Breckels)

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Dan Watts, as Churchwarden, to Mark and Lizzie Wallace and to Aella and Liza Gage for their ministry to the church family.

11. CLOSING PRAYERS

Various people led the meeting in prayer.

The meeting finished at 9:05pm.

APPENDIX 1

Susan Almond		Annette Long	
Nicola Bailey		Heather Loyd	present
George Beeken		Sheila Lloyd	apologies
Greta Bennett		Ursela Maggie	present
Duncan Breckels	present	Rosemary Milne	
Audrey Castle		Valerie Morris	present
James Coe	apologies	Vivienne Osborne	
Sandra Coe	apologies	Clare Reid	present
Beryl Dark		Margaret Sawyer	apologies
Derek Drew		Peter Sawyer	apologies
Elizabeth Dunningham		Caroline Sheldrick	present
Anneli El Asla		Christine Terry	apologies
Sandra Gedling		Quinlan Terry	apologies
Alan Gray		Geoffrey Tomlin	
Christine Gray		Joan Tomlin	
Stephen Harvey		Elizabeth Wallace	present
Timothy Hearn		James Wallace	apologies
Margaret Holden	apologies	Bernice Watts	present
Peter Holden	apologies	Daniel Watts	present
Geraldine Joslin	present	Wendy Whitfield	present
Anne Kavanagh	present	Mary Wyatt	
Michael Kavanagh	present		
Diane King		Aella Gage	present
Andrew Lawn	present	Stephen Lloyd	apologies
Richard Lawn	present	Mark Wallace	present

APPENDIX 2: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER (2019-2020)

Mr Duncan Breckels	<i>Deanery Synod Rep</i>	<i>elected (until 2020)</i>
Mr Peter Holden		<i>elected (until 2021)</i>
Mrs Anne Kavanagh		<i>elected (until 2021)</i>
Dr Mick Kavanagh		<i>elected (until 2020)</i>
Mr Richard Lawn	<i>PCC Treasurer</i>	<i>co-opted (until 2020)</i>
Mrs Lizzie Wallace		<i>elected (until 2021)</i>
Revd Mark Wallace	<i>Vicar & Chairman</i>	<i>ex officio</i>
Mrs Bernice Watts	<i>PCC Secretary & Deanery Synod Rep</i>	<i>elected (until 2020)</i>
Dr Dan Watts	<i>Churchwarden & Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>ex officio</i>
Mrs Wendy Whitfield	<i>Churchwarden</i>	<i>ex officio</i>