



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
St PETER & St PAUL
BASSINGBOURN

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Annual Meeting of Parishioners

held on Sunday 16th May 2021 in the Church

Minutes

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Present – Renate Marsh (Chair), Lesley Bond, Erica Coomber, Jay Derrett, Jean Hamdorff, Anesha Marshall, Sarah Morris, Simon Morris, Vic Nickson, Moyra Pollard, Keith Pollard, Simon Parkinson, Heather Place, Jane Ravenscroft, Michelle Renwick, Steve Renwick, Nicole Searle, Vic Skuce, Jane Stevenson, Lesley Stewart, Hilary Wallis, Bryn White, Maggie White
On Zoom - Sam Derrett, Rachel Fry, Jane Hughes, Althea Whybrow

1. Hilary Wallis was appointed Clerk for the meeting
2. Apologies for absence – Alan Bond, Rev'd Amanda O'Neill,
3. **Election of Churchwardens**
 - a. Vic Skuce – Proposed by Vic Nickson seconded by Renate Marsh
 - b. Michelle Renwick – Proposed by Patrick Byrne seconded by Bryn WhiteThere being no other nominations both were elected unopposed .
4. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2020 were approved and signed
5. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners closed



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This meeting is open to those entered on the Church Electoral Roll.

1. Hilary Wallis was appointed Clerk for the meeting
2. Apologies for absence- as above
3. Minutes of APCM meeting held on the 4th October 2020 accepted and signed
4. Address from Chair – although we are still unable to have the normal celebrations Renate hoped that people had enjoyed the Annual Report. It shows that despite the difficult circumstances and the loss of our Vicar, an amazing amount was achieved in 2020. A positive outcome from the year was that there had been no serious Covid illness among the congregation. A service has been held every Sunday despite the difficulties and fast changing requirements and limitations. Renate is very proud to be part of this Church and the Church family. Although there are very many people involved in making a service happen, special recognition must be given to the Churchwardens and Ministry Team for all their efforts and hard work. Michelle, Vic, Simon, Erica and Amanda (in absentia) were invited to receive a gift on behalf of the Church. Technology has played a huge part over the last year, for which a debt of gratitude is owed to Nick and Jay for enabling this. Home groups, prayer groups, Men's Fellowship and Time for a Cuppa have all continued on line. Hilary and Jay were thanked for their work as PCC secretary and Treasurer. This is the second lockdown APCM but there is much more positivity and hope this time. Fundraising should be able to seriously start again soon and hopefully we will be joined by a new Vicar before too long. This verse from 1 Peter feels particularly appropriate for now.

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast”

5. Election to Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Ex-officio members are currently the Associate Minister (Rev'd Amanda O'Neill), Simon Morris Licensed Lay Minister and the two Churchwardens. The two Deanery Synod representatives are also members of the PCC

There can be up to nine elected members (each normally elected for 3 years) of which there are three vacancies for three years, one for two years and one for one year (casual vacancies).

Three nominations had been received.

- a. Vic Nickson -proposed by Michelle Renwick seconded by Renate Marsh
- b. Steve Renwick – proposed by Patrick Byrne seconded by Bryn White
- c. Nicole Searle – proposed by Sarah Morris seconded by Jane Stevenson

As there are sufficient places available for the nominated candidates they were elected and welcomed to the PCC and returning members thanked.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

David Burr was appointed by the PCC in February 2015 and has examined the accounts for a number of years. David is willing to continue to act as the Independent Examiner and thanks for his work were recorded. His reappointment was confirmed.

7. **Annual Report and Accounts** – the Treasurer’s, Churchwardens’ and Deanery Synod Reports were approved by the PCC on 20th April 2021. This is the official document to be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Treasurer’s Report

The 2020 accounts prepared by Jay Derrett were approved by the PCC in April ready for presentation at this APCM. Jay reported that the chaos of 2020 caused a great deal of unpredictability with different services, no Vicar and running costs to maintain.

There are three sets of accounts within the total.

Unrestricted Funds Stable income enabled expenditure to continue as needed without reducing reserves. Both income and expenditure were lower than budgeted resulting in a year end surplus of £4,000. The in -year loss of some generous regular donors will have an impact on future years unless more regular donors are found. The major item of the £50,000 expenditure is the Parish Share paid to the Diocese of Ely. Jay was unable to secure a reduction in this, despite the interregnum. Reserves total £50,000.

Restricted Funds can only be used for defined purposes and were fully utilised. The reserve is now £1,400.

Building Development Project Account (part of Restricted Funds). There is a balance of £69,000 which will be needed to help raise more funds. £16,000 was spent finalising Phase 1 works. There was little income during the year as it was not possible to hold any major fundraising events.

In summary, finances remain in a good place at the end of the year: Income is healthy enough, expenditure is under control and reserves are healthy
There were no questions.

8. Any other business – Renate was thanked for so ably taking on the role of PCC Chair during both an interregnum and a pandemic.