

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 24th April 2022



Attended: Canon Rich Henderson, Jayne Hollingsworth, Ian Hollingsworth, Doreen Page, Margaret Page, Nicola Wilson, Ian Stuart, Jennifer Stuart, Peter Langford, Caroline Carvosso, Hayley Henderson, John Rutter, Shirley Newman, Judy Thacker, Joan Pryce, Di Molineaux, Serena Emberley, Andrew Platt, Faith Darch, Amanda Puxley, Janet Baker, Molly Martin, Roger Tuthill, Rosie Tuthill, Teresa Parker, Pippa Bridges, Rev Mark Bee, Linda Bee, Ann Burke, Gillian Parker, Keith Wragg, Jonathan Ball, Poppy Lovell, Jackie Ball, George Fisher, Janet Fisher, Julie Maule, Charles Detheridge, Rev Phil Cudmore, Bridget Cudmore, Tom Trevitt, John Bailey, Sue Bailey, Ann Eckersley, Judy Taylor, Brian Taylor, Sharon Hobbs, Peter Hobbs, Sue Lowther, Mark Lowther Karen Hall

Opening Prayer.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- 1 Apologies for absence:** Ron Tuck, Fran Tuck, Phil Filer, Penny Filer, Brenda Beaumont, Alf Beaumont, Phil Perry, Jane Perry, Dawn Platt, Gavin Reed, Mary Reed, Linda Knight, Barry Darch, Lynn Rutter, Wren Redford, Cecily Redford, Susan Son, Graham Smith, Cecily Tate
- 2 Nomination and Election of Churchwardens**

Church	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded	
St Michael	Shirley Newman Susan Son	Patrick Burke John Bailey	Linda Bee Gillian Parker	Meeting agreed Meeting agreed
St Luke	Fran Tuck Roger Bennett	Michelle Pryce Fran Tuck	Vanessa Hembling Vanessa Hembling	Meeting agreed Meeting agreed
All Saints	Peter Hobbs Lynda Knight	Karen Hall	Mark Lowther	Meeting agreed First PCC meeting
North Cove and Barnby	Charles Detheridge	Joan Pryce	Judy Thacker	Meeting agreed

There is still a vacancy for Churchwarden at North Cove and Barnby.
Peter Hobbs explained that this will be his last year as Churchwarden.
Canon Rich thanked Churchwardens for their faithful service over the last year.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Reports and minutes circulated before the meeting and available on the Parish website.

3. Acceptance of minutes of APCM 18TH April 2021

Proposed Brian Taylor, Seconded Doreen Page. Meeting agreed. Minutes signed as true record.

4. Report of Electoral Roll Officers

St Michael's - 114 on roll

St Luke's – 58 on roll

All Saints – 24 on roll

North Cove and Barnby – 20 on roll.

There have been a number of changes in numbers due to deaths across the churches.

a Election of Electoral Roll Officers

St Michael's – Brian Turner

St Luke's – Terri Parker

North Cove and Barnby – John Heaseman

All Saints – Rich to check with P Gurbutt

Meeting Agreed

5. Elections and appointments

PCC

Two people had taken posts for one year – Hayley Henderson (St Luke) and Graham Smith (St Michael) – thanks given for their service.

Vacancies/appointments

Church	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded	
St Michael	John Rutter	Graham Smith	Patrick Burke	Meeting agreed
St Luke	Sharon Hobbs	Brenda Beaumont	Janet Baker	Meeting agreed

6. Presentation of Annual Accounts for year ending 31st December 2021

a **Accounts** have been reviewed and approved at a recent PCC meeting. Have been available on Parish website and have been audited.

No further questions for Treasurers raised in the meeting.

Anyone with any further questions can discuss with Canon Rich or individual Treasurers. Thanks given to all Treasurers for their work and all who support with finance in any way – banking money, counting collections etc.

Beccles churches have been able to help village churches with Parish Share – all Parish Shares have been paid.

Proposal that all accounts be accepted – Proposed Charles Detheridge, Seconded Peter Hobbs.

Meeting agreed.

b Auditor

Proposal that Chris Punt continues as Auditor for all churches (St Michael, St Luke, Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby)

Proposed; Jayne Hollingsworth, Seconded Ian Hollingsworth. Meeting agreed.

7. Report on the goods, ornaments and fabric of the churches

Items from reports highlighted

a **St Michael's** Floor levelling at the front of church

b St Luke's Canon Rich read report from Churchwarden to meeting

c All Saints Worlingham – Number of repairs have been carried out, fabric generally in good repair.

d St Botolph North Cove – Quinquennial inspection due next month. St John the Baptist Barnby. Charles Detheridge circulated report for both churches.

Canon Rich gave thanks to all who help all churches to run, who look after the fabric and work behind the scenes, ring bells, flower arrangers. Thanks to all for their work and preparing for services. Vote of thanks given from the meeting.

8 Rector's comments and reflection

Full report circulated to the meeting and available on the Parish website.

- Canon Rich gave a snapshot of some of the visits he made to other churches during his sabbatical. He is in the process of writing up his findings.
- July 2021 became Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby and the Parish is the first in the area to have this form of PCC.
- New Parish format will allow the ability to move around services and churches. Real mission.
- Video summary of the year shown to the meeting.
- We are more than church one hour on a Sunday.
- Children are part of the church. Thanks for the faithful service of those working with children and young people. We should challenge those who make comments about not having children in church.
- As a body we need to honour the past and build on this.
- Growing younger and deeper is key to worship. Pray for those involved with working with children.
- Music is key to worship – pray for those involved.
- Small groups – need to look to develop these more. Relationships, deeper with God. Maximum 12 members in the group. The groups also offer pastoral care.
- Alpha running in the Autumn again. Elle Skerrett ran and worked on this before. Also started Youth Hub and a small group is continuing with this.
- It has been good that other groups and agencies are inviting church members to be part of their groups and work.
- Going forward need to have an influence on the planet- greater focus in the future – Eco focus group to look at a sustainable future for all churches.
- Canon Rich gave thanks to

Ellie Skerrett for all her work with young people and the Parish website

Thirst Team – reinvented the original team and work and others look to them for help and advice. Vote thanks given.

All for the work, support, and ministry to allow his sabbatical.

Thanks to Rev Mark, Rev Phil, Faith Darch and Doreen Page and all Churchwardens.

- We have lots to be thankful for – need to honour the past, navigate the present and build a future. Living the Good News.

Peter Hobbs gave thanks to Rich for his vision and leadership and for facilitating things across the Parish.

Meeting closed 5.45pm with prayers.