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you would wish to bring to the attention of the PCC

All Saints

The Parish Church of St Ives

Report for the

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

on Thursday 15 October 2020

with the Financial Report for 2019

The AMP elects the churchwardens for the forthcoming year.

The APCM elects PCC members, Deanery Synod Representatives every third year. It also receives reports on the Electoral Roll, the work of the Parochial Church Council; Fabric, Goods and Ornaments; Church Finances; the Deanery Synod; and other matters of general interest. This report summarises the activities of our parish church over the last year. This meeting will give you an opportunity to ask any questions about these activities and about the financial report.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)

This meeting is open to anyone who is resident in the ecclesiastical parish or on the church electoral roll. Everyone, except clergy, is entitled to vote. Nominations for the office of Churchwarden must have been received and approved by the incumbent prior to the commencement of the meeting.

(Church Representation Rules 2011)

Agenda

Opening Prayers

Apologies

Appointment of Clerk for the meeting(s)

Minutes of the 2019 AMP

Election of Churchwardens (2)

Closing Prayers

Minutes of the AMP 10 Apr 2019

Election of Churchwardens:

There being no other nominations the Chair declared that Martin Collier and Barry Wills are duly elected.

In the churchyard the Town Council carried out some essential tree work, including the removal of two willow trees immediately adjacent to the river.

In Westwood Road burial ground St Ives In Bloom, in good faith, arranged for landscaping work to be carried out without a faculty or any reference to the church. The need for a faculty was explained to them and an application was made for retrospective consent.

The plate remains in good order.

Barry Wills and Martin Collier Churchwardens

Vicars Report

Much of what I could say is incorporated in the PCC report it was in many ways been a busy year and that I think is healthy, My thanks to all who contribute in so many ways but especially to Karen, Carol and Fred who provide day to day management for the foodbank. And of course the church officers who work so hard behind the scenes. The review of Munchkins was the start of a systematic review by the PCC of all activities undertaken in the name of the church, this however was interrupted in 2020 by global events. It was a great pleasure to be asked by the Bishop if I would consider having another curate after Alex left in 2020. Nothing could be said about this at the time and I was a great delight when I was asked to meet a potential Assistant. Things weemed very positive and it is an even greater delight to share with you tonight the news that Samuel (Sam) Perez has been given permission to become Assistant Curate at All Saints effective from Petertide 2021, after his Diaconal Ordination. I am no going to invite Sam, and his Family to join us on Zoom so you can hear some of his story and meet his family as well as ask and questions you may have, please be gentle! Thank you one and all I remains a priviledge and pleasure to serve as you Parish Priest which is something I give thanks to God for daily.
Fr Mark

We also sadly reduced administrative spend by ceasing use of a Parish Administrator. This has served us in the short-term financially, but continues to place a considerable burden on the clergy as a result which will need to be considered in 2020.

Many members made considerable generous gifts in the year of other kinds, such as donating their services and paying for goods which have been acknowledged in the accounts.

The Church holds the following Restricted Funds for specific purposes at the end of 2019:

Heather Dickerson Memorial Fund	£595.20
Joyce Wickes Bequest	£500
Philip Cooke Bequest	£5,000
Walsingham 2020 Fees	£1,156
Church Fabric Funds	£4,766.67
Hall Sale/Re-ordering	£6,550

The Foodbank continued to increase its funds through limited expenditure and continued regular giving. Expenditure included contributions to building overheads and printing as well as minor items of equipment.

The PCC continues to be prudent about expenditure and budget planning into 2020 and continues to encourage an increase in stewardship in the hope that more unrestricted funds can be raised to support our mission, ministry and longer-term building maintenance.

Elaine Midgley Treasurer

Churchwardens' Report

During 2019 we continued regular high and low level cleans within the church and the removal of leaves from the gutters and drains externally. Routine maintenance was carried out to the electrical supply in the sacristy and the water tap in the vestry was replaced.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

This meeting is open to anyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll. All, except clergy, are entitled to vote. Others may attend at the discretion of the meeting but are not entitled to vote.

This parish, in accordance with Church Representation Rules (2011), elects one third of its membership each year, with each member elected to serve a three year term. No member can be elected for more than two consecutive terms. This being the third year of operation all retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayers
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Elections and Appointments
 - I. Members of the Deanery Synod (3)
 - II. Members of the PCC (6)
 - III. Independent Examiner or Auditor
4. Reports
 - I. Changes to the Electoral Roll
 - II. Activities of the PCC and Financial Statement of the PCC
 - III. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments (presented by Churchwardens)
5. Vicar's Report
6. Guest appearance by Samuel Perez

Administrative Information

All Saints' Church is situated in St Ives Cambridgeshire and is part of the Church of England Diocese of Ely. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6DH. The Parochial Church Council is a charity registered with the Charity Commission Number 1188642

The PCC

The PCC members who have served during 2019 are:

Incumbent

The Rev'd Fr Mark Amey

Churchwardens

Martin Collier

Barry Wills

Representatives on the Deanery Synod

Martin Collier 2020

Peter Smith 2020 (Safeguarding Lead)

Ex officio Members

Simon Kershaw (Bishop's Council)

Fr Alex Shannon (Assistant Curate)

Elaine Midgley (Reader (LLM), Treasurer)

Elected Members *(end of term)*

Janet Parker (2021)

Glen Stewart (2021)

Linda Rose (2022)

Jackie Greenwood (2020)

Verity Trynka-Watson (2020)

Callum Dickerson(2021)

Deirdre Milner (2022)

John Bacon (2022)

- Loan repayments of £4,264 were made during the year (shown in Liabilities) with a loan balance of £1,065 still to pay in 2020.

This means that our true unrestricted cash surplus was £1,402 on the year.

However, this is still a very positive direction for the Church and did mean that our Parish Share was paid in full for the year (with the final payment made in early 2020).

It is important to note that considerable income from two Beer Festivals enabled this and made a net contribution of £8,712.73, without which the church would still be in a deficit position.

Regular giving increased by 5% on 2018 levels which is encouraging growth and is continuing to support the process of improving our financial situation. Members of the Church are to be thanked and encouraged for their positive contribution.

Stewardship is not yet at a level to cover ongoing Parish expenses. We continue to pay our Parish Share in unequal instalments throughout the year and do not secure a full rebate owed to us on this money. This remains an area of focus as we go into the new year.

During my first year as Treasurer, a number of new measures for controlling income & expenditure were put into place to enable the PCC to enforce strict financial control. These included:

- A new Financial Controls Policy identifying all policies and procedures for handling church money
- Setting up online banking and reducing the use of cheques and cash
- Setting up two corporate credit cards to reduce use of clergy and personal funds for payments and petty cash
- Purchasing new Goodbox terminals to enable easy contactless donations from visitors and during collections.
- Producing quarterly management accounts and cashflow forecasts at PCC meetings.

Gift Aid Report 2019

Gift Aid was claimed this year for Quarter 4 2018 and Quarters 1, 2 & 3 2019. The claims made are from donations made to us and come from Sunday plate and envelope amounts and can sometimes be from cheques or other sources provided we have a Declaration signed. This is in addition to the claims made on our behalf from the Parish Giving amounts paid by Direct Debit each month that are paid direct into the Bank Account.

The amounts claimed for 2019:

Q4 2018 and Q1 2019	£2553.71
Q2 2019	£987.85
Q3 2019	£869.22

Janet Parker Gift Aid Officer

Accounts for 2019

See separate PDF. The original copy is available should anyone wish to inspect it.

Treasurer's Report

Elaine Midgley took over as Treasurer in 2019 and thanks is given to our long-serving former Treasurer, Janet Parker, who handed over the finances during the first quarter.

The PCC made very positive steps towards improving the Church's financial position in 2019 and we thank God for such a positive outcome.

Overall, the Church has made a surplus in 2019 of £13,790. This appears to be an impressive figure but it is important to note:

- £8,124 of this contributes to restricted funds for donated purposes such as the sale of the Church Hall and to cover costs of a Walsingham Pilgrimage in 2020 (see below).

Electoral Roll Officer

Janet Parker

Gift Aid Officer

Janet Parker

The Standing Committee

The PCC is supported by the Standing Committee which may meet between full meetings of the PCC. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Its members are:

The Rev'd Mark Amey (Chairman), Martin Collier (Vice Chair), Barry Wills (Churchwarden) and Elaine Midgley (Treasurer).

Objectives and Activities

The PCC has the responsibility for co-operating with the Vicar, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. The PCC also has financial and maintenance responsibilities for All Saints' Church, the Parish Hall, the surrounding land and the Parish Hall Cottage.

Electoral Roll

A new Electoral Roll was taken in 2018 when everyone was invited to have their names included so that as many people as possible can have an input into the future of the Parish and elect members to the PCC at the APCM.

There are presently 105 names on the Electoral Roll and is always open to have new people added and if it is your wish to have a voice, please ask for a form so your name can be added. It is important too, that if anyone has changed address, telephone number or email address that the details held are updated to ensure we are able to make contact.

Janet Parker Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Business conducted during of the Year

100% surcharge on Council tax for cottage – so let at peppercorn rate, advantageous to church as well as helping someone out to avoid paying this

Received faculty for removing old organ console plinth and creating access from North Aisle to Chancel work duly carried out.

Financial Control Policy implemented thank you Elaine

Admin post suspended

Booklet finisher leased

Thy Kingdom Come 2 booklets produces Praying with Mary and a Novena (9days) of prayer cumulating with Isobel's confirmation at the Cathedral

Beer Fest (2) boost income Thanks to VTW Kathy et al

Gary ordained Deacon at Ely as was Tom Couper at St Paul, Philip Murray Priested

Secure Cycle racks installed

Legacy Philip Cooke providing new choir hymn books (REH) when published

Hall unable to be used to prepare food kitchen not meeting required standards

Review of Monday Munckins

Chairs donated by Waitrose reupholstered thanks to MB in memory of N and Foodbank

Westwood Road Churchyard Extension faculty applied for in response to St Ives in Bloom

Callum appointed H&S officer resulting in raising awareness and standards including provision of safety netting on spiral stairs, First Aid reviewed and resources updated, Accident book Ecclesiastical Insurance gave grant of £130 to facilitate this

Clock chimes repaired by Gillet and Johnson, funded by Town Council, only a temporary fix!

New architect appointed for hall project

Started Broadleas Court community services

Dispensed with communion stewards

PCC away day ELY in November

PCC attendance during 2019			
Name			Notes
Fr Mark	Amey	7	
Martin	Collier	8	
Barry	Wills	8	
Simon	Kershaw	7	
Fr Alex	Shannon	5	
Elaine	Midgley	7	
Callum	Dickerson	7	
Jackie	Greenwood	6	
Janet	Parker	5	
Linda	Rose	6	
Peter	Smith	7	
Glen	Stewart	7	
Verity	Trynka-Watson	4	
John	Bacon	8	
Deirdre	Milner	8	

Linda Rose PCC Secretary