

St Mary's Parish Church Barton upon Humber

Annual Church Meeting

Monday 16 April 2018

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Apologies:

Michelle Petch, Janet Petch, Stephen Bennett, David Dukes, Carolyn Smith, Rev Ivan Howitt, Alan Mabbott, Andrew Lord, Sue Brennan, Brenda Skinner, Ann Richardson and Father David Rowett.

Father Liz explained that Father David had been called to Chair Barrow's Annual Church meeting by the Bishop. The Bishop asked Father Liz to Chair the Barton Annual Church meeting in Father David's absence. Father Liz asked those present if she could have their permission to Chair the meeting. All in favour.

2. Minutes of the Annual Church Meeting 2017

The minutes of the 2017 Annual Church meeting were read out to those present.

Minutes accepted as a true record. Proposed by Val Dukes, Seconded by Amy Dubois, All in favour.

3. Presentation of the Revised Electoral Roll

Sue Wright Electoral Roll Officer presented the revised roll. With only one addition. The Electoral Roll is due for renewal and new forms will have to be completed by everyone who wishes to be included. An article will be published in the Parish magazine as well as the notice sheet when this is to be carried out. Father Liz thanked Sue for compiling the Electoral Roll, and would she be willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer, Sue replied "that she would continue"

4. To receive nominations for additional sidesmen and sideswomen

Val Dukes presented her report:

We still have a committed group, welcoming everyone to our main three services on Sundays.

The 8am group has 5 members, including one who is often away from the UK, a married couple who can only be on duty for the first Sunday of each month. So many thanks to the other two for taking extra turns.

The 9:30am & 6pm groups have all been extra helpful, covering for various members' who have been recovering from illness. A special thank you to Janette Murray for acting as an 'honorary' sideswoman while her husband is not well. We wish him a successful recovery.

We have had quite a lot of weddings & funerals this last 12 months, and again some of us have realised how much Mike Mumby did in the role of Sidesman on these occasions. So, thank you to Sue Brennan, Bill Cox, David Croskell, Angela & Kevin Henson, Mavis Nutbrown and Brenda Skinner, who have all been supportive in this area. Thanks to my husband David for printing the duty rotas.

Finally if anyone would like to join the team, especially at 8am services, they would be made very welcome.

5. To receive the Annual Report 2017

Father Liz asked if there were any questions regarding the report? No questions were asked.

Additional thanks were given to David Croskell for clearing the gutters of leaves and paths of snow, Bill Cox for unlocking and locking up the church most days and to Gavin Chapman for spotting and treating the woodworm.

The Annual report was accepted. Proposed by Mavis Nutbrown, Seconded by Rev Gordon Plumb. All in favour.

6. To elect 12 Members to the Parochial Church Council for 2018 – 2019

The following were elected to serve:

Angela Henson, Proposed by Mike Searle, Seconded by Joyce Gibson.

Kevin Henson, Proposed by Angela Henson, Seconded by Mike Searle.

Auriol Trubshaw, Proposed by Valerie Dukes, Seconded by Kevin Henson.

Mavis Nutbrown, Proposed by Michelle Wright, Seconded by Janet Petch.

Andrew Lord, Proposed by John French, Seconded by Edith Hobson.

Roger Lord, Proposed by John French, Seconded by Penny Phillips.

Susan Wright, Proposed by John French, Seconded by Joy Lord.

Michelle McManus, Proposed by Wendy Witter, Seconded by Mavis Nutbrown.

Total **8** elected. **4** vacancies.

7. To (re-)appoint the Safeguarding Officer

Robert Smith was re-appointed. Proposed by Mavis Nutbrown, Seconded by Val Dukes. All in favour.

8. To adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2017

Read by those present.

Father Liz asked if anyone had any questions regarding the accounts. No questions asked.

Val Dukes stated her husband David had looked over the accounts and that everything was in order.

Accounts adopted. Proposed by Robert Smith, Seconded by Mavis Nutbrown. All in favour.

9. To receive the Budget for 2018

Father Liz asked if any one present had any questions regarding the budget 2018. None were asked.

Val Dukes said her Husband David had a look at the budget and was happy with what is proposed.

Budget proposed by Val Dukes, Seconded by Peter Large. All in favour.

10. To appoint Financial Examiners for 2018

It was agreed to re-appoint RNS as Financial Examiners for 2018. A letter of thanks would be sent to RNS for their support which is given freely. Proposed by Mavis Nutbrown, Seconded by Val Dukes. All in favour.

11. To review our Church Mission Statement

Father Liz read out our statement and it was agreed that it was still fit for purpose and no change would be made this year. Proposed by Mavis Nutbrown, Seconded by Peter Large. All in favour.

12. Open discussion on any matter of Church life/ministry and mission

Friends of St Mary's has been established by Michelle McManus and Sue Brennan a leaflet has been produced and events planned with the first one been on 2 June 2018 in the church hall.

The group has been set up to support the church with additional funding for projects. Rev G Plumb asked if the organisers had considered writing a bid for funding to Tesco, a church in the low villages is at present through the token process at the Barton store seeking funding this way. Michelle and Sue would need help submitting any bid for funding grants from any source.

Father Liz thanked Michelle and Sue for their valuable work with this venture and asked the church community to support any events organised by the Friends of St Mary's.

Sue Wright stated that the Ladies Group is going to submit a bid for funding from Tesco. The Ladies Group does donate to St Mary's. Sue also raised the matter that members of the Ladies Group had to tidy up the Hall before they could set up, tables had been left out and the group only use one table. She thought the Caretaker would put the tables away etc. Father Liz reminded those present that the Caretaker is also a volunteer and has a business to run and family commitments and may not be available. Val said "that Bill Shakespeare put the tables away on a Wednesday if he is present at the 9:30am service" Val stated she would try and put the tables away if Bill was not present.

Amy DuBois asked if a notice could be placed on the church hall exterior doors asking people to close them especially in winter as this made the hall cold and draughty. Rob would place a notice on the door.

John French observed that the church hall footpath appears to be no longer flooding, Sue Wright said "it was still flooding" Geoff Brown said "in order to undertake repairs/investigation to the soakaway an archaeological survey would have to be carried out due to the location of the soakaway in the church yard near to the tower and would be expensive. We do not have the financial flexibility at the moment to commit to this. However, we will continue to monitor the problem"

Rev Alan Wright brought up a concern regarding the Parish Magazine. He has noticed that there are usually four articles a month from clergymen not from this area, and could have an impact on readership and may give the impression to readers that they are somehow connected of St Mary's. Father Liz said "that you mentioned this recently at the diary meeting and that Father David would be looking into it with the magazine editor when time permitted" Rev Wright also mentioned that an article from the Ladies Group was omitted one month even though it was submitted in plenty of time before the deadline. The Rev G Plumb agreed with these observations. Mike Searle said "from a cost point of view the additional number of pages increases the cost of producing the magazine" he also stated there were at least 50 magazines left over each month which is more than usual in recent times. Geoff Brown stated "we should give thanks to the editor for their work on the magazine, again which is voluntary" those present agreed thanks should be passed on to the editor.

Father Liz on behalf of Father David we would like to thank everyone for their work and commitment at St Mary's without whom the church would not function.

The meeting closed with the grace at 9pm.