

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF  
ST NICHOLAS, SHALDON, 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2022

St PETER'S AND St NICHOLAS' CHURCHES

Chris Morris (PCC Vice Chairman) in the chair.

Present: Chairman and 30 members.

The Chairman welcomed those present. He explained that it is hoped that the Rev'd Carol Green would very soon be licensed to have formal authority in our parish and that meanwhile as the PCC Vice-Chairman, he would be taking the chair at these meetings. He then opened the meeting with prayers.

MEETING TO ELECT CHURCHWARDENS

The Chairman said that he had received two nominations duly completed in accordance with the Churchwardens Measure 2001.

Firstly, Lesley Bill had been proposed by Joyce McRae and seconded by Wenna Curry.

Secondly, Malcolm Watson had been proposed by Sue Morris and seconded by Michael Britton.

He therefore proposed that these two persons be elected.

This was agreed unanimously and they were declared duly elected

He went on to say that he wished, personally, to thank them both for all the hard work they have done over the past year and for being willing to undertake these duties for a further year. This was greeted by a round of applause.

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1. **Apologies** were received from Joyce McRae, Neil McRae, Wenna Curry, Shirley Whittard, Helen Commander and Leon Winston.

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting and they were then duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of three members of the laity to the PCC:**

The Chairman explained that there were three vacancies all for a period of three years.

Valid nominations had been received in respect of Sandra Davies, (proposed by Malcolm

Watson and seconded by Chris Morris); for Chris Morris, (proposed by Michael Britton and

seconded by John Stainer); and for Sue Morris, (proposed by Marian Gilpin and seconded by Keith Robinson) and he proposed that these persons be duly elected.

This was agreed unanimously and they were declared duly elected.

## **5. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner:**

Brian Hamblin had indicated his willingness to serve for one further year as Independent Financial Examiner for the parish. His appointment was proposed by Anne Mears and seconded by Frances Commander. He was therefore duly appointed by the meeting. The Chairman said that Brian wished to stand down after this year and asked people to consider who might undertake this role in the future.

## **6. Annual Report (including Fabric Report):**

The Annual Report and associated reports had all been sent out before the meeting and made available on the website.

The adoption of these reports was proposed by Anne Brixton, seconded by Keith Robinson and agreed unanimously.

## **7. Financial Statement:**

The Chairman said that people would be aware that the Financial Statement had not yet been circulated and he understood that serious difficulties have been encountered in preparing the accounts. He invited Frances Commander to give an update on progress.

Frances said firstly she and Helen must apologise that the accounts for the past two years have not been examined, but with the assistance of Brian Hamblin - who has agreed to continue examining the accounts, we are nearly there. A change of accounting system has caused some problems, but these are now resolved and there has been a need to understand the allocation of monies to each of the special accounts within the General Fund. Brian has been very helpful with this. Looking at the receipts within the General Fund, we have maintained a similar level of income from donors, apart from one very generous donor who has now died. Much of this is gift aided and therefore we receive money back from HMRC. Thanks are due to Keith Robinson for making the submissions regularly. The Ofgem receipt is from the ground source heat pump installed at St Nicholas. The Emma Robertson and Extence Trusts have been generous to us. The sum of £8800 from the Extence Fund has been used to pay for major works on the organ. The use of the church has increased again and therefore income has gone up, after the lockdowns and wariness of using indoor spaces for events during the pandemic. Looking at payments, the Common Fund payment rose in 2020 and is slightly lower in 2021. Clergy and administration costs are down and have been taken over by the Haldon Mission Community, who will invoice us, as a proportion of the overall costs for them in relation to each of the churches Common Fund contribution to the Diocese. Utility bills were down in 2021, and we hope they do not skyrocket too much this year! Our fund raising in 2021 was excellent, as shown by the many charities to whom we have made donations. Looking at our reserves these have remained steady with interest being paid on them.

The Chairman thanked Frances for this information and then proposed the following Resolution:

“This meeting agrees that when the accounts for year-ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 are finalised, that they be referred to the Standing Committee who will, in turn submit them to the Parochial Church Council for approval and that after this they will be published.”

This was seconded by Lesley Bill and agreed unanimously.

## **8. Deanery Synod Report.**

Keith Robinson said he had nothing to add to his paragraph in the Annual Report.

## **9. Report of the Electoral Roll Officer**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that he is also the Electoral Roll Officer. He reported that there are 55 Parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, the same number as last year.

Of these, 41 are Resident in the parish and 14 are Non-Resident.

Two persons have left the Roll through death or moving away and two have joined.

He said that a copy of the Roll is available for inspection at the back of St Peter's church and on the Haldon Team Ministry website: [www.haldonteam.org.uk](http://www.haldonteam.org.uk) under Shaldon Parish – Governance and Accountability.

The inspection copy includes every name entered on the roll but no other personal data, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020, Rule 5(3).

#### **10. The Rev'd Carol Green**

The Chairman handed over to the Rev'd Carol Green who started by giving us the news that she has a date for her licensing. On 12<sup>th</sup> August she will be licensed by Bishop Jackie as "Assistant Curate" for our parish and she will then be able to take on formal responsibility for us. There will be a service in St Peter's on 14<sup>th</sup> August to acknowledge this. It will take the form of a summer celebration and will be a team Service at which members of all the churches will be welcome at St Peter's. There is still be work to be done before we legally become part of the Haldon Team but when that does happen Carol will become team Rector at a service conducted by Bishop Jackie.

Carol went on to say that at all the parish APCMs she has been asking people what they want to achieve in their churches. Firstly, Fabric issues. Malcolm Watson said we now need to make progress with our lighting scheme. Lesley Bill said this was agreed by the PCC some time ago but has stalled owing to Covid. Lesley continued by saying that we also need to repair the font and she has been in touch with the Diocesan Building Inspector, the Archdeacon and the stonemason. Carol said she was grateful to Malcolm and Lesley for taking these projects forward.

Next, Outreach and Worship. Carol mentioned our group that meets regularly under the chairmanship of Keith Robinson and said she thought it exciting to have a group of lay people meeting together to put forward suggestions. It was agreed that the notes of the Group's meetings should be made widely available.

Carol said that her licensing is 80 days away and she proposed this be used as a time of prayer. She has put together a prayer which would be distributed for people to use.

The text is:

Lord God, we give thanks for the churches of St Nicholas and St Peter and for their witness in this parish over many generations. We ask you how to pray for today's church so that we may be guided by your mighty hand. Teach us to share faith speaking to this generation about the hope and peace we find in worship. Bless us as we join a new Mission Community and prepare for our new priest in these 80 days of prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

She continued by asking for our views on the kind of services people would like in our churches; how best we can share with other people the gift we have of God's love and God's word. How best we can put across the Christian message. Malcolm said that a consultation sheet would be distributed in both our churches asking people to express their views on the use of the High Altar and incense in St Peter's. The responses would inform discussion by the PCC which in turn would be shared by the wider congregation. Several people then gave their initial views and it was agreed that completed consultation documents should be returned to either of our churches by Pentecost (June 5<sup>th</sup>)

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 12.05pm by saying the Grace together.

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