

St Mary's Church, Ideford

Minutes of the Annual Parishioners Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 26th April 2023

Present: Rev Jane Frost (Chair), David Aylmore (DA), Janet Aylmore (JA), Vicki Gardner (VG), Jane Hill (JH), Nicki Horseman (NH), Vanessa Morby (VM)

Apologies: Nicola Aylmore, Chris Cole, Tim Coleridge, Libby Ellison, Robert Gillett, Tom Hill, Liz Rice

Annual Parishioners Meeting

The meeting opened in prayer

Minutes of the previous Annual Parishioners Meeting held on 15th May 2022 were reviewed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting (Proposed: JH, Seconded: VG)

Election of Churchwardens – no candidates had been nominated. The Chair commented that this was occurring in a number of rural parishes in the Church of England, but the running of the church was undertaken by teamwork. One consequence was the Safeguarding Dashboard flagged an action regarding training of the churchwarden which cannot be completed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 15th May 2022 were reviewed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting (Proposed: JH, Seconded: VG)

Annual Report - The meeting received the annual report that described the activities of the church and the extent to which the wider community supported the church. Thanks were expressed to DA for his patience and perseverance in getting an architect to carry out the Quinquennial Inspection. The effort invested in the Messy Church especially by Liz Rice was also appreciated with its ability to reach families outside the usual church circle. The collection for HIITS was also noted and the activity of the Bell Ringers for the contribution they made to the village marking significant national events.

Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll for St Mary's had been revised in line the church procedures. There had been no changes to the roll with 33 people being listed.

Financial Statements - The Financial Statements and the Independent Examiners report which has been approved by the PCC were commended to the APCM. Thanks were expressed to RG for preparing the statement and to Frances Tilley for her work as the Independent Examiner.

Safeguarding Action Plan – Safeguarding was on the agenda at each PCC meeting and the relevant training and work was undertaken. Thanks were expressed to Sue Harvey for all the support she provided on this matter.

Team Vision – three main elements were *Growing in Prayer, Making New Disciples, Serving the People of the Parishes*. Targets for St Mary's – three targets following the Team Rectors themes were:

- Fabric – to carry out the quinquennial inspection and undertake the required work
- Outreach – to support Messy Church

- Imagination – the ‘greening’ of the Church

The PCC would be seeking support for this last objective from bodies such as ‘Caring for God’s Acre’ and other experts and offered an opportunity to work with other village organisations such as Sustainable Ideford. This first step was to gather information to form a plan which would also be an opportunity to consider the offers from relatives of deceased villagers for remembrance trees and similar additions. This would be taken forward through PCC meetings.

Election of PCC members – completed nomination forms had been received the previous year for Libby Ellison, Vicki Gardner, Jane Hill, Tom Hill, Nicki Horseman, Vanessa Morby, Liz Rice, and these were continuing to be members of the PCC by the APCM. One issue which would be on the PCC agenda for the coming year was the decision to allow the blessing of same sex couples in the church. This would be discussed at the PCC in due course.

Independent Examiner – the Independent Examiner for the next set of accounts maybe Frances Tilley or another treasurer from the Haldon Team (Proposed: VM, Seconded: JH)

Rev JF expressed her thanks for all those involved in the life of the church including postholders and all villagers who support the church many practical and financial ways.

The meeting closed with prayer

PCC

The PCC members met briefly after the APCM.

The next meeting would take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at St Mary’s Church.