



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 16 April 2023 following on from the Annual Parishioners Meeting
after the 11.00 am Morning Worship Service in St James Church

The Revd Carol Green opened the meeting with prayer

1. Present:

Betty Ayress, Pam Bridger, the Revd Elizabeth Burren, the Revd Peter Burren, Val Clough, Christine Cox, Andy Dyson, the Revd Carol Green, Andrew Harding, Jim Hart, Hazel Lott, Paul Malyn, Mary Prior, the Revd Jim Quin, Barbara Rowe, Tricia Stuckey, Anna Venables, Freda Welton, Annie Williams and Peter Wood.

Apologies: received from James Chivers, Caryl Hammond, Anne Harding, Emma Jackson and Paul Malyn.

In attendance: Jenny Brittan, Mark Green, Carolyn Hart and Barrie Wilson.

2. Minutes of Annual Parochial 03–04–2022 Church Meeting:

Agreed nem. con. and then signed by the Revd Carol Green as a correct record.

3. Annual Report with Financial Statements, Electoral Roll Report and Kenn Deanery Synod 2022 Report:

Received and noted at meeting.

At this point in the meeting Peter Wood led a vote of thanks to Andrew Harding, and presenting such a professional set of accounts on behalf of St James Church

4. Matters Arising:

There is currently no Sidesmen's List available to be approved at the APCM. The Archdeacon of Exeter had advised that by default as a consequence, PCC members currently held this role and responsibility.

5. Elections and Appointments:

Appointment of Safeguarding Coordinator and Parish Safeguarding Representative

Sue Harvey

Barbara Rowe

Agreed nem. con.

Election of PCC Members – three nominations had been received for five vacancies:

Christine Cox, nominated by Mary Prior, seconded by Andrew Harding; and agreed nem. con.

Emma Jackson, nominated by Hazel Lott, seconded by Kirsten Jones; and agreed nem. con.

Barbara Rowe, nominated by Emma Jackson, seconded by Kirsten Jones; and agreed nem. con.

Election of Deanery Synod Members – one nomination had been received for two vacancies

Anna Venables, nominated by Monica Dayman, seconded by Peter Wood; and agreed nem. con.

All nomination forms filed with Minutes

The Revd Carol Green welcomed the newly elected PCC members, and also thanked everyone for their past contributions, especially to those who had stepped down from this role and responsibility.

In her verbal report to the meeting, the Revd Carol Green then expressed her gratitude to Andrew Harding for his contribution during the past year in so many ways; and all that he was now doing to move the plans and projects forward to improve the state of the building and grounds

The Revd Carol Green then thanked Anna Venables and Peter Wood for their contribution via the PCC Standing Committee Meeting business to support her vision; and assured everyone present of how the voices of the congregation are heard and addressed as the church moves forward into the next phase of its calling to serve the local community

She then spoke of the St James Pop-Up Café; originally set up to offer a warm space with hot food weekly on Tuesday afternoons since January 2023, but how the ministry being offered has now moved on to help cater for need of the young people who attend the Teignmouth Community College. Starting up again after Easter, they are now investigating the employment of a part-time Christian Families Worker. Although currently an ecumenical enterprise, the Revd Carol Green put out a plea at the meeting for volunteers from St James to commit to helping in the Whitford Room kitchen on a monthly basis to support this outreach.

With the pending departure of the Revd Jane Frost from the Haldon Mission Community team, the Revd Carol Green then thanked Tricia Stuckey, Anna Venables and Peter Wood for their contribution in the leading of worship as Licensed Lay Ministers. She also acknowledged that the congregation were very attentive and devout, and how all worship being offered was deeply rooted in prayer.

6. Independent Examiner 2023 – one nomination had been received

Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance, nominated by Andrew Harding, seconded by Peter Wood, and agreed nem. con.

7. Date of first PCC Meeting – to be confirmed at a later date

8. The Revd Carol Green closed the Meeting with prayer at 12.30 pm.