

ST. MARY'S RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2012
ST. MARY'S CHURCH RIVERHEAD
AT 11.15.A.M.

Present:

Mr Barry Sharp (Churchwarden for St. Mary's)
Mrs Diane Williams (Churchwarden for St. Mary's)
Mrs Ronnie Todd (Secretary)

And approximately 40 Church members.

Barry Sharp welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Election of Churchwardens:

Nominations had been received for two Churchwardens. Diane Williams and Barry Sharp will continue to serve for the year 2012-2013.

The Vestry meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Jane Ibbotson, Bennet Smith, Amy Allender, Rene Dicker, Jean Morgan, Anna Lovelock, Naomi Hadlow, Tessa Fox, Kate Lovelock, Jane Somers, John & Margaret Curtis, Eric & Mary Howard, Madeleine Eckersly, Mark & Sarah Stott, Iain Smith, John Harris, Marion Lovelock, Elizabeth Cryan.

2. To Approve Minutes of APCM held on 25th April 2011:

The Minutes were proposed and seconded as follows:

Proposed: Robin Tonge

Seconded: Anne Tonge

They were then signed by Barry Sharp as a true copy.

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive Electoral Roll

Margaret Nicholas gave the number for the 2011 electoral roll which was 169. We have lost six in 2012 and no-one new has joined. 99 are resident, 64 non-resident.

5. Parish Report

The Churchwardens had prepared a report in the absence of a Vicar, a copy of which was attached to the Minutes. The report gave details of the PCC, average weekly attendance numbers, church

attendance numbers at Easter and Christmas services and numbers of baptisms/weddings/funerals during the year.

6. Financial Report and Accounts and Treasurer's Report:

Elaine Hanham gave the Report in her capacity as Hon Treasurer. She began by telling the meeting that she would be stepping down as Hon. Treasurer at the end of the year. Elaine thanked Bryan Nicholas for all his help over the year.

The Accounts were attached to the Minutes. Elaine pointed out that charitable giving for 2011 had been low but income was up for the year. Elaine asked whether we should consider our level of charitable giving. Margaret Holman reported that £1400 had been raised through church efforts for the Children's Society during 2011/12.

There were various opinions from the floor. Should we resume giving to Sevenoaks Youth Trust who used to receive a percentage of our giving? Perhaps we should ask the congregation to consider worthwhile charities and give the Churchwardens or Elaine their suggestions. We could have plate collections for individual charities as we currently do for the Kenyan girl (Catherine Kimochu) and Poverty & Hope. It was agreed that we should leave any decision until our new Vicar arrives.

The Accounts were then agreed.

Tim Johnstone proposed
Robin Tonge seconded.

Ruth Merson proposed a vote of thanks to Elaine for all her hard work during the year and during her term as Treasurer.

7. Churchwardens' Report:

Diane Williams gave the report for the Churchwardens which was as printed and attached to the 2011 APCM Minutes.

Lots of things had happened during the year which Churchwardens dread, in particular the interregnum.

There had been more lead thefts over the year.

Fortunately no major work had been required from the Quinquennial inspection.

The repair of the front steps is progressing well. It will be good to have them back in use again.

8. Deanery Synod Report:

The three DS members for the coming year were: Anne Straight, Doris Gosnold and Jean Woods. Anne had prepared the two reports which were attached to the Minutes one of which was regarding the debate on Women Bishops.

Thanks were given to Anne Straight, Doris Gosnold and Jean Woods for their support on the Deanery Synod committee.

9. Parish Reports:

All the Parish Reports were attached to the 2011 APCM Minutes.

a) Sunday School:

David Holmes had prepared the report as Sunday School Leader. He expressed his grateful thanks to the teachers and helpers and reported that lots of new material had been given by Gaynor Perry.

b) Littlecourt Lunch Club:

Gill Smith asked those present to let her know if they knew of anyone who would like to join the various teams, in particular someone to collect the money would be particularly helpful. They currently had a reasonable amount of drivers.

c) Tots and Toddlers:

Doris Gosnold told the meeting that Tots & Toddlers is a great outreach to families. There is a good team effort and it is very rewarding for those who help.

d) Church Hall Report:

Barry Sharp noted that the church hall provides worthwhile support to the Parish and certainly helps with church funds.

e) Music Report:

Barry Sharp told the meeting that it would be good to have someone to assist Janet as organist and choir leader. We also would like to have more choir members. It is sometimes difficult to sing anthems without all the parts.

f) Mothers' Union Report:

Karen Forster-Pearce told the meeting that the Mothers' Union meet each third Wednesday of the month. It would be good to have some new members. Robin Tonge was thanked by Karen for including a small MU section in the minimag each week.

g) Events Committee Report:

Barry Sharp thanked the Events team for the excellent job they do. It is definitely good for the Parish.

Elaine Hanham mentioned the Christmas Tree Festival which has been a successful event. Martin Booth (the new Vicar) is keen for it to continue and grow as it brings lots of outsiders into the church who wouldn't normally enter.

h) Child Protection:

Nothing had happened during the year and therefore there was nothing to report.

10. Election of the PCC:

PCC members Andrew & Joanna Tawse are standing down this year. The Vicar thanked them for their support and contributions over the last three years.

The following names were put forward for election to the PCC:-

Stuart Wigley
Chris Ledson

11. Election to Deanery Synod

Anne Straight, Doris Gosnold and Jean Woods continue as DS members for the next two years.

12. Election of Sidespersons

The Churchwardens read out the list of Sidespersons.

Proposed: Barry Sharp

Seconded: Alan Chart

All agreed.

Margaret Nicholas made an appeal for more sidespeople and servers. Please contact Margaret if you are interested.

13. Election of Examiner of Church Accounts:

Ian Wells has not been asked to act as Church Examiner for the Accounts for 2012.

14. AOB:

Alan Chart proposed a vote of thanks to the Churchwardens for doing a fantastic job over the past year during the interregnum.

Barry Sharp in turn thanked Alan Chart for all his help with the Vicarage leading up to the new Vicar's arrival.

15. To Discuss the Date and Time of Vestry and APCM 2013

It was suggested that we wait for the new Vicar to decide on a date for the 2013 APCM.

The meeting closed at approximately 12.15 p.m.