

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH, COGGES

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** **held in the Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

The vicar, Rev Simon Kirby, welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **THE MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

The Meeting of Parishioners had been called under the provisions of the *Churchwardens Measure 2001*, and the only item of business was the election of two Churchwardens for the following twelve months.

Nominations as Churchwarden were received for Gerry Wait and James Webster, and Mr Kirby declared that Mr Wait and Mr Webster had been duly elected.

#### **THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting then resumed.

##### **1. Minutes**

Minutes of the 2017 APCM had been posted beforehand and were accepted and signed.

##### **2. Presentation of the Electoral Roll**

A report on the revision of the Electoral Roll had been posted beforehand. The number of people on the roll had increased from 249 to 267, of whom 128 were resident in the parish. 20 people had joined and 2 names had been removed from the list.

##### **3. Annual report and financial statements**

The independently examined annual report and financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 had been posted beforehand. The PCC treasurer, Keith Harwood, spoke about the financial statements.

The script and presentation slide for his talk may be found on the web at

<http://coggesparish.com/apcm/2018/>

Mr Kirby thanked Mr Harwood for all the time and effort he puts into the finances.

##### **4. Reports**

The Churchwardens' report on the fabric, ornaments and goods of St Mary's Church, Cogges and a report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod had been posted beforehand.

##### **5. Resolutions**

###### **(a) Proposal to reduce the number of elected PCC members**

The PCC proposed that with effect from the APCM in 2019, the number of representatives of the laity should be reduced from 15 to 12, with one third being elected each year. This resolution was carried on a show of hands.

###### **(b) Proposal to rescind resolution on co-optation of Readers passed at the APCM in 1999**

The PCC proposed that a resolution passed at the APCM in 1999, that Readers licensed to the parish of Cogges should be co-opted as members of the PCC each year, should be rescinded with immediate effect. This resolution was also carried on a show of hands.

##### **6. Elections**

###### **(a) Elected members of the Parochial Church Council**

Nominations for election as members of the Parochial Church Council were received for Andy Bailey, Alison Laithwaite, Eddie Lyle, Heather McCulloch and Alasdair Wild and they were declared elected to serve as PCC members for three years. Two other nomination forms had been received but were rejected as the nominees were not members of the electoral roll.

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### (b) Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was agreed to appoint A J Carter & Co as independent examiner for another year.

## 7. Questions or comments

### (a) Governance changes

Information on changing governance had been referred to earlier in the meeting and Mr Kirby was asked whether the changes had been decided or were to be discussed. Mr Kirby replied that the changes had been agreed by the PCC after much discussion but people were encouraged to ask PCC members about them.

### (b) Photo board

A document with photos and mini-biographies of PCC members had been made available at the meeting. It was suggested that it would be useful to have a notice board with photographs of PCC members. Mr Kirby agreed to look into whether space could be found for this.

### (c) Succession planning

Mr Kirby was asked whether the PCC had thought about succession planning for when he left the parish to ensure the good work continued. Mr Kirby said that he had no plans to leave for at least another five years, but it was a good question for the churchwardens and PCC to consider.

The churchwardens thanked Mr Kirby and Rev Rich White (curate) for their leadership and led prayers for them both.

## 8. Commissioning of the new PCC

Mr Kirby prayed for the members of the new PCC, commissioning them for the year ahead.

## 9. Other matters

After a time of worship, there were a number of presentations:

- Ben Osman: Youth work
- Alison Hall and Lisa Bryan: Children's work
- Judith Ledden: Home School Link and TLG Coaching
- Rich White: Mission thinking
- Simon Kirby: Vicar's report

The presentations and Vicar's report may be found on the web at

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The evening concluded with "drinks and nibbles".