

St Luke's PCC
Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 7th April 2019

Agenda Item No	Item
	<p>Prayer The meeting took place during the 11am service and was chaired by the Vicar, the Rev Peter Hart, with the support of our Reader, Michael Tonkin and attended by 38 parishioners.</p>
1	<p>Apologies – As the APCM was during the Easter school break, the numbers were lower than normal. No official apologies, but there were a number of fairly regular parishioners missing.</p>
2	<p>Junior Church – due to the Easter holidays there was no Junior Church, materials were left in the hall for children who wanted to go out during the service</p>
3	<p>Election of Church Wardens Election of church wardens: Jayne, Irene as wardens and Frankie and Paula as deputy wardens were unanimously re-elected, (Jayne for her 6th year and Irene and Frankie for their 3rd year and Paula as her 1st)</p>
4	<p>Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Minutes of the 2018 APCM The minutes of the 2018 APCM were approved by the meeting.</p>
5	<p>Vicar's Address and MAP The sermon focussed on a message of extreme love as described in Mary of Bethany's actions in the reading of John 12, 1-8 and that is our purpose here in everything we do. We come here to worship because God is worthy of our worship, then we have to live it outside. These are our two purposes as a church. Our Mission Action Plan sets out our purpose for the year and we are doing well, but it would be good to do better. Our St Luke's vision is set against a backdrop of The Five Marks of Mission that all C of E churches are following and our Diocesan Vision – Walking with Jesus, Welcoming all and Growing in Numbers (see full St Luke's MAP at the foot of the minutes). We noted the 23rd of June - Invitation Sunday, to invite people back to church, aimed at having more people with us on a Sunday morning. Most people find us via the website 'A church near you'. There are other ways of communicating ourselves including our website and our e-newsletter which we thank Paula for leading on. Also, The Link that we distribute to our Parish.</p> <p>Peter then asked the congregation if this MAP was a good plan, setting out how we should be going forward this year. There was a collective 'Yes' in response.</p>

	<p>Electoral roll</p> <p>We are renewing our electoral roll this year and asking people to complete a new registration form. So far we have 61 signed up, but it would lovely to have more. The reason for the update is that we need to refresh the data we hold to comply with the new data protection laws (GDPR) to enable everyone to continue to receive the church communications.</p>
7	<p>Annual reports</p> <p>All the reports are published and were available for review. Peter thanked the Parish Office Guinevere and Irene for collating and publishing these and thanked everyone who submitted a report. One new report for this year, is from our Readers – Michael and Richard. They share the responsibility of leadership, prayer and sermons so it felt right to ask them to report on what they do.</p>
8	<p>Financial report</p> <p>Judi thanked everyone for their support in terms of money and effort. She went on to explain some of the detail of the accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in a good financial position therefore we have been able to increase our Parish Support Fund submission for 2019. We have not increased this since 2015. • The Barn is a creditor as we share some of our parish costs with them. • A new designation in the accounts is the Building fund, and that came about as a result of the a funeral at St Luke's where the family asked if they could donate money for the upkeep of the building. • Standing orders, regular envelopes and planned giving have increased. These are the easiest way to give money to St Luke's. Judi offered help to people to set up SOs. • Income from social events has decreased as we only had three events last year. As a consequence, we were unable to donate as much to charities as we have done in the past. <p>One final highlight to mention – income from the Community Choir. Mary was personally thanked for her contribution. She has been the Music Director for St Luke's for 20 years and started the Community Choir 10 years ago. Over the last 10 years she has raised £28,000 from the many music events she has organised, and this money has been shared between St Luke's and The Barn churches and a host of charities. She was thanked for all her work and presented with flowers.</p>
9	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Vanessa Dand and Alice Coddington are our Safeguarding Officers. Vanessa for children and Alice for adults. Vanessa explained that it has been a busy year for safeguarding. Our self-audit highlighted a number of actions points that we need to address this year to enable us to adhere to the 'Safer Church', our diocesan safeguarding guidance. Both the 'Safer Church' and our policies and procedures are available for the congregation to view.</p>

10	Any other business Peter thanked everyone for their participation and invited people to stay for cup of coffee and a piece of cake after the service.
11	Closing prayer The service continued with the intercessions.