

A Christian Community in the heart of Welton

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, WELTON

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 17th April 2016 at 12.30pm

OPENING PRAYERS

Revd. Chrys Tremththanmor opened the meeting with prayers and for guidance through the coming year.

PRESENT

Harold Thompson, Revd. Chrys Tremththanmor, Nigel Woodcock, Helen Thompson, David Horder, Rachel Horder, Val Hamblin, Roslyn Loades, Fran Deeley, Jean Somerville, Margaret Roper, Margaret Jones, and Jan Wall.

13 present

APOLOGIES

Bob Somerville, Cliff Mortimore, Chris Heatherington, Kerrie Heatherington, Gillian Weigel, Gilly Beardmore, Keith Beardmore, and Eva Davies.

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1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There being no matters arising from the APCM meeting 2015, the minutes were duly signed by Revd. Chrys as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. ELECTORAL ROLL - HelenThompson

There are currently 50 names on the Electoral Roll. It should be noted that under diocesan rules new members of the Church community can register for the electoral roll once they have attended for a period of six months. Following Helen Thompson's house move to Everdon, Fran Deeley agreed to take over this role and thanks were expressed.

3. PCC PROCEEDINGS REPORT

PCC meetings have been held regularly at approximately six weekly intervals throughout the year. We still lack a secretary and a second church warden. Also, due to his school commitments our treasurer, Nigel Woodcock, would like to step down and, of course, we lose the services of Revd. Chrys Tremththanmor on 5th June.

As you will see from the reports The Growth Action Plan group has made inroads with the setting up of the notice boards, a Facebook page, etc.

4. FINANCE REPORT - Nigel Woodcock

Nigel reported that it had been a successful year but that we still have money to pay out for the forthcoming guttering work and that the parish share had not been paid in full. Nigel paid tribute to Bob Somerville for the sterling work he had done in obtaining grants for the work in hand. He also thanked Jan Wall for her work in counting the weekly offering on a regular basis. Nigel was thanked for all his hard work in maintaining the accounts. The report was duly signed by Revd Chrys

5. CHURCH WARDEN'S REPORT - Bob Somerville

Thanks were expressed to all the parishioners, some of whom do not attend church but continue to maintain the cemetery and the churchyard. Their work behind the scenes is much valued.

6. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT - HelenThompson

The Deanery Synod meets four times yearly. All meetings are open and everyone is welcome to attend. A Pentecost Celebration being held at Everdon Church on Sunday 15th May 2016. Two representatives are required as a voice is needed to represent the PCC. It was suggested that this be opened up to the congregation.

7. REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE PCC

• REPORTS SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

The church continues to be represented by three Foundation Governors, one of whom is Revd. Chrys. This will be reduced to two in June 2016 and therefore it was agreed to leave the third position vacant until a new vicar has been appointed.

• TEAM COUNCIL REPORT - Helen Thompson

Cliff Mortimore was unable to stay for the APCM but left his concerns as to why Canon Michael Webber or any of the team had not visited St Martin's Church over the past year? Where had the support been? There had been only one Team Council meeting in 12 months and at that meeting there was reference to the possibility of a third parish being put with the vacancy at Barby & Kilsby. Is that still the case and, if so, could that parish be Welton?

Revd. Chrys advised that if there are any concerns then contact either Canon Michael or the Rural Dean. The question was asked that if Welton did become a third parish then surely there would be a reduction in the parish share?

• READER REPORT INCLUDING BABY BATH PROJECT - Gilly Beardmore

Since being licensed I have become more involved in pastoral work and networking with church members, providing feedback to Revd. Chrys, especially when supporting the housebound or sick. The baby project continues to grow thanks to prayer, support and enthusiastic teamwork.

• SOCIAL REPORT - Val Hamblin

Unfortunately we have not been able to have our usual programme of events during the last year. However we have been enjoying our coffee following the morning service. Bob Somerville introduced a donations box to help cover the costs. The excess of these donations has enabled me to recover the chairs and purchase a carpet sweeper so thank you for that. In March we enjoyed a very convivial lunch in the village hall and I hope that we will be able to do that again in the near future. My thanks to everyone who helped during some of my absences this year.

• SAFEGUARDING REPORT - Gilly Beardmore

Safeguarding policies and documentation are on display in church. The checks are current and do not need renewal.

8. ELECTION TO PCC

Helen Thompson stood down after 25 years as a serving member at St Martin's Church. Two nominations for election to the PCC had been received, namely Jackie Hibbert, **PROPOSED** Jan Wall **SECONDED** Val Hamblin and Roslyn Loades, **PROPOSED** Bob Somerville **SECONDED** Helen Thompson.

The PCC consists of Val Hamblin, Jan Wall, Chris Heatherington, Nigel Woodcock, Keith Beardmore, Jackie Hibbert, Roslyn Loades. Revd. Chrys and Bob Somerville are ex officio members. Gilly is co-opted onto the PCC

9. APPOINTMENT AND REVIEW OF SIDESPERSONS TEAM

Margaret Jones was thanked for her consistent support in drafting rotas. The team consists of Margaret Jones, Pam Broadhead, Val Hamblin, David Horder, Rachel Horder, Bob Somerville, Jean Somerville, Harold Thompson, Keith Beardmore, Roslyn Loades and Jan Wall.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Nigel Woodcock proposed that **Cotton Accountants LLP The Stables, Church Walk Daventry NN11 4BL** should continue to be our accountants. This was seconded by David Horder and agreed by all present.

11. VICAR'S REPORT

Revd. Chrys identified the important points in her report. The Hibberts for ensuring the church is opened, and everyone else who ensure its smooth running and assist in any way that they can. You are thanked in Revd. Chrys' report – please read it. Numbers increased at Christmas for both the Carol and Crib Services.

Discussion took place on Rev. Chrys' forthcoming departure and a question was raised as to whether the service of a full time vicar was impinged because we had not paid our full parish share? A Curate's role was also discussed and we were advised that they were not on the parish share but they could preside when priested.

The role of the Vicar in a Church School was also raised, the answer being that it is not compulsory and a Vicar has no official right to cross the threshold.

12. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ARISING

- David Horder proposed a vote of thanks to Helen Thompson and Nigel Woodcock for all their hard work. Agreed unanimously.
- Harold Thompson reported that we must be vigilant when the pew heaters are on to ensure that the kneeling cushions are off the floor. This follows an incident of burning.
- Thanks were given to Helen Thompson for producing the pew sheets over the last 10 years.
- Roslyn Loades has agreed to produce the pew sheets in the future, so please let her have any upcoming events.
- Margaret Jones thanked Revd. Chrys and the PCC for the use of the Church at yesterday's Welton Fun Day which was a great success, especially the bell ringing.
- Helen Thompson pointed out that although Revd. Chrys is leaving; St Martin's Church has been in interregnum before and has always pulled together.

13. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.25PM WITH THE GRACE.