

PARISH OF STUDLEY WITH MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2019, 8.00 PM, MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN CHURCH

Those Present: Revd. Kate Mier (Chair), Janet Green, Erica Hayton, Joan Lock, Jennie Jarmy, Lynn Gilbert, Kay Middleton, Tony Drake, Hilary Volrath, Mark Herauville, Alan Jarmy, Caroline Martyn, Bob Martin, Joyce Duffin, Jenny Adcock, Alan Tostevin, Judith McLelland, Alan Greathead, Val Greathead, Maxine Mould, Jan Parker, John Parker, John Styler, Glynn Jones, Susan Jones, Joy Holland, Mike Holland, Ann Chance.

1. Kate Mier welcomed everyone to her first A.P.C.M. as our Rector and opened the meeting with a short reflection from The Book of Revelation and prayer.
2. Janet Green was appointed as Minute Taker.
3. **Apologies:** Helena Mould, Rosemary Tostevin, Judy Stote, Eric Lee, Margaret Lee, Fred Young, Diane Pannell, Phil Pattison, Pat Wheeler, Tony Lever, Jean Lever, Sue Ludlow.
4. **Minutes of the APCM 2018:** Approved as a true record. Proposed by Maxine Mould, Seconded by Hilary Volrath, 18 voted for, none against.
5. **Vestry Meeting – Election of Churchwardens:** Alan Jarmy is stepping down from his role as Churchwarden at Mappleborough Church after 6 years. Kate thanked Alan for his hard work as warden and the welcome and support received when she arrived in our parishes.

John Styler was nominated at the ADCM for the position of Churchwarden for Mappleborough Green Church. **Proposed by** Alan Jarmy, **Seconded by** Glynn Jones.

Phil Pattison was nominated at the ADCM for the position of Churchwarden for Studley Church. **Proposed by** Pearl Taylor, **Seconded by** David Volrath.

There being no other nominations, all were in favour and the above were duly elected.

For information the Deputy Churchwardens elected at the ADCM are Maxine Mould and Erica Hayton for Mappleborough Green and Mark Herauville and Tony Lever for Studley. It was pointed out that both Churchwardens are going to need much support from the Deputies in the coming year.

6. **Electoral Roll Report:** Alan Greathead reported that this year the Roll has been renewed. This happens every six years. There were 162 people on the roll last year.

2019 figures are:

Studley	-	86
Mapp. Green	-	58
Total	-	144

These figures were accepted by the meeting and thanks recorded to Alan and Judith McLelland for administration of the Electoral Roll.

7. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives:** Next year we will need to elect new representatives – 2 for Studley, 1 for Mappleborough Green and 1 for Morton Bagot and Oldberrow. Alan Greathead and Joan Lock are currently serving and Lynda Barr has resigned for the time being. We therefore have a casual vacancy for one year. The meeting was asked to consider anyone who might wish to take up this position but it is not critical as we do have representation on Deanery Synod.

8. **Election of PCC Members:** Alex Ayton has retired and was thanked for his time on PCC. Roz Eden is willing to stand again for PCC as she was elected last year for one year. The following were nominated at ADCM:

Studley – Mark Herauville nominated by Joyce Duffin, seconded by Jane Pattison. This is for 2 years to fill Alex Ayton's vacancy.

Anne Chance, nominated by Phil Pattison, seconded by Tony Drake. This is for 3 years.

Mappleborough Green – Roz Eden nominated by Jennie Jarmy, seconded by Aileen Lockey. This is for 3 years.

The above were duly elected with all in favour.

PCC now has the full compliment of members.

9. Annual Report – Comments and Questions: In the report Kate thanked everyone for the help and support she received when she arrived. She told the meeting that her priorities as a leader are to enable us to go deeper with God, value our relationships with each other and take time to rest. We should also engage with the wider church and the Diocese.

In the past few months the MLT has been disbanded and Kate has taken on the role of Chaplain to the schools rather than Governor.

Kate commented on and summarised various parts of the Report mentioning all of our different groups who do so much to aid our mission and outreach. More volunteers are needed to help Studley's Junior Church team and the Youth Group needs people to work with them especially as Jaque Ayton is going to train for ordination.

Arden Foodbank fed 240 adults and 152 children last year. Both schools need Foundation Governors.

There were no further comments and Alan Greathead thanked everyone for all that they do in their groups. Hilary Volrath asked if reports for the Annual Report could be done earlier in the year to give them more time to prepare. It was also thought that it would be more relevant if some of the new year's activities could be included in the Annual Report.

10. Financial Report – Appointment of Independent Examiner: Alan explained that he had continued to act as Treasurer to PCC after announcing his retirement last year because of Lynda Barr's circumstances at present which had meant that she could not take on the role.

The Annual Accounts have been in circulation since February this year when they were approved by PCC. Both DCC's had also seen them. An abridged version of the full accounts was available at the meeting as well as the full set. It was encouraging that both churches had made a small surplus at the end of the year after facing potential losses for 2018. After a query by Hilary Volrath on Gift Aid which was answered by Alan, it was proposed that we formally receive the 2018 accounts.

Proposed by: Alan Jarmy **Seconded by:** Tony Drake

The vote was unanimous.

Jennifer Bell, our Independent Examiner had signed them off prior to the meeting.

Jennifer Bell is willing to stand again as our Independent Examiner.

Proposal to appoint Jennifer Bell as our Independent Examiner:

Proposed by: Alan Jarmy **Seconded by:** Joyce Duffin. All were in favour.

Alan Greathead thanked Joyce and Erica for all their work on the accounts. Kate Mier added her thanks to all of the Treasurers for their care and hard work and highlighted the following points in our church finances: (i) Our charitable giving which is not in the accounts including: The Amasango School in South Africa, The Children's Society and Christian Aid. All have benefited from money raised by our churches in 2018. (ii) Our Parish has also given £6,000 within our Parish Share towards other churches that need help. (iii) Our Diocese have managed to stop charging an entrance fee at Coventry Cathedral. This is a new and important step in trying to make the Cathedral more accessible.

After both our churches made a surplus last year, which was unexpected, we gave thanks that God has not let us down.

Kate then thanked the parish for setting aside some money when she arrived to help with decorating the Vicarage and to buy a computer. She also thanked everyone who gives their time and talents which is a very significant part of the

generosity. Going forward, however, she understands the Treasurer's caution that if we do not give generously we cannot expect God to give to us. We need to give more as churches to the Diocesan Support fund and to Christian charities in order for God to bless us financially. Kate challenged us to give personally what we can so that we will be personally pleased and our churches will be pleased.

11. Newly elected DCCs elect Officers:

Studley DCC – Retiring members: Kym Harwood, Bob Martin

Newly elected member: Hilary Volrath (one vacancy remaining)

Newly elected officers:

Treasurer: Joyce Duffin

Secretary: Lynn Gilbert

Lay Chair: Tony Drake

Mappleborough DCC – Retiring members: Helena Mould, Mark Crompton, Alan Jarmy

Newly elected members: Helena Mould, Diane Pannell.

Newly elected officers:

Treasurer: Erica Hayton

Secretary: Alan Jarmy

Lay Chair: Glynn Jones

12. Newly elected PCC elect Officers:

Lay Chair: Glynn Jones

Secretary: Janet Green

Treasurer: Alan Greathead

Alan agreed to stand but would like us to look for somebody to take over.

Standing Committee: This will consist of The Incumbent, two Churchwardens and two elected representatives – PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Kate was happy to continue with this format and all were in agreement.

Electoral Roll Officer: Alan Greathead is willing to carry on with this role.

13. Open Forum:

Foundation Governors - Erica Hayton asked if anyone had any ideas on how to fill the vacancies for Foundation Governors at the Schools. Studley needs a third F.G. and Mappleborough has 3 vacancies. Jennie Jarmy is meeting with one person who may be interested for Mappleborough. Jennie will stay for one more year if nobody can be found. It was suggested that the other churches in Studley may be able to help with the vacancies.

Safeguarding – The Articles of Enquiry sent back each year by the Churchwardens asked questions this year about Safeguarding. We are asked to display new posters for the National Promoting a Safer Church and Safeguarding Policy. There is a new Safeguarding Policy Statement to be pinned on noticeboards to replace the existing one. Our parishes will display the new posters and Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

We must also agree to an action plan: We will set up the Parish Dashboards, one for each church and then follow the guidance which will show green for satisfactory and red for action needed. We will aim to complete Level 1 (Safer Foundations) of 3 by the end of September this year.

Tony Drake would like to display a poster in the Parish Centre with who to contact if anyone feels the need. Tony will research this first as we must comply with Diocesan policy. Kate said we may need to do a risk assessment where we minister beyond our churches.

All PCC members present were in favour of the Action Plan and other points mentioned above.

Appointment of Curate – Dan Corlett will be ordained in Coventry Cathedral on 30th June and will officially take up his post on 1st July 2019. Dan's family will move to Studley in August after the children finish school in Coventry. A house has been found in Lansdowne Road for the family which is detached with four bedrooms. We hope to give a

welcome gift of a garden shed as a sign of our appreciation. Alan Tostevin has offered to store a Dinghy in his garage for Dan.

Meeting Dates 2019 – 2020 – These were handed out.

The next PCC Forum will be looking at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and how we can make the most of the connections as outreach opportunities.

It was suggested that next year it may be good to have this annual meeting on a Sunday after a joint service. ADCM's should be held 7 days before the APCM. We will try this for one year.

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm with prayer and The Grace.

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