

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST DAVID'S ASHPRINGTON

### **Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1230**

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| Present: | Chairman:                     | Rev. Jim Barlow |
|          | Churchwarden & Vice Chairman: | Richard Soans   |
|          | Churchwarden:                 | Simon Boyes     |
|          | Secretary                     | David Davies    |
|          | Treasurer                     | Kathi Green     |

PCC Members: Laurence Green, Sue Boyes, Nigel Dickin,  
Jill Davies  
Other : Liz Chandler

Apologies: Chris & Claire Grimshaw, Margaret Wilmshurst

The Meeting opened with a prayer.

#### **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

1. Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 9th April 2019 were accepted as a true record. Simon proposed and Richard seconded.
2. There were no 'Matters Arising'.
3. Simon Boyes stood down as Churchwarden. He had held the position for twelve years. Richard Soans was nominated by Simon Boyes and Nigel Dickin before being unanimously re-elected as Churchwarden. Laurence Green was nominated by Richard Soans and David Davies and unanimously elected as Churchwarden in Simon's place.
4. Rev Jim Barlow and all the PCC expressed their heartfelt thanks to Simon for his enormous contribution. David Davies suggested that Simon be made a Churchwarden Emeritus of St David's, which was unanimously endorsed. This recommendation will be put before the Bishop by Rev. Jim Barlow. The Rector said a prayer of blessing for the future work of the Churchwardens.

#### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

1. **Minutes of the APCM** of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were signed as a true copy.
2. **Matters Arising:** There were no 'Matters Arising'
3. **Electoral Roll:** Laurence Green reported that there were now 22 on the Electoral Roll, a reduction of three. He will arrange for everyone on the Role to sign a new form, in accordance with the seven year cycle.

4. **Rector's Report:** Rev Jim Barlow was obviously not in post in 2019, so had nothing to report for that year. However, he said how delighted he was to have been installed in July 2020 and was looking forward to working with everyone.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Kathi had prepared the Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and presented these to the PCC at their meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. There was no further discussion needed other than to formally accept them, which was done,

Kathi had prepared a short Report for this meeting, outlining her projections for 2020, together with some of the major expenditure incurred in the last eight months. This is held with these Minutes.

The PCC formally thanked Kathi for all her hard work in keeping the Books so fastidiously.

#### **6. Churchwarden's Report.**

Richard read his Report, which amongst other matters, paid special tribute to Simon for all his dedication and hard work, over the years, as fellow Churchwarden. Richard also particularly noted that the church clock has been repaired by Cumbria Clocks. Richard noted St David's excellent new website, which Margaret had overseen and was now maintaining. A copy of the full Report is held on file with the Minutes.

**7. Church Annual Report.** This had been circulated before the meeting and was fully endorsed. A copy is held with these Minutes.

#### **8. Report on Inventory and Church Fabric**

There was nothing further to report or add to the inventory.

**8. Deanery Synod:** Chris Grimshaw had been St David's representative on the Deanery Synod. In Chris' absence, Kathi was elected as our representative going forward.

**9. Election of PCC Members** - Existing PCC members were re-elected en bloc. Nigel Dickin, who was already on the PCC was formally elected. Simon Boyes was re-elected. The PCC is delighted to welcome Liz Chandler as a new member. A Resolution will be passed at the next PCC Meeting, that notwithstanding Liz is paid a small fee for being St David's organist, her specialist skills do not preclude her from becoming a member of the PCC.

Therefore PCC members are now: Richard Soans (Vice Chairman) , Simon Boyes, David Davies, Kathi Green, Laurence Green, Chris Grimshaw, Jill Davies, Margaret Wilmshurst, Sue Boyes, Nigel Dickin and Liz Chandler.

**10. Election of Sides-people:** Laurence Green, Sue Boyes and Jill Davies were elected as sides-people. There were no other nominations.

**11. Examiner:** It was unanimously agreed that Mike Read be re-appointed as the Accounts Examiner.

## **12. AOB**

- After some discussion it was agreed to hold a Harvest Festival service on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, which will take the form of a Village Worship.
- There will be a Remembrance Day Service on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- It is hoped to hold some form of Candlelit Service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and maybe a separate child-focused service on a separate occasion. Liz Chandler suggested that if we are prevented from enjoying congregational singing before Christmas, it might be appropriate to invite Sally Weare to sing a solo(s) and to include some Organ Preludes on carols, with readings. Decisions will be made at the next PCC meeting.
- Simon formally expressed his gratitude to everyone for their support during his tenure as Churchwarden. He offered to continue to lead Village Worship services as required, for a limited time. He will help Laurence in whatever way he can, as he takes over his role as Churchwarden.
- Laurence had prepared and circulated a draft paper on proposals to re-wild the churchyard. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
- Kathi will be changing the bank mandate, adding as authorised signatories : Laurence, David and the Rector.

## **DONM**

The next PCC meeting will be held in the church on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 2.00pm.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the Grace.