

APCM Service 2021, St. Paul's Hook

Minutes of the meeting held 25th April 2021 at 10 a.m.

Rev Luke Wickings (The Vicar) welcomed the congregation to the meeting, including those attending via the Zoom link.

The Vicar opened with prayer.

The hymn 'The Church's one foundation' was played by John Deacon on the organ but not sung due to Covid restrictions.

The Vicar then announced the beginning of **The Vestry Meeting.**

Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from: Vera Heather, Susan Hardman, Graham and Mary Robini, Alison Stevenson, Joan Durrant.

Minutes of the Last Vestry Meeting (18.10.20).

The Vicar presented the minutes of the last Vestry meeting. These had been previously circulated by email and paper copies had been available in Church.

Amendments: none.

Matters Arising: none.

Those present were asked to agree the minutes as an accurate record of the 2020 Vestry Meeting.

Proposed: David Freeman Seconded: Pam Ingram

Agreed unanimously by those present and those attending online.

The Church Warden's Fabric Report.

Mr. Graham Cocks (Church Warden) presented The Fabric Report.

Since the last APCM six months ago, the source of the water ingress in the kitchen has been located and fixed by a new coating being applied to that part of the roof. The light will be replaced in the coming weeks.

The cover of the heating system unit on the roof of the Mary Wise room requires repainting.

The church office is in need of redecorating.

Work needs to be carried out on the pew feet to stop the scratching of the Church floor.

Graham reiterated the need for volunteers to help in this work.

Graham also informed the congregation that the Quinquennial Inspection is due to take place on April 30th which may highlight further areas requiring improvement. The wall at the front of the churchyard is in need of repair and the Audio-Visual system needs replacing as a matter of urgency and two quotes are being sought. This will not be easy in a time of financial difficulty.

This summer marks the 100th Anniversary of Harry Hawker's burial in St. Paul's Churchyard and it is hoped that a memorial sign will be placed in the Churchyard to remember this event.

Graham thanked those who have helped with the upkeep of the Church and Grounds.

Graham was also pleased to announce that Laurel Devadasan had offered to stand as a second Church Warden.

Appointment of Church Wardens and Prayer of Commissioning.

Graham Cocks, proposed by Jane Greenfield, seconded by Diane Tink.

Laurel Devadasan, proposed by Sarah Watson, seconded by Graham Cocks.

Laurel was introduced to the congregation. Both Wardens were elected unanimously and were greeted with a round of applause.

The Vicar thanked Laurel for agreeing to serve and Graham for his unstinting work during the last four years. Graham was given a round of applause.

The Vicar then prayed for the Church Wardens.

The hymn 'All for Jesus' was played by John Deacon but not sung.

The APCM.

The Vicar explained the meaning of the APCM and emphasised that it is a Parish Meeting as St. Paul's is the Parish Church of Hook.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from: Vera Heather, Susan Hardman, Graham and Mary Robini, Alison Stevenson, Joan Durrant.

Minutes of the Last Meeting (18.10.20).

The Vicar presented the minutes of the last meeting. These had been previously circulated by email and paper copies had been available in Church.

Amendments: in the Treasurer's Report it should state that 'we have nearly £10,000 in the bank for the proposed Audio-Visual upgrade'.

Matters Arising: none.

The Vicar asked those present to agree the minutes as an accurate record of the 2020 APCM.

Proposed: Tony Edwards Seconded: Madeline Child

Those present and those online agreed unanimously that the minutes were an accurate record.

Abstentions: 0 Votes against: 0

Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs. Marlene Whitlock presented the Electoral Roll Report.

Marlene reminded the congregation that the Electoral Roll has be updated annually. This has been an unusual year as our church worship has been severely disrupted through the pandemic.

There have been two additions - Angela and Simon Mettrick.

There have been two deletions - Peter Roe (who after moving to a care home, passed away)

Bill Dixon (who has moved to Exeter to be closer to his son).

The Electoral Roll for 2021 has 123 names with the two additions and deletions noted.

Marlene informed the congregation that there are forms available should anyone wish to join the Electoral Roll.

[Luke reported that he had conducted Peter Roe's funeral and that there would be a Memorial Service at a later date]

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mrs. Jane Greenfield, PCC Treasurer.

The accounts up to the year ending December 2020 had been available for the congregation.

Jane commented on the fact that 2020 had been a difficult year so she concentrated on the achievements. The Parish Share had been paid in full to the Diocese which means that in the current year we are able to pay less. Repairs and refurbishments included the roof of the Centre, the heating and the Memorial Garden. New notice boards (paid for by parishioners' donations) have been erected outside Church.

Throughout the year over £3000 (4% of income) has been given to charities (KCAH, The Children's Society, Umoja Boys, Kingston Food Bank, Kingston Carers' Network, The Bishop's Lent Call and World Day of Prayer).

The Audio-Visual Fund has increased from just under £3000 to over £9000 thanks to legacies and donations.

Jane thanked the congregation for their continued support (standing orders, weekly envelopes, buying marmalade from the stall, money for Christmas cards and donations to the flower fund) not only in monetary terms but in caring for each other through the challenging year.

Jane ended by thanking Neil Winckless for examining the accounts and giving a generous discount.

In questions, a query was raised regarding Gift Aid. It was explained that all the Gift Aid had been claimed but it came too late to appear in the accounts. A further question regarded the fact that local charities had been in receipt of Government money – had the Church? Charities were given money if they had a specific role (e.g. foodbank) so the Church did not qualify.

The Vicar thanked Jane for all she does as Treasurer and Julia Bradley for claiming Gift Aid. They were given a round of applause.

Election of PCC Members.

Three members standing for re-election:

Re-election	Proposed	Seconded
Jane Greenfield	Luke Wickings	Graham Cocks
Madeline Child	Diane Tink	Marion Puttock
Diane Tink	Madeline Child	Graham Cocks

Two representatives needed for the Deanery Synod.

Ian Reid	Margaret Thompson	Sarah Watson
Vacancy		

Kirsty Watson volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Sarah Watson Seconded by Julia Bradley

The congregation was asked to vote on the election of all of the above. All were unanimously elected.

Abstentions: 0 Votes against: 0

As Kirsty has become Deanery Synod Representative, there is a vacancy on PCC.

Current PCC:

Rev Luke Wickings	ex-officico	Diane Tink
Graham Cocks	Church Warden	Brian Dale
Laurel Devadasan	Church Warden	John Deacon
Ian Reid	Deanery Synod	Julia Bradley
Sue Russell	Deanery Synod	Margaret Thompson
Prue MacPherson	Deanery Synod	Sue Craig
Kirsty Watson	Deanery Synod	Pam Ingram
Jane Greenfield	Treasurer	Paula Thompson
Jane Jarman	Secretary	Madeline Child
		Vacancy

The Vicar commended the PCC for their positivity and decision making.

He prayed for the PCC that they be given wisdom and make right decisions to be made under God.

Presentation of the Report – highlights and reflections.

The Vicar presented his reflections, commenting that it had been a challenging year. We have to thank God and Science for vaccinations and we have to thank God that we have got through.

What have we learnt from the past year?

1. God is still with us!
Hebrews ch.13 v.6 "I will never leave you or forsake you".
2. Being the church is NOT all about the building.
1 Corinthians ch.12 v.27 "You are the body of Christ".
3. Worship is not just 'doing what we have always done'.
Isaiah ch.43 v.19 "Behold I am doing a new thing"
4. With God we can find a way through.
Matthew ch.19 v.20 "With God, all things are possible".
5. There are people hungry for God who don't come to church.
John ch.4 v.35 "The fields are ripe for harvest".

What we must NOT do:

- just do what we did before
- fail to learn lessons

What we MUST do:

- adapt
- reach out
- work in new ways
- work together
- keep thanking God

Intercessions led by the Vicar.

Acceptance of Annual Review.

The Vicar thanked all who had written reports for the Annual Review and thanked Joanne Griffiths (Parish Administrator) who had compiled it and for preparing all the paperwork for the APCM. He asked the meeting to accept the Annual Review.

Proposed: Margaret Thompson Seconded: Paula Thompson

Unanimously accepted, no abstentions, no votes against.

The hymn 'The Servant King' was played by John Deacon.

The Vicar concluded the APCM with a prayer and blessing.

The Vicar thanked all for attending and announced a five minute break should people need to depart before the Eucharist.

The Eucharist was celebrated.