

ST MARY, HOOK WITH WARSASH

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Tuesday 25th April 2017 in the Church Hall

1 **Welcome**

Revd Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to ensure that they signed-in.

2 **Present & Apologies -**

42 present and 13 apologies as per sign-in list .

3 **Minutes of meeting held on 19th April 2016**

No amendments, proposed by Mr Wilkie, seconded by Mrs Clear. All in favour.

4 **Matters Arising**

None.

5 **Report of the Electoral Roll officer** – Mrs Simpson reported that there are 184 names on the roll. Ten new names have been added, five removed, with a net addition of five over last year.

6 **Report on the annual proceedings of the PCC**

Mr Wilkie read a written report which gave additional information on the workings of the PCC over the last year. Copy attached. No questions.

7 **Report of the Treasurer**

Written report attached. Mrs Simpson explained additional information about the 2016 accounts which the PCC approved in March 2017. Total gifts to charities feature on page 13. There was a surplus last year, but only because no expenditure was paid out on the Garden of Remembrance. Payments on this project will feature in our 2017 accounts. In 2016, all our bills were paid. Our Parish Share was paid in full. Thanks from Mrs Simpson for all monies raised towards the Garden of Remembrance Project and Memorial Book. PGS are now paying the gift aid later each month, so two payments are received each month. It makes no difference to donors. Donors must ensure that they pay sufficient Income or Capital Gains Tax in each particular year when they tick the gift aid box. The old £5 note will not be legal tender after 5th May. The old £1 coin will be phased out from October. A new £10 note will be launched in July in Winchester. Thanks from Mrs Simpson to her team of Mrs Gravestock, Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Thomas and Mr Gailor who have all assisted her during the year. We no longer support other Parishes directly but we give a donation of 1% of our Parish Share to the Mission Opportunities Fund which has been set up by the Diocese to give assistance in this area.

8 **Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric of the Church**

A formal written report is included in the pack that each person has on their chairs. The written report was written for the PCC Meeting in March, since when there have been some changes. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have placed a sign near the Lych Gate confirming that there are a number of war graves in our Churchyard. The planting and seeding of the Garden of Remembrance and the bank behind it took place on 18th March. In addition we took the opportunity to sow additional grass seed on the areas now cleared of scrub. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Wilkie who have given a great deal of assistance to the project. There is one row of stones still to be placed in the circle. The graveyard faculty has been extended by 12 months. Noticeboards have yet to be

purchased and it is hoped that additional funding will be available for these. A new bench will be placed in the Churchyard shortly in memory of Peter & Rosemary Duffett following a donation from the family. The stand and case for the memorial book was unveiled on Easter Sunday. It was made by Gavin Pettit. An excellent job, and used existing wrought-iron work from the Church. It is unique to our Church. The book has yet to be ordered. It was felt that we have more than delivered on our objectives for the garden and book. It is an expression of confidence in the future of the Church in Warsash, rather than just bits of work in the Churchyard. The shortfall on the project is around £3k, but should be further reduced by gift aid and fundraising. A big thank-you from the Churchwardens to everyone who has helped them during the year. Further thanks from Revd Mike to the Churchwardens for all their hard work.

9 Report from Deanery Synod

Formal report had been pre-circulated (and attached). Thanks were given to Mrs Day who was stepping down this year after representing us for a number of years on Deanery Synod. The synod looks at the benefit of churches across the Deanery combining together in mission, an important and vital aspect of our common life. Can be a bit procedural at times. The Deanery has run several courses benefitting us all this past year and will run a further Lay Pastoral Assistants Course again later this year.

10 Election of Representatives to Deanery Synod

The following were appointed as our Representatives to Deanery Synod:-
Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, proposed by Mrs Thomas and seconded by Mr Wilkie, and Mr Iain Wilkie, proposed by Mrs Wilkie and seconded by Mrs Simpson.

11 Election of Representatives to Parochial Church Council

The following people were appointed for a three year term:-
Mr R Bottomley, proposed by Mr Wilkie, seconded by Mrs Wilkie
Mr S Boyes, proposed by Mr Upward, seconded by Mr Wilkie,
Mrs S Clear, proposed by Mr Wilkie, seconded by Mrs Wilkie,
Mrs V Wilkie, proposed by Mr Wilkie, seconded by Mrs Clear,
The following people were appointed for a two year term:-
Mrs A Kent, proposed by Mrs Lamb, seconded by Ms Line,
Mrs A Ford, proposed by Mr Wilkie, seconded by Mrs Wilkie,
The following person was appointed for a one year term:-
Mr P Starkey, proposed by Mrs Thomas, seconded by Mrs Ward.

All were duly elected as no other nominations. Revd Mike thanked everyone for their willingness to serve, and we now have a full PCC. He reminded the meeting that the PCC has a crucial spiritual role in this Church. The length of PCC meetings was discussed. Attention span is finite.

12 Appointment of Sidesmen

The following were appointed.

Liz Simpson	Glenda Edmondson	Gemma Winterton	Steven Selmes
Julie Selmes	David Gailor	Gill Gailor	Peter Starkey
Sheila Blandford	David Sadler	Jill Sadler	Shaun Francis
Dorothy Denton	Jim Sigley	Ginny Wilkie	Roger Clear
Roger Peplow	Pat Gulliford	Peter Upward	Roger Page
James Tilmouth	Margaret Adams	Jean Buckles	Alan Buckles
James Donlevy	Sally Donlevy	Carol Barnden	Mike Tanner

Proposed by Mrs Day, seconded by Mrs Wilkie. Unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that we need more people on rosters. It was agreed that we would trial one person at 8am and 6pm as the offering plate was counted by one of the Churchwardens thus freeing up one Sidesman.

13 Appointment of Independent Examiner

Richard D. Glyn-Jones has expressed his willingness to act as Independent Examiner for 2017. Proposed by Mrs Simpson, seconded by Mrs Clear. All in favour.

14 Summary and Report by Vicars

Please see attached written report. Huge debt of gratitude from Vicars. They love it here. Wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Thanks to all who do things behind the scenes – Churchwardens, Liz and Iain. We still need a Minute Secretary if you know of anyone. Please read the Annual Report and Informal Reports. Growing our Church was a tremendous undertaking. We now have a plan: Growing our Church is not meant to be a one-off initiative but to become part of the DNA of the church. Two new housegroups have now been established. Good feedback from the Chancellor of Diocese about our Garden of Remembrance. Awesome. It will be a focal centre of prayer and excellence for decades. It's cost us a lot of money, but will be here for a long time. We have a new Vicars' noticeboard at the back of Church. New noticeboards in the Churchyard will display the latest Churchyard regulations. It is another means of communicating. We are expanding our preachers' and service-leaders' rosters. We need more helpers, and more volunteers. The Time and Talents questionnaire will help. We expect good results from it. Growing Our Church and the four strands will stay. We need to grow the housegroups. The Deanery Ascension Day Service will be at Sts Peter & Paul on 25th May. Our current local MP has asked us to host a Carol Service on 8th December in Church, a first as far as we know. There is lots going on. God is with us. Give glory to God and help us to grow.

15 150th Anniversary - 2021

16th August 2021 is the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Mary's Church in Warsash. It is only four years away. Thanks to Mr Bottomley who has put together a full and imaginative list of possible ways of celebrating the occasion. We do need a project leader – suggestions and/or volunteers please! Some events could be single events, some have structure, some informal. Need to take the project forwards as a matter of urgency.

16 AOB

Mrs Jupe expressed her thanks to Josephine and the Choir for their hard work recently, and for the continued prayers for Phil. Revd Bill Day gave a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the congregation for all that the Vicars do for us in various ways.

16 Date of Next APCM

Tuesday 24th April 2018 following the Vestry Meeting.

Closing Prayers were said by Mike.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

SignedDate

Attachments:-

- PCC Secretary's Report**
- Churchwardens Fabric Report**
- Treasurer's Report**
- Deanery Synod Report**
- Vicar's Report**