



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

To know and share God's transforming love with one another,
our local community and the wider world

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

held in Church

on Sunday 22nd May 2022

1. The meeting opened at 11.04am. There were 8 children and 73 adults present. Apologies were received from Greg & Lucy Wales and John & Angela Robertson.
2. The minutes of the 2020 and 2021 APCM were taken as read, approved and signed. There were no matters arising.
3. Chris Taylor, the Chair, thanked David Wetherall for all the service he had given during his PCC term of office, which had ended.

Chris explained that there were three vacancies on the PCC, with Eamonn Davern having been co-opted on during the year. Eamonn was nominated by Ian Thirlwall and seconded by John Wates. He was duly elected.

Janice Whittle was nominated by Steve Whittle and seconded by Jenny Smith. She was duly elected.

4. The Electoral Roll report was given by Sally Bowes, the ER Officer. During the year there was one new addition, two people had returned and three had died. The number on the electoral roll therefore remained at 170.
5. The Annual Report had previously been made available in electronic or hard copy form. Chris expanded on it by saying that with the re-opening of the church after the Covid lockdowns not all the original congregation had returned to church. A new rector will not be installed until 2023 so during the interregnum limited resources dictate that only one live service each Sunday can be possible. There is a limit to the number of services at which lay members can preside, and communion services require an ordained priest to officiate.
6. The Annual Accounts had also previously been made available in both forms. Chris thanked Martin Mabbutt on behalf of everyone who, though he had stepped down from Treasurer during the year, still produced the accounts for the church. St Margaret's is in the strange position of having received two large legacies, yet on a day-to-day basis runs a deficit with expenditure substantially outstripping income. If this situation continues the legacies will dwindle away eventually with nothing to show for them. The finances need therefore to be looked at on a long-term basis, so investment is currently one way forward with the interest being used to pay for some expenditure.

Tom Sanderson offered his thanks all those who had been involved in producing the report and

accounts.

Ian Poole enquired as to whether a Bell Fund still existed, with Chris confirming that it did.

7. The appointment of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet as Independent Examiner for 2022 was proposed by Chris and seconded by Ray King. This was unanimously approved.
8. There was no other business.
9. The meeting closed at 11.15am.