

All Saints Parish Church Thornton Hough

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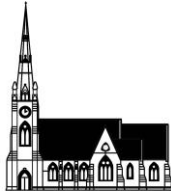
15th May 2022 11:45am

Annual Meeting of Parishioners Agenda

1. Opening Prayers
2. Appointment of a clerk to the meeting
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on the 23rd May 2021
5. Election of two churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Agenda

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 - a. Minutes of the APCM held on 23rd May 2021
 - b. Matters arising
2. Reports from the PCC, to receive and discuss
 - a. Electoral Roll
 - b. Activities of the PCC and the parish in 2021
 - c. Financial statements for the year ending December 31st 2021
 - d. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments
 - e. Deanery Synod report
3. Elections and Appointments
 - a. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC
 - b. Appointment of the Independent Examiner
4. Notification of the Archdeacon's Visitation Service
5. Any other parochial or church interest matters
6. Closing prayers



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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 23rd May 2021 at 11:30am

The meeting was a hybrid meeting with some people attending in person and some via Zoom.

Opening prayers

The Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett, opened the meeting in prayer at 11:30am

Appointment of Clerk for the Meeting

Sue Stinson was appointed as clerk for the meeting.

Present and apologies for absence

Please see appendix 1

Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Proposal: to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 13th September 2020 as a true record.

Proposed by P Machin

Seconded by B Morris

Accepted by the meeting

Election of two churchwardens

Two nominations had been received.

Name: Pamela Lesley Machin

Name: Alan Whyte Splitt

Proposed by: Patsy Baker

Proposed by: Graham Seagrave

Seconded by: Alan Splitt

Seconded by: Margaret Basnett

As there were only two candidates, they were both declared elected.

Alice Jones was thanked for her years of service as a churchwarden and Pam was thanked for being willing to continue.

Due to the pandemic the Diocese is unable to hold the usual visitation services this year and, following a dispensation from Bishop Mark, the churchwardens were sworn into office at the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

S M Stinson
PCC Secretary

Approved as a correct record.

Chairman

Date

Appendix 1: Attendance Record

Attendees

V Barrett (Vicar)		A Jones (via Zoom)		D Mosedale
G Allan-Price		C Lancelyn Green		L Russell
T Allan-Price		S Lancelyn Green		G Seagrave
D Allen		E Macbeath		A Splitt
P Arch (via Zoom)		P Machin		V Splitt
L Arch (via Zoom)		A Marshall		I Stinson
B Elphick		R Marshall		S Stinson
C Elphick		R Mayhew		H Tankard
M Gamble		L Morris		
D Hughes		B Morris		

Number of attendees: 28

Apologies

P Baker		A Harper-Machin		D Machin
M Basnett		D Jones		E Roberts
R Brothwell		B Jenkins		G Tongue
J Cooke		B Mclver		
S Deakin		S McEvoy		



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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

23rd May 2021

This meeting followed the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

The meeting was opened by the Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett.

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 13th September 2020

Proposal: to accept the minutes of the APCM held on 13th September 2020

Proposed by A Splitt

Seconded by D Mosedale

The minutes of the APCM in 2020 were accepted by the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

2. Reports from the PCC

The Financial Report for 2020 and the Annual Report for 2020 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Vicar thanked all those who had contributed to the reports and who had helped to lead the church throughout a challenging period. SS was thanked for producing the Annual Report.

a. Electoral Roll

The Vicar reported that there were 98 people on the Electoral Roll on 31st December 2020.

b. Activities of the PCC and the parish in 2019

Vicky commented that a repeated refrain throughout the Annual report was the phrase 'we had to stop due to the pandemic'. Despite all that happened in 2020 there had been some wonderful events and people had shown love for each other and worked together. We had managed to meet in person for some special services including the Advent Carol Service, the Service of Lessons and Carols and the Service for the Faithful Departed. Harvest had been a particularly joyous time- food was contributed to the foodbank and flowers and produce from people's gardens had been used to decorate the church.

Some people were vulnerable and not able to attend the services, others didn't feel comfortable coming to church in person and did not attend. We used telephones and Zoom calls to keep in touch. The PCC was thanked for keeping things going and Iain and Sue Stinson were thanked for all they had done to help keep in touch with people. Iain had sent regular communications out and had posted material on the website.

A huge vote of thanks was given to Vicky for her immense commitment, for producing the material and filming the online services and for keeping in touch with everyone.

Vicky reminded us that 'we are the body of Christ and each one of us is a part of that body'.

c. Financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2019

The Vicar thanked Iain Stinson for all his work as treasurer and for preparing the Financial Statement for 2020. Charles Elphick, the Independent Examiner, was thanked for examining the reports. He had highlighted some things that we can improve on as we go forward.

Questions were invited but there were none.

The Treasurer reported that the pandemic had had a devastating effect on the finances but the end of year result had, in the end, not been too bad. He thanked all those who had given a little more.

Iain expressed his thanks to Pam Machin, Patsy Baker, Verity Smith and Don Harrison who count the money each

week. This saves him a lot of time and means that the counting is independent of the treasurer. He also thanked Brian Morris, Pam Machin and Vicky Barrett for authorising the payments when requested.

Although the deficit had not been too great at the end of 2020 there was an underlying problem, and some action would be needed in 2021. The return on the investments had been poor. We had requested a meeting with the Diocese pre-pandemic to discuss the investments. In the past it had been stated that the Diocese were responsible for the investments but, in reality, it is our responsibility to decide where we invest. Any changes have to be made with the agreement of the Diocese and possibly the Charity Commission.

The PCC will be discussing the way forward in the next meeting. We have a cashflow problem, the deficit is growing, and we do not have enough to pay the bills. Although the investments are recovering a little interest rates are down; at one time we would have received £24,000 or £25,000 in interest we are currently only receiving £15,000. Although not the highest performing, the M and G investments have not done too badly compared to other safe investments. Although the Charibond investments had dropped in value by £45,000 they had recovered by £20,000 a month ago. They go up and down. The PCC has agreed that we should speak to the Diocese about realising some of the investments. We need to mend the wall on Church Road.

The Treasurer asked people to reconsider what they are able to give to the church.

Proposal: That the End of Year Financial Statement for 2020 be accepted by the meeting.

Proposed by Brian Morris

Seconded by Lucinda Russell

The proposal was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

d. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

The Vicar thanked the Fabric, Health and Safety team for all they had done. Darren is stepping down from the team and Vicky thanked him for all his work leading the team.

The main challenge at the moment is the repair of the boundary wall on Church Road. The Quinquennial report has now been received and just needs a couple of factual corrections. Vicky has been in contact with the architect. She thanked the people who had been reading through the report.

e. Report on the Deanery Synod.

The Deanery Synod has not been able to meet due to the pandemic, but they hope to do so soon.

Elly Macbeath reported that John Lewis, the Secretary of the Deanery Synod had died. John was a parishioner and a former choir master of All Saints.

Proposal: to accept the Annual Report for 2020

Proposed by Di Hughes

Seconded by Robin Marshall

The Annual Report for 2020 was accepted by the meeting.

3. Elections and Appointments

a. Election of parochial representatives of the laity to the PCC

Two members of the PCC were due for re-election and there were two other vacancies.

Nominations to the PCC were received for:

Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Peter Arch	Alice Jones	Darren Jones
Iain Stinson	Val Splitt	Diane Hughes
Helen Tankard	Pamela Machin	Diane Hughes

As there were three nominations and four places, they were all duly elected.

Vicky asked people to consider whether this was something they could do.

Members of the PCC for 2021-2022

Revd Vicky Barrett	Vicar
Pam Machin	Churchwarden
Alan Splitt	Churchwarden
Godfrey Allan-Price	Deanery Synod representative
Elly Macbeath	Deanery Synod representative
Sue Stinson	Deanery Synod representative
Peter Arch	Representative of the laity
Rachel Brothwell	Representative of the laity
Margaret Gamble	Representative of the laity
Di Hughes	Representative of the laity
Lucinda Russell	Representative of the laity
Iain Stinson	Representative of the laity
Helen Tankard	Representative of the laity

b. Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Verity Smith has expressed her willingness to be the Independent Examiner.

Proposal: That the Annual Parochial Church Meeting appoint Verity Smith as the Independent Examiner for 2021.

Proposed by: Alan Splitt

Seconded by: Di Hughes

This motion was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

4. Archdeacon's Visitation Service

This was not taking place in 2021 due to the pandemic.

5 Any other parochial or church interest matters.

Brian Morris congratulated Vicky for surviving for two years as our Vicar. He also thanked Iain and Sue Stinson for keeping things going- he thought people were not aware of all that they do.

Margaret Gamble was thanked for all she has done in keeping the church and the Parish Hall safe throughout the pandemic and keeping a watchful eye on things. Victor's support has also been appreciated. Margaret has made sure that the funerals have run smoothly. The joy of having weddings in church has had to be put on hold but hopefully there are signs that they will come back soon.

It was Pentecost and Vicky asked us to consider what God is calling us to do and to be in the year ahead. There may be new opportunities- how will we engage?

We are looking forward to the time when we can all celebrate together again. We may have to set some things down before we can pick things up.

Vicky said thank you for all that has gone before and all that is yet to come.

6. Closing Prayers

The meeting closed with the Grace at 12:25pm.

S M Stinson
PCC Secretary

Approved as a correct record

Chairman

Date