

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 30 April 2014
St Peter's Church, Caversham

The Rector, Rev Mike Smith chaired the meeting

59 members of the parish were present

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from 19 people
2. **Minutes of previous meeting**
APCM 2013. Acceptance proposed by Ralph Taylor, seconded by Ann Deane. Approved nem con
3. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**
No matters raised
4. **Reports**

The following reports were received by the meeting:

a. Electoral Roll	Caroline Smith
b. Activities of PCC	Caroline Smith
c. Parish Finances	Stewart Bolton
d. Churchwardens	Peter Stratton, Ian Lowry, Tony Walker, Sabita Clark, Ann Deane
e. Deanery Synod	Mike Eggleton
f. Properties	Tony Walker
g. Church House	Nigel Smith
h. Website	Steve Jenkins
i. Safeguarding	Peter Stratton
j. Kidmore End Primary School	Joanna Moriarty
k. Churches Together in Caversham	Jeremy Tear
l. Caversham Consolidated Charities	Mike Eggleton
m. Fresh Expressions	Sue Jenkins
n. Health & Safety	Richard Havelock
o. Grants Team	Richard Purkis

The Rector thanked all the report authors for their work in managing and reporting back on the different aspects of parish life.

Comments and Q & A for the reports:

4b Activities of PCC

The report mentions Dan Tyndall and should read Mike Smith. The roof in question in the second paragraph on page 2 should be noted as St John's roof

4c Parish Finances

Mike Smith especially thanked Stewart Bolton, Richard Havelock and the church treasurers for the work they do during the year and in preparation for the APCM

4e Deanery Synod

The final sentence of the report should read The Parish Council would like a parish invitation to David Duvall to hear this talk

4f Properties

Q. Is the lease for 6 Gosbrook Road signed yet?

A. it is in the process of being signed

Tony Walker has met the new tenant who is keen to get in and start work. Tony expects completion in the next couple of weeks

Q. Will the new tenant be using the whole property or just the ground floor?

A. The whole property

4g Church House

Q. When will be lift be put in?

A. No start date yet but we are looking at August this year

4i Safeguarding

Q. The question of photographing children was raised at last year's meeting. What is happening on this?

A. We were waiting for Mike to be appointed so the whole policy can be reviewed but we have the information from the Diocese

4k Churches Together in Caversham

Q. Can REInspired reach out to Kidmore End Primary School as it has links with this parish?

A. The remit of REInspired is to focus on schools in Caversham but Jane Borgeaud who leads REInspired is coming to speak at St Margaret so perhaps she could be approached with this request

The comment was made that Kidmore End Primary is a Church of England school so should have RE built into its teaching whereas REInspired is there to work with schools who have no religious teaching in their curriculum

5. Election of members to the PCC

Steve Jenkins & Esme Cogan have completed their term of office. Two nomination forms were received before the meeting: Sonia Higgs and Danny Darcy both from St John and Jeremy Consitt from St Peter was nominated from the floor. No other nominations were received so all three were elected to serve. Jeremy will serve for 3 years; length of service for Sonia and Danny to be decided. There is now one vacancy for St John and 3 for St Margaret. These positions will be held vacant. Mike Smith asked for these to be taken back to the churches for consideration. The appointments made were approved nem con

6. Appointment of CLTs

Mike Smith advised those present that there had been insufficient time since his arrival to consider appointments to the CLTs. Mike asked the meeting to allow him to convene the appointments committee in due course, with their decisions being notified to the PCC. Approved nem con

7. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Four nomination forms were received before the meeting: Mike Eggleton & Steve Jenkins (St Peter), Anne Taylor & Ralph Taylor (St Margaret). We now has 4 places on the Deanery Synod so these four people were elected unopposed for the term of the synod which runs until 2017

8. Appointment of Sidemen

The sidemen list, with the addition of Mark Denney for St Margaret, was published and approved nem con.

9. Appointment of an Independent Examiner. Stewart Bolton proposed that we continue to retain the services of M J McAllister, ACA of Chantry Ellicott DFK at a fee to be agreed. Approved nem con

Q. Who sets the fee for the independent examiner?

A. Stewart Bolton agrees the fee in negotiation with the firm. This fee is shown in the parish accounts

10. Looking forward - Rev Mike Smith, Rector

Mike Smith stated that he had committed to listening and learning about the parish before any major decisions or alterations to parish life were made. This process is still ongoing. He reflected at the meeting, using the story of Jesus engagement with the disciple Thomas in John's Gospel. He suggested continuity with the past, rootedness in God's peace and commitment to Mission were all central aspects of the call to discipleship of the Risen Christ, which should inspire our ministry moving forward as a parish. He gave some examples of how this might be done and asked the parish to join him in discerning God's will for us in the months and years to come.

11. Any other business

Peter Stratton gave a vote of thanks to Louise Ellis who recently stood down after being treasurer for St Margaret's Church for many years. Verna Care is the new treasurer. Peter asked for thanks to Louise from both St Margaret and the Parish to be noted. Louise also received a round of applause

Francis Serjeant suggested the individual churches are insular and that each church in turn should invite the other churches to come to their regular Sunday morning service. Mike Smith advised that the churches support for each other is a future topic for discussion

Meeting closed 20:40 with the Grace