

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 19 April 2015
St John's Church, Caversham

The Rector, Rev Mike Smith, chaired the meeting which took place within the context of a Sunday morning Holy Communion service

99 members of the parish were present

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Margaret Ebbs, Sonia Higgs, Peter Vallance, Lorraine Vallance, Mary Westley, Ralph Taylor, Phil Blackburn, Rob Owen, Gill Andrews
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** of 30 April 2014 were proposed by Steve Jenkins, seconded by Mike Eggleton. Approved nem con. Signed by the Rector as a true record.
3. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**
The current Synod runs until 2017. However, Mike Eggleton has resigned his position so we have a vacancy. There were no nomination for the role so this position will be held vacant
4. **Election of members to the PCC**
Keith Hathaway & Heather Gale have completed their term of office, creating one vacancy each for St John's and St Peter's. St Margaret's have two vacancies remaining. Nomination forms were received before the meeting for Keith Hathaway (St John), Shirley Scola (St Peter) and Mary Westley (St Margaret). There being no other nominations received, all three were elected to serve for 3 years. There remains one vacancy for St Margaret. This position will be held vacant.
5. **Appointment of Church Leadership Teams (CLTs)**
Mike Smith advised that there had been one appointment during the last year; Mary Plank has joined the St Peter's CLT. He also advised that the CLT appointing body will meet during the next year and any other changes will be reported at the next APCM
6. **Appointment of Sidesmen**
The following people were appointed as sidesmen for the forthcoming year:
St Peter's Church - Stewart Bolton, Alan Bradbury, Christine Bradbury, Anna Carpenter, Sabita Clark, David Collis, Jeremy Consitt, Matthew Coome, Hilary Coome, Mike Eggleton, Douglas Fee, Jean Fry, Sylvia Harris, Jane Havelock, Richard Havelock, Kathleen Hardy, Lynn Hinton, Steve Jenkins, Luke Jenkins, Sylvia Kassulamemba, John Kavanagh, Jacquie Kavanagh, Barbara Kendall, Richard Larkin, Alan Longstaffe, Mike Mellor, Sue McQueen, Susan Nicholls, Rodney Pinchen, Mary Pinchen, John Roach, Philip Robinson, Julia Stanbrook, Janice Walker, Tony Walker, Edmund Westley, Pat Williams
St Margaret's Church - Matthew Anderton, George Barnett, Paul Corby, Roger Hartley-Booth, Ian Lowry, Peter Stratton, Ralph Taylor, Peter Vallance

St John's Church - Pamela Buckland, Margaret Cameron, Ann Deane, Ken Deane, Margarett Hatcher, Jackie Holmwood, Doreen Jobbins, Caroline Langdon, Isobel Saffrey, Linda Shannon, Maureen Williams, Ray Witcomb and *Welcomers*: Esme Cogan, Ann Deane, Linda Shannon, Carole Witcomb

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

8. Reviewing 2014/15 and looking forward

The annual report of the parish was presented to the meeting in writing. An electoral roll of 258 was reported. The PCC reported on its activities, and those more generally of the parish, for the year. The financial statements for the year were presented. A report on the fabric, good and ornaments of the church was received. A report on the activities of the Deanery Synod was made.

Group discussions took place on these reports, focused around three questions. The Rector committed to publish all questions received as a result of these discussions, and to draft some responses.

Is there one question you want to ask arising from this year's annual report?

Q. What is the proposal for the future management of the parish properties as Tony Walker is standing down from the role?

A. The PCC have invited tenders from local letting agents. This is an ongoing piece of work

Q. Why isn't there any information on the website or in the churches about who is on the CLTs?

A. No reason, just has not been thought about. We will action this

Q. We don't understand the phrase "realised transaction"

A. It means money either came into the parish or went out of the parish. An unrealized transaction means the money did not come in or go out, ie. the increase in the value of the parish properties

What highlight in our church and parish life in 2014/15 do you want to tell others?

- The Parish reached out in an unprecedented way at Christmas both with services and the streaming at St Peter's church. Could streaming be extended?
Attendance across the parish was up 3% at Christmas

What do you want the local paper to be saying about us in 2020?

- We have a youth worker appointed, encouraging about children and adults
- That we are well and active and supporting Christians worldwide
- That we are a place for spiritual renewal and healing

9. Any other business

The Rector told the meeting of the story of a 6 year old boy who has been recently left orphaned by the death of his mother. St Margaret's church have been very involved in the care of both mother and son. The little boy has been taken into the family of a neighbour and has settled well. Unfortunately the family are now being made homeless due to work coming to an end and may well have to move away from the area, meaning more upheaval for the little boy. Mike asked the gathered congregation to give some thought to how the parish might help to solve this problem

The Rector thanked both Tony Walker and Ann Deane for their time and commitment to the role of Churchwarden