



CAVERSHAM THAMESIDE AND MAPLEDURHAM

ST MARGARET • ST PETER • ST JOHN

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 28 April 2024, 9.59am St John the Baptist Caversham

The Rector, Rev Mike Smith, chaired the meeting

89 members of the parish were present

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Ian Lowry, Lilly Lowry, Christine Bradbury, Alan Bradbury, Jan Walker, Tony Walker, Ralph Taylor, Anna Clarke, Jenny Birk, Cath Dunford, Alan Dunford, Fabrine, Chellappa, Dana Mellet, Ben Nicholls, Pam Asbury, Ann Deane, John Kavanagh, Michael Radcliffe
- 2. Minutes of previous APCM** held on 21 May 2023. Approved by all present. Signed by the Rector as a true record
- 3. Election of members to Deanery Synod**
This parish has one vacancy. No one was nominated, so the vacancy is carried forward
- 4. Election of members to the PCC**
Anne Taylor and Toni Smith have completed their term office. Jenny Harrison passed away in December 2023. Mike Smith thanked Anne & Toni for their service. He reminded the congregation that this role carries a weighty responsibility. With existing vacancies, there were 6 positions to fill. Nomination forms have been received for Simon Porter (St Peter), Sally Harlow (St John), Toni Smith (St John), Anne Taylor (St Margaret), Ian Lowry (St Margaret) & Jacqui Curtis (St Peter)

Mike Smith offered his congratulations to the newly elected and thanked all those who represent the parish on the PCC and the Deanery Synod and those have stood down from office
- 5. Appointment of an Independent Examiner**
Simon Porter, the Parish Treasure, proposed that the parish retain Mercer Lewin, Chartered Accountants, as the Independent Examiner for the 2024 parish accounts, at a fee to be agreed with the PCC. Approved by all present
- 6. Receiving the annual Trustees' Report for 2023**
The Parish Electoral Roll stands at 212

Mike thanks Simon Porter for his work in preparing the annual accounts. Simon Porter, the Parish Treasurer, thanked all the treasurers across the parish for their work on the day to day accounts that they look after

Mike Smith updated the congregation on the discussions at last year's APCM, giving details of the decisions made by the attendees:

We asked you around tables to give us your personal views on

- Which of our Parish Priorities resonated

- Whether you thought people in same-sex relationships ought to be offered prayers for their relationships in church; and whether you wanted to think more about this
- Whether you supported a move to allowing young people to receive holy communion before confirmation
- Whether you would support our parish investing its resources to help us move to Net Zero as quickly as possible

You said:

- Priorities: 40% Children; 35% youth; 20% discipleship; 14% healing; 16% bereavement. Lots of you wanted to get involved!
- Same-sex relationships: 81% wanted prayers in church; 63% wanted to think more about this
- Allowing young people to receive holy communion before confirmation: 68% said yes
- Investing parish resources into Net Zero: 84% said yes

7. **Looking forward**

Mike Smith invited the meeting to discuss how we might build greater intergenerational life in our church – in worship and service to our community. Round table discussions followed and Mike committed to feeding back the results of those discussions

8. **Any other business**

Mike Smith thanked Caroline Smith the PCC Secretary as this is her last APCM in role

The meeting closed at 10.36am