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6. Receiving the annual Trustees' Report for 2019
7. Any Other Business



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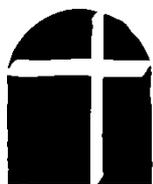
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Sunday 7 April 2019, 9.48am
St John's Church, Caversham

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

78 members of the parish were present

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2. **Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners** held on 15 April 2018.
Approved by all present. Signed as a true record by the Rector
3. **Election of Churchwardens.** Mike Smith had received 5 nomination forms: Nigel Smith & Steve Jenkins for St Peter's Church, Ralph Taylor & Bridget Cumming-Bruce for St Margaret's Church and Richard Purkis for St John's Church. There being no other nominations these 5 people were proposed to be elected as churchwarden for the next year by Mike Smith, and approved by all present

The meeting closed at 9.51am



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3. **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**

There is one vacancy for Deanery Synod. Currently Ralph Taylor, Simon Cuthbert, Peter Stratton and Caroline Smith are the lay representatives on the Deanery Synod and we have one nomination from Jacquie Kavanagh to take over from Steve Jenkins. Approved by all present.

4. **Election of members to the PCC**

Sonia Higgs, Richard Havelock & Matthew Anderton have completed their term of office giving one vacancy for St Peter & St Margaret and two vacancies for St John (one for two years and one for 3 years). Nomination forms were received from Sally Harlow and Chris Heron (St John's) and Matthew Anderton (St Margaret's). There being no other nominations received, all were elected to serve for 3 years, leaving one vacancy. Approved by all present.

Thank you to Richard Havelock and Sonia Higgs for their involvement in the PCC.

5. **Appointment of Sidemen and Women**

The following people were appointed as sidemen and women for the forthcoming year:
St Peter's Church - Stewart Bolton, Alan Bradbury, Christine Bradbury, Anna Carpenter, David Collis, Matthew Coome, Hilary Coome, Douglas Fee, Jean Fry, Sylvia Harris, Richard Havelock, Kathleen Hardy, Lynn Hinton, Steve Jenkins, Luke Jenkins, Sylvia Kassulamemba, John Kavanagh, Jacquie Kavanagh, Declan Kiely, Richard Larkin, Alan Longstaffe; Mike Mellor, Sue McQueen, Rodney Pinchen, Mary Pinchen, John Roach, Charlie Scola, Shirl Scola, Julia Stanbrook, Alan Standing, Janice Walker, Tony Walker, Jonathan Wheeler, Pat Williams

St Margaret's Church - Matthew Anderton, Paul Corby, Mark Denley, Roger Hartley-Booth, Ian Lowry, Jill Neal-Morris, Joanna Moriarty, Liz Stratton, Peter Stratton, Ralph Taylor, Peter Vallance

St John's Church – Wendy Buss, Ann Deane, Ken Deane, Sally Harlow, Margarete Hatcher, Linda Shannon, Maureen Williams, Carole Witcomb, Ray Witcomb

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner

Richard Larkin proposed that we retain the services of Heather Wheelhouse of BDO LLP (formerly Moore Stephens LLP) at a fee to be agreed with the PCC. Approved by all present

7. Receiving the annual Trustees' Report for 2018 and looking forward

The annual report of the parish was received by the meeting. An electoral roll of 260 (in 2018) 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

The Rector asked everyone to discuss the following questions:

1. Is there one question you want to ask arising from this year's annual report?
2. In the last week, think of one positive encounter with a child or young person. What made it positive? Did you glimpse God in that situation? Talk on your table about it
3. As part of our parish journey towards "Becoming a Christ-like Community", how are we engaging as churches with children and young people in our community, and where might God be prompting us to engage more?

8. Any other business

Phil Blackburn to step back as lay leader due to health issues, but to continue with his role in the All Age Worship planning team.

The meeting closed at 10.31am

APCM 2019

Questions for discussion around tables

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

- What grants etc can be investigated to help the reordering project?
- Clergy team includes
- There are positive signs in the annual report, both for the growth of the congregation and the finances of the parish. How optimistic should we be for the future of our parish?
- The sum given by pledged giving and tax rebate is not specified. A useful measure of attendance and giving, how it changes year by year – and hopefully increases!
- No – thank you. it was thoughtful, comprehensive and well written
- Doesn't indicate the % of donations that are gift aided

2. In the last week, think of one positive encounter with a child or young person. What made it positive? Did you glimpse God in that situation? Talk on your table about it.

- 4 of my grandchildren live in the same road as us and our encounters are frequent and always positive. I have to admit that glimpsing God in these situations is something I tend to take for granted. This question prompts me to look more closely in future
- 'Alice' 16 year old on Question Time who stood up and spoke for young people and now has 15,000 followers on Twitter
- Children in my daughter's primary school class standing up against bullying
- My young daughter playing with her friend, so naturally, joyfully, sharing without squabbling – and not on their phones!
- Visiting my grandson
- Riding for the disabled
- Chaperoning at theatre
- A close family member threw a temper tantrum over homework. She screamed and cried. I was calm and eventually she told me she felt "bad" because she had stolen something a few years ago. I explained that we have all stolen something sometime and that we're all forgiven. Love; tolerance; guilt released; acceptance
- Rectory hospitality – encounter with the Rector's children. Delightful. Wanted to pray for items in the news: well informed re: floods. Had a genuine engagement with those people's problems
- Continual requests on media for charities using child images:- water; cleft palates; refugees; cholera etc. Leads to overload/numbness. Feel its manipulation of the children
- Visits of grandchild (aged 2½) – really bright, natural, open – no side – which helps us to respond naturally as children do
- Supporting troubled youngster in primary school

3. As part of our parish journey towards "**Becoming a Christ-like Community**", how are we engaging as churches with children and young people in our community, and where might God be prompting us to engage more?

- We need to engage with the teenagers or run the risk of losing the younger children as they get older. Even local guides/scouts are struggling hard to find leaders for teenage groups. Need leaders and space to meet, some sort of structure to sessions, wi-fi
- Promote a greater heart for evangelism within ourselves and a genuine desire to share knowledge of God's love with youngsters. We must open our hearts to let God change us: we are loved
- Safe spaces / homework clubs / technology free
- Services more young person/family oriented. Not necessarily on Sunday
- Family services on Sundays
- Have a children or young person run service – a service organised by themselves – perhaps once a month
- Church open more
- ARCC etc
- Lonely people – health problems
- Provide safe, xxx space for young people. Not counselling but just safe time
- It is lovely to see children involved in church music. Could we do more?
- Church engaging with political process at local government level to promote wellbeing of young people
- Ongoing increase in engagement with young people
- Assisting with existing organisations that support young people
- Identifying what help we can offer
- Look at relevance and accessibility of our activities and services for children and young people. Including children with additional needs and their parents
- To ensure that when Louis T attends St Margaret we show him he is valued and loved! As well as the other children who attend
- Difficult to find the language but the common overwhelming factor in all religions is love! Speaking to and being honest and loving towards children will be their base for looking back and feeling supported in later life. Children often feel guilty for minor misdemeanours and our love and understanding can release this
- Through schools – work of REinspired and Children & Families worker
- Community events – Mother's Day Tea/St John's Day/Palm Sunday procession
- Work of ARCC / Gosbrook Garden Growers
- Through social media / online presence
- Through the uniformed groups – need for leaders
- Work with young people – but need suitable leaders and premises
- Through the choir and Sunday Club – good
- Church could be that 'private space' that social media does not allow
- Isn't that what Scouts/Guides are supposed to promote? A camp without phones etc
- Weller Centre – some engagement; opportunities for much more
- What about youngsters in the rest of the parish?