

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the Church Hall of St Luke's, Ramsgate on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm.**

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### **Present: (19 members of the congregation attended)**

Rev Paul Worledge	Claire Coleman	Ced Hann	Peter Erlam	Coleen white
David Perkins	Sheelagh Lindsey	Mike Turner	Trevor Clarke	Andrew Gillham
Alison Hawthorn	David Hawthorn	Janet Murphy	Pamela Elmes	Andrew McMillan
Willow Whybrow	Peter Dewhurst	Margaret Wisdom	Brenda Walters-Erlam	

Rev Paul Worledge welcomed everyone to the meeting and started the meeting in prayer. He quoted from Psalm 46:10 – 'Be still and know that I am God'.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Kate Neden, John Neden, Nicky Galer, John Galer, Audrey Tucker

#### **2. Minutes of the APCM of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the Annual Parochial Meeting.

#### **3. Matters arising**

There were none.

#### **4. Annual Reports (official reports)**

The Annual Report (AR) pack was sent to members beforehand and was also placed on St Luke's website. At the meeting, the content of the report was taken as read. All sections of these minutes will reference the relevant sections of the Annual Report (AR), where full details are to be found.

##### **4i Electoral Roll Report (AR 5.1, page 8)**

During 2022, 14 people were removed from the Electoral Register and 15 people were added. It now means that there is a total of 100 people on the register. There were 99 people on the register at the end of 2021. Of those on the register 33 live in the parish (36 in 2021).

##### **4ii Church Fabric (AR 5.6, page 10)**

The Church fabric report gave a brief synopsis of some of the works carried out during the year. The sudden death of our maintenance worker (Chris Tull) had meant that plans for the year were somewhat curtailed.

The main items in the Fabric Report for the year were:

- The sudden passing of Chris Tull, our maintenance and Gardening worker.
- The Eco-Church award and the departure of Christopher Waldie, Church warden and lead on buildings matters.
- The review of the Health & Safety Policies by the newly formed Building Team.
- The Quinquennial Inspection and subsequent report.

#### **4iii Deanery Synod Report (AR 5.7, page 11)**

The Synod Report highlighted the interest in rural affairs. In particular, the plight of farmers. There was also a mention of the Deanery Roadshow that included a presentation by the Archdeacon and Bishop on the Diocese finance and its possible impact on each Parish in the year.

#### **4iv Finance Report – including approval of Accounts (7. AR page 16-28)**

The annual accounts were approved by members.

Proposed: Brenda Walters-Erlam

Seconded: Mike Turner

Special thanks were extended to Nicky Galer for all the work that she does in keeping the church's finance in order and for compiling the annual accounts.

For the year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022-31 December 2022, general fund receipt was £86,206 and spend against that receipt was £69,857. This leaves a positive balance of £16,349 before the offset of a small deficit of (£113) and a transfer of (£6661) to reserves. Leaving a balance carried forward of £9573. This was an exceptional occurrence for St Luke's. However, the surplus carried forward was brought about by a grant of £10,000 received from Diocese at the start of the year towards the Parish Share.

#### **4v Everything else in the annual report**

Other subsidiary reports are included in the annual report pack for information and are taken as read.

These include:

The Vicars Report (1. AR page 3)

Activities Report (3. AR page 5)

Achievements and Performance (4. AR page 4)

Structure, governance and Management (5. AR pages 8-15)

Administrative Information (6. AR page 15)

#### **5. What is going well? (Short discussion in group and feedback)**

Paul Worledge reminded the meeting that we should celebrate what is good at St Luke's.

We should give thanks to God for things that we usually took for granted. For example:

- Recovery from the Covid crisis
- Increased number of worshippers
- Increased activities outside of Sunday worship
- Development of the music group. Etc

**Prayers of thanksgiving for 2022** were said by all as each saw fit.

**What is my role? Elections and appointments**

“Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.” (1 Corinthians 12:14)

## 6. Volunteer Sunday

Recruitment of volunteers from within the congregation to help with the work of the church is due to take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## 7. Election and appointment of PCC members

### 7i Churchwarden x2 – Annual Parish Meeting

Andrew McMillan and Brenda Walters-Erlam were proposed and duly re-elected as Churchwardens.

### 7ii PCC Membersx6

<b>New/re-elected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Pamela Elmes	Margaret Wisdom	Ced Hann
James Patterson	Andrew McMillan	Peter Erlam
Willow Whybrow	Lesley Turner	Margaret Wisdom

### **Other existing PCC Members – No change**

Lekan Asa-Afariogun, David Perkins, Pauline Emptage, Audrey Tucker  
Mike Turner & Alison Hawthorn – Deanery Synod Representative  
Nicky Galer – Treasurer (Co-opted)

### 7iii Independent Examiner

Peter Cottington has stepped down from the role of Independent Examiner. The chair extended his thanks to Peter for examining the accounts free of charge over many years. A gift of £100 was approved to go to Peter’s charity of choice.

Proposed: Brenda Walters

Seconded: Pam Elmes

Following the resignation of Peter Cottington. The Independent Examiner position is currently vacant. It is hoped that it will be filled very soon.

**Prayers were said for the new PCC.**

## Looking Forward

### 8. Vicar’s Reflection: Pause to Reset Course

Rev Paul Worledge began his reflections with Psalm 46:10 “Be still and know that I am God”.

We need to take time to **Stop - pause – reflect.**

He will take a 3-month sabbatical from June-September 2023. This will present him with time to stop – pause – reflect.

Stop – It will give the space to assess:

what positive things that have been achieved?

what changes are needed?

A period of reflection as to - where are we heading?

Hope – It will present an opportunity for Rev Claire Coleman and others to step-up and provide continuity.

Value: Community - e.g. Cafe4All

: discipleship - e.g. House groups

9. Questions to consider (Short discussion in group and feedback)

Paul Worledge requested that members got together in groups of 4 and compile questions that he would need him to consider during his sabbatical. These questions were taken away by Paul and would later be include in the planned process for the year of discernment.

Prayers session by all as each saw fit.

Ending the meeting on a positive note Paul posed the question of:

What is going well?

- House groups and discipleship
- Café4All
- Having Colin and Bruce as extra preaching support
- Warm welcoming for visitors
- Prayer meeting
- Singing Group

10. **Any other business** – There were none.

The APCM ended with Prayers for the future of St Luke's and the church family.