

**Annual Meetings Minutes**  
**St Denys Church Colmworth**  
**Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, 7.30pm**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2019**

The meeting opened with a reading from John 11:28-44 and prayer

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Heather Smith and Margaret Seabrook

12 members of the laity present who are resident or on the Electoral Roll, plus the Rev David Miller & The Rev Timothy Wilson (Chair)

2. Minutes of last meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

were agreed. Proposed, Kate Abrahams, seconded Neville Jephcote

3. Election of Church Wardens

Kate Abrahams. Proposed by Heather Smith, seconded by Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot. All in favour. There was a discussion regarding a proposal to elect Lorraine Knight as Deputy Churchwarden. It was stated Heather Smith already acts in this Role, but it was suggested we could have 2 Deputy Wardens. Then Doug McWilliam proposed Lorraine Knight be elected as the second Church Warden as there was a vacancy and that Lorraine had signified her willingness to be appointed. This was seconded by Thelma Marks. 10 laity voted in Favour; 2 members abstained. So Lorraine Knight was elected as Church Warden.

4. Presentation of the Terrier & Inventory

Up to date with all testing and checks.

5. Church Wardens' Remarks

See attached documentation.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019**

### **1. Apologies**

Heather Smith and Margaret Seabrook

12 members of the laity present who are on the Electoral Roll, plus the Rev David Miller & The Rev Timothy Wilson (Chair)

### **2. Minutes of last meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**

were agreed and signed. Proposed, Kate Abrahams, seconded Neville Jephcote

### **3. Matters arising**

None

### **4. Secretary's report- Annual Church Report**

See attached documentation.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

See attached documentation, accounts have been received. Proposed, Ken Fiddler, seconded Kate Abrahams

### **6. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner for 2019**

Proposed by Margaret Seabrook to remain as Ensors; seconded by Neville Jephcote. All agreed in favour

### **7. Church Electoral Roll**

There are 44 members on the new Electoral Roll (previously 37). Annika and Nicholas Davies are no longer on. New names are Frederick and Helen Brown, Justyn Cassell, Christopher, Lorraine and Rosie Ireland, Sarah Miller, Zoe Payne, Mary Prior. 30% of the ER are non-resident. Kate as Electoral Roll Officer was thanked for her work in compiling the New Electoral Roll

### **8. Confirmation of 1 representative to Sharnbrook Deanery Synod**

Heather Smith had expressed a wish to stand down this year leaving a Casual Vacancy for 1 year until the end of the current triennium

Proposed by Kate Abrahams for Doug McWilliam to be Deanery Rep, seconded by Neville Jephcote. All agreed in Favour

9. Election of 6 members of PCC. Proposed by Kate Abrahams, seconded by Doug McWilliam:- Neville Jephcote, Margaret Seabrook, Elizabeth Wootton and Heather Smith. All agreed and voted in Favour. This leaves 2 Vacancies. Kate Abrahams and Lorraine Knight as Church Wardens are also on PCC, as is Doug McWilliam as Deanery Rep.

### **10.Appointment of sides people & readers**

As well as all members of PCC, confirmed as Betty Johnson, John Hutchings, Michael Prior, Anthony Abrahams, Sarah Miller, Tom Wootton, Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot and Ken & Thelma Vidler.

### **11.Bell-ringers report**

See attached documentation, supplemented by Humphrey Chetwynd-Talbot who reiterated the need for new recruits.

12. Friends of St Denys report

See attached documentation.

13. Restoration Fund report

See attached documentation, the structural engineer is visiting later this month.

14. Safeguarding Update

Jane Snaith of Wilden is the Benefice co-ordinator and Doug McWilliam is to be the Parish representative. Doug reiterated the importance of safeguarding and announced that all will need to take part in a review and updating of DBS checks.

15. Plans & Dates for 2019 – Easter, Friends' events & social/fundraising events

Weds June 5<sup>th</sup> Deanery Prayer Event at Thurleigh; Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Benefice Open Evening to review progress as 6 months into Tim's 2 year appointment; Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Harvest Festival; 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Fifth Sunday service at Colmworth Chapel; 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Deanery Confirmation Service.

Also social events being: 22<sup>nd</sup> June Friends' Choral Concert in Church; 23<sup>rd</sup> June Open Gardens; 7<sup>th</sup> July Garden Party; 12<sup>th</sup> July Games Evening; 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Jigsaw eve; poss 4<sup>th</sup> October Choral Concert; 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Scrabble eve, 31<sup>st</sup> October Bright Light Party in Church; poss 23<sup>rd</sup> November Barn Dance

16. Questions from the floor.

It was asked what the situation was regarding unpaid Quota going back some years? Whilst this is not a 'debt' if quota is not paid, there may be consequences, notably a Parish having to share a Priest with other Parishes such as we are experiencing here especially with the present 2 year 0.8 appointment.

It was also asked if we might consider Pew Bibles for the church. This would be taken to the next PCC meeting.

## **Brief meeting of the new PCC**

Apologies Heather Smith & Margaret Seabrook;

Present The Rev Timothy Wilson, Kate Abrahams, Lorraine Knight, Doug McWilliam  
Elizabeth Wootton and Neville Jephcote

1. Election of PCC Vice Chair(s) -

Church wardens to be Vice Chairs, proposed by Neville Jephcote, seconded by Elizabeth Wootton. All in favour

2. Appointment of Secretary & Treasurer & Electoral Roll Officer

Lorraine Knight elected as Secretary (Doug proposed, Neville seconded)

Margaret Seabrook elected as Treasurer (Elizabeth proposed, Kate seconded)

Kate Abrahams elected as Electoral Roll Officer (Neville proposed, Elizabeth seconded)

3. Appointment of Safeguarding Officer(s)

Doug McWilliam elected (Elizabeth proposed, Neville seconded)

4. Appointment of Standing Committee

Priest in Charge, Church Wardens Treasurer & Secretary. Proposed by Doug McWilliam, Seconded by Elizabeth Wootton. All in favour.

5. Dates of future PCC meetings

21<sup>st</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

6. Note Archdeacon's visitation Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7:45pm St Andrews

BIGGLESWADE (not Bedford)

This will be the occasion for the churchwarden's swearing-in.