

THE PARISH OF MARCHAM WITHGARFORD

Annual Parish Meeting

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Meeting of the new PCC

At All Saints' Church, Marcham, Sunday 1 May 2022 at 16:00

Welcome and opening prayers were given by Rev Nick Weldon.

Annual Parish Meeting

Neil Rowe was elected as Church Warden for a fifth term and Chrystal Poon for her first term.

Unanimously voted in to be the Church Wardens.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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	Chair: Rev. Nick Newman Notes: Ruth Atkins	
1.	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Tim and Jane Jack, Lucy and Barney Stevens, John Howden-Richards and Mark and Julia Newman.	
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June 2021 Correction should read Chris and not Christ. The minutes were then approved as an accurate record.	
3.	Matter arising No matters arising.	
4.	Annual reports	
4.1	To note the reports for 2021/22 and were circulated prior to the meeting. It is a statutory report which has to be submitted with the accounts.	
4.2	NW highlighted the following:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Eccles and Cathie Little were thanked for their contributions. • Contributions fell by £20,000 which meant a drop in gift aid. Big expenditures are Parish Share and staff salaries. • Boiler replacement took place at All Saints and painting at St Luke's. <p>4.3 <u>Electoral role</u> 137 members on the electoral roll.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Annual PCC Report and Financial Statements (Bryan Eccles)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet is healthy – £176,000. • Income went down last year. • Due to Covid some costs have gone down. <p>BE gave thanks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathie Little for maintaining the financial system • Chris Nutman for managing the payroll and MHRC relations • Christine Denton who handles the cash. <p>4.5 <u>Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments</u> Report had been shared prior to the APCM. The window at St Luke's is to be sorted and also the driveway at All Saints.</p> <p>4.6 <u>Deanery Synod</u> Carolyn Manders and Tim Jack were thanked for their roles. Their report had been shared prior to the APCM.</p> <p>4.7 <u>Safeguarding Report</u> Carolyn Whiting and Ruth Atkins shared the Safeguarding Report.</p>	
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Elections and Appointments</p> <p><u>PCC – three vacancies</u> Ruth Atkins, Danni Grady and Sue Lawnton were voted unanimously to the PCC.</p> <p><u>Deanery Synod reps</u> Caroline Manders and Tim Jack will continue as Deanery Synod reps.</p> <p><u>Independent examiner</u> Mike Grieg was approved unanimous as the independent examiner. This was proposed by Chris Nutman and seconded by Cathie Little.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p>	<p>Informal Reports for 2020/21</p> <p><u>Children and Families</u></p>	

	<p>Jill Rowe read her report which had been shared prior to the meeting.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Youth</u> Rob Finch read his report which had been shared prior to the meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Debbie Flint asked if there are any more plans for joint activity with Christchurch Abingdon and Peachcroft church. Rob Finch said there are plans for 2023 weekend and a termly evening gathering of young people across secondary school age. Recent one held in April at Christchurch.</p> <p>Danni Grady thanked Rob on behalf of her two daughters who are members of the youth.</p> <p>James Gilbert – thanks for good impact on his daughter’s faith</p> <p>6.4 <u>Vicar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First saw the advert in Easter 2021 and following the interview process was appointed at the end of May 2021. • Thanks to everyone who have helped the whole family make the move from Devon and to settle here. • Thanks to the staff team, wardens, leader and preachers team. • Thanks to those who held the ministry aspects during the vacancy – Rev Mark Newman, Rosemarie Siebert and Kevin Mentzel. • God has been growing his kingdom in Marcham and Garford against the backdrop of Covid and the vacancy. • Thanks to the staff team: Tamsin, Jill, Robert and Kate. • Thanks to Neil and Tamsin as church wardens – care and dedication has been exemplary. Tamsin, this is your last day as church warden – we love you, you have been a fantastic church warden and carrying on as Church administrator. Card and gifts were given to her. Thanks were passed onto to James, Immie and Ethan. • Thanks to Chrystal for coming on board today as church warden with wisdom and grace. • Thanks to homegroup leaders who kept on-line meetings through Covid. • There is a large team of people who visit other people inside and outside church – thanks to Kate Jackson for coordinating. • Thank you to the Garford folk – especially Debbie, Pamela and Carolyn who have been building up the church and village. • Thanks to Ruth Atkins for her role as PCC secretary. • Thanks to Ruth and Carolyn for their PSO role. • Thanks to Bryan as treasurer and for the support from Chris Nutman and Cathie Little. • Financial challenges – taking on full weight of Parish share – thanks to everyone for their financial giving. • Thanks to Ruth for managing the church’s social media. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Chris Nutman for managing the payroll and electoral roll. • Retiring designation of deputy warden – not officially a PCC role: • Thank you to those who have led the worship, prayers and readings. • Thank you to the wonderful group of singers and musicians and the choir. Thanks to Eric for being our organist. • Have so appreciated the fellowship of the leadership team and preachers team in the past few months as have not had this before. • Thanks to those serving tea and coffee, flower arranging, cleaning the churches, decorating for particular events and services, welcoming team, bell ringers, those who make church banners, AV team and Charles Gaisford • Thanks to Jill and the children’s team – it is a wonderful privilege to have a lively children and families ministry • Thanks to Rob - our young people are so integrated into our church. • Mission partner work – Send A Cow now Ripple effect, MML, later in the summer we will have a focus on these. • Thanks to the church people involved in host of community activities such as the Thirsty Café and the Community Centre Committee. • Thinking ahead: We need to remember our first love and look to simplify and clarify our ministry (SIMPLER, BOLDER, HUMBLER) <p>We can look forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church weekend away - Living in love and faith process - Holiday Club - Hertford College Choir - Hearing from God through the Bible - Refurbishment project <p>There followed a few questions and comments and thanks to NW.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	

Meeting of the new PCC

The following appointments were approved:

Vice-Chairman: Neil Rowe

Secretary: Ruth Atkins

Treasurer: This to await BE return from holiday

Electoral Roll Officer: Chris Nutman

Members of Standing Committee: Nick Weldon, Neil Rowe, Chrystal Poon, Ruth Atkins, Bryan Eccles and Carolyn Whiting (St.L)

Co-opted members: Tamsin Gilbert (as administrator)

Deanery Synod reps: Tim Jack and Caroline Manders