

WHITTON TEAM MINISTRY

THE WHITTON BENEFICE

Churches of St Michael, Aldbourne, St Nicholas, Baydon, St Mary, Chilton Foliat,
All Saints, Froxfield, Holy Cross, Ramsbury and St Michael, Axford

Minutes of the **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** held at
7.30pm on Monday 29th April 2019 in the Church Rooms in Ramsbury

Present: Canon Simon Weeden, Chairman, and 31 others

Apologies: Katie Hiscocks, Brenda Robinson, Liz Hawes, Judith Weeden, Diana Trickey, Juma Lance, Maureen Palmer, Michelle Beckingham, Carole Oram, Anthony Evans, Mike Ball, Jan Heppenstall.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the APM and APCM of the Whitton PCC.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Elections for Churchwardens for 2018/19 had taken place at the local Annual Meetings of Parishioners; the following were confirmed:

Aldbourne:	Krystyna Hagerty and Chris McGowan
Baydon:	Donni Blackwell and Tina Evans
Chilton Foliat:	Tim Williams and Peter Camfield
Ramsbury & Axford:	Paul Trickey and George Hawes

2. Jan Heppenstall and Raine Cully were confirmed as Deputy Churchwardens for Froxfield following the election held there.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Chairman read a passage from 1 Thessalonians and signalled three points of encouragement: to pray, to seek and to have trust in Jesus Christ.

1. **Apologies:** Those received were noted above.

2. **Minutes:** David Robinson asked that his objection to the late notice of the accounts be registered. With this addition to item 5(ii), the minutes of the 2018 APCM were accepted and signed. There were no matters arising.

3. **Elections:**

i) **PCC** Those nominated by the parishes as their representatives on the PCC were duly elected and were:

Aldbourne:	David Robinson
Baydon:	Margaret Hill
Chilton Foliat:	Penny Williams
Froxfield:	no nomination
Ramsbury & Axford:	Ted Hiscocks

ii) **LCCs:** The nominations to Local Church Committees were confirmed:

Aldbourne: Marianne Adey, Chris Barnes, Anthony Evans, Jenny Greaves, Joy Hobby, Tim Marriott, Nick Whelan, Eleanor Williamson.
Baydon: Mike Ball, Carole Oram, Vicki Pike, Pamela Withers
Chilton Foliat: G J Adams, Ronna Bourne, Liz Camfield, Campbell Gordon, Sarah Scrope, Amanda Ward
Froxfield: Pat Adams, Barry Adams, Kim Freeman
Ramsbury & Axford: Michelle Beckingham, Carol Howard, Liz Nash, David Stoye, Jane Sykes

4. **Electoral Roll:** There were 291 names on the newly revised Roll in 2019, compared with 336 in 2018. This was lower as new rolls frequently were, but it was likely that other names would be added before the next complete revision. The Chairman signed the roll and thanked the PCC and local ER officers.

5. **Church Accounts:** The Chairman thanked the LCC treasurers and especially Paul Trickey, the PCC Treasurer.

i) **Treasurer's report:** Those present at the meeting had been given a booklet containing the report and detailing the accounts. The Treasurer commented that the aggregated figures showed large sums, but this did not reflect what happened locally. However, due to the total sum, the accounts had to be presented to the Charity Commission in a particular way. Each church continued to be responsible for its own funds.

He noted a substantial drop in the value of some investment funds, for instance M & G. An anonymous donation of £9,999 had been received for 'revival in Whitton Parish' and this would be placed in a restricted account.

In answer to a question from Ben Tottenham the Chairman said that detailed costs for the repairs to Baydon church were awaited before potential funders would be approached. The Capricorn Foundation (Hyam) would be considered.

The accounts were received.

ii) **Adoption of Accounts** Proposed by David Robinson, seconded by Liz Orchard, the accounts were adopted unanimously.

iii) **Appointment of Independent Examiner** PT proposed that the accountants Bew & Co of Marlborough should be reappointed and this was agreed unanimously.

6. **Reports:**

i) **Clergy:** This was contained within the Whitton PCC Annual Report at the start of the booklet that also had the accounts. The Chairman noted that there were a number of Mission activities – Open the Book, Flying Fishes, Shining Stars, and now Cake & Co.

The Chairman said that he would be retiring on 5th August. He felt that the local churches remained strong with clergy, pastoral visitors, lay worship leaders all in place. There would be challenges ahead as there were changes in the place of rural churches in their communities.

ii) **Churchwardens:** Detailed reports had been given to the ALCMs, but a verbal report was given to the meeting by a churchwarden.

Aldbourne: Krystyna Hagerty reported that the new lighting system should be installed over the summer. The Friends of St Michael's would be contributing £20,000 to this. Upcoming fund raising events were the Scarecrow Trial in May for Aldbourne Churches Together and Open Gardens in June for The Friends of St Michael's. There was currently a focus on Eco-church; the electricity supplier had been changed with this in mind. The Revd Rhona Floate was very welcome in the village community.

Baydon: Donni Blackwell spoke warmly of the support given to Baydon by the Team following the theft of roof lead and the potential collapse of the chancel wall. A builder who was prepared to dig to find the reason for the wall problems had yet to be found. It was also proving very frustrating obtaining estimates for the repair work needed. Fund raising would not start until the costs were clear. As well as the Fete in June, there would be Open Gardens in July to which all local clubs and societies were contributing.

Chilton Foliat: Peter Camfield reported that priority was being given to wheelchair access. A decision had yet to be made regarding the restoration of the rood screen and the organ was not in good health. Giving to several charities had been good.

Froxfield: As no representative of Froxfield was present, the Chairman spoke on its behalf. The first wedding since 2013 took place in the church last year and was an important community event. The churchyard was in good order; community pay-back volunteers had been used and it was regarded as a village amenity. A Community Week-end was planned for 8th/9th September, run by various village groups. As Mindy Milne is moving, the Plant Sale on the first Saturday in May would be the last.

Ramsbury & Axford: Ben Tottenham said that names had been added to the War Memorial. A memorial to the 437th (US) would be placed on the Old Airfield on 9th June. George Hawes said that an army of volunteers supported many activities. The church was well used, being full (350 people) for festivals and concerts. There had been 11 concerts and 14 performances during 2018. New lighting was due to be installed in August. Paul Trickey presented the Ramsbury and Axford Terrier for the Chairman's signature.

iii) **PCC:** A report on the proceedings of the PCC had been submitted with the Accounts.

iv) **Deanery:** A written report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod was accepted.

v) **Other reports:**

Lay Pastoral Assistants and Pastoral Visitors Estrid Eyles had written a report; the Chairman apologised for not having brought it to the meeting, it would be appended to these minutes.

Safeguarding The Revd Sue Rodd said that the Diocese had requested a statement should be put on the website saying that the Bishop's Safeguarding Policy had been adopted. As well a notice to this effect would be prepared and displayed in each church, giving telephone numbers where help could be found. There were new requirements for safe recruiting. Marianne Adey was thanked for all the work she does in this area.

7. **Date of next meeting:** 27th April 2020.

8. **Any other business:**

i) **Thanks:** Michael Handford expressed grateful thanks Canon Weeden for the way in which he had led the Team over the past 9 years. George Hawes thanked the secretary for her work.

iii) **Contactless paying machine:** The Treasurer had been lent such a machine by Christian Aid. Donations up to £30 could be made direct to a charity and would be treated as cash by HMRC.

iii) **Thanks:** The Revd Rhona Floate thanked the meeting for the generosity of the welcome given to her on coming to the Benefice. The Revd Karen Rizzello was welcomed back after her recent surgery.

iv) **PCC Officers:** The following were noted:

Chair	Canon Simon Weeden, Rector
Lay Chair	<i>vacant until the first PCC meeting</i>
Treasurer	Paul Trickey
Secretary	Joanna Hobart
Electoral Roll officer	Tina Evans
Safeguarding	Marianne Adey

Standing Committee: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, 4 Churchwardens, 1 Deputy Churchwarden

Nominated wardens: Krystyna Hagerty, Donni Blackwell, Peter Camfield, Jan Heppenstall, George Hawes

As only one warden from each church attended PCC meetings, if the nominated warden could not be there, he/she should pass relevant papers to their colleague who would then attend.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date