

PARISH OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER

Minutes of the Annual Meetings held at 7:30pm on 21st October 2020

Chairman: Rev Mark Wallace, Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (AMP)

1. OPENING PRAYER

The Vicar opened the meeting in prayer.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mrs Bernice Watts was appointed to act as Secretary for the Annual Meetings.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received are recorded in Appendix 1.

4. ELECTIONS OF CHURCHWARDENS

Dr Matt Cox and Mrs Anne Kavanagh were elected as Churchwardens.

The Vicar expressed thanks to Dr Daniel Watts and Mrs Wendy Whitfield for serving as Churchwardens for the past 6 years: Wendy especially for her care for the buildings and her tireless practical help; and Dan for all his work behind the scenes, for his ideas and for steering conversations, for all of which the Vicar is very grateful.

There were two vacancies and two nominees for the Churchwarden roles; Dr Matthew Cox (proposed by Dr Dan Watts and seconded by Mr Andrew Lawn) and Mrs Anne Kavanagh (proposed by Mrs Geraldine Joslin and seconded by Mrs Val Morris). The Vicar declared that they were duly elected with grateful thanks and the assurance of support from the church. The Vicar plans formally to admit Dr Matt Cox and Mrs Anne Kavanagh as Churchwardens on Sunday 25th October 2020.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no further Apologies for Absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE AMP & APCM 2019

The Minutes from the meeting held on the 24th March 2019 were approved and duly signed.

There were no matters arising.

3. ELECTORAL ROLL

The Vicar thanked Mrs Clare Reid (Electoral Roll Officer) for the update on the electoral roll. The PCC had approved the roll prior to the meeting. The number on the Electoral Roll had risen to 58. Of those 58, 13 are resident in the parish. We have lost two people from the Roll: Ken Cooke and Joan Tomlin. Since there are now over 50 people on the Electoral Roll, the number of elected members on the PCC has increased by three (from six to nine).

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ON PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Annual Report was received by the meeting with no questions raised.

The Vicar thanked Mr Richard Lawn (PCC Treasurer) who had put the report together.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Mr Richard Lawn (PCC Treasurer) summarised the Financial Statement and expressed a note of thanks to those who had given to support the work of the church in the past 18 months, especially for the Redevelopment fund. The Hall fund continues to be of concern with the Hall roof in need of repair. A previous oil spill on the boiler room floor led to part of the boiler needing repair. The fund-raising campaign for the Redevelopment Project is under way, and an appeal to the church congregation in September 2019 raised £50 000.

The church recently had their Gift Day (on 18th October 2020) and the interim figures show an annual income increase of £14,700 (exceeding the target of £9000).

Richard Lawn led the meeting in prayer of thanksgiving.

6. REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Mrs Wendy Whitfield (outgoing Churchwarden) reported that the nave roof is in poor condition and will ideally need to be replaced. However, repair work in the meantime can delay this necessity for about ten years.

Mr Derek Drew asked if the faculty for the oil painting of St Peter's Church (c. 1770) could run the risk of expire while waiting for a response from the Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service. Answer: The PCC is not aware that the status of the painting has changed.

Mrs Anne Kavanagh asked for clarification of the ten-year project regarding the nave roof repair. Answer: When funding is available, some urgent work can be done in the next couple of years, allowing for a breathing space for about ten years before major work needs to be done.

Mr Derek Drew asked if there is a link between the Sears family and St Peter's. Answer: Yes, there is a connection between the church and the Sears family, and some of the family members have been to visit St Peter's. Mr Duncan Breckels mentioned there is a church in Boston, The Sear's Chapel, with the structure being a model of St Peter's Church.

The Vicar thanked Mrs Wendy Whitfield for the care and time she has spent on the buildings on behalf of the congregation.

7. REPORTS ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEANERY SYNOD

The Deanery Synod report was received by the meeting. The Vicar thanked Mr Duncan Breckels (Deanery Synod Rep) for this report and for his involvement.

8. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a) Mr Duncan Breckels (proposed by Dr Dan Watts, seconded by Mr Derek Drew) was nominated as Deanery Synod Representative and was duly elected.
- b) Three PCC members will serve for 18 months and three members for 2 years. There were 5 nominees with one vacancy remaining at the end of the meeting.
Mr James Coe (proposed by Dr Dan Watts, seconded by Mrs Bernice Watts),
Mr Richard Lawn (proposed by Mrs Anne Kavanagh, seconded by Dr Mick Kavanagh),
Dr Mick Kavanagh (proposed by Mrs Val Morris, seconded by Mrs Sue Almond),
Dr Dan Watts (proposed by Mrs Wendy Whitfield, seconded by Mrs Clare Reid) and

Mrs Wendy Whitfield (proposed by Dr Mick Kavanagh, seconded by Mrs Morvern Cox) were nominated for the election to the PCC and duly elected to the PCC.

- c) The appointment of Mr Tony Allen as Independent Examiner was approved. Revd Mark Wallace asked Mr Richard Lawn to pass on a note of thanks to Mr Tony Allen and ask if he would be willing to continue in the role.

9. VICAR'S REPORT

Revd Mark Wallace began by acknowledging that the last 18 months had been dominated by three factors. First, the coronavirus pandemic brought a change to church life; secondly, the change in clergy provision for St Peter's had a major impact on the shape of ministry; and thirdly, the faithfulness of our God has been shown time and time again.

10. QUESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

We need to continue to consider the way we handle ministry in person in the church building and on-line, and how we integrate people in church life. (Mr Duncan Breckels)

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr Dan Watts to the Wallace family for the varied and creative ways they have served the church family through the coronavirus pandemic thus far.

How are we able to continue with one part-time Vicar and make sure that we can continue with the ministry? Can we find funding elsewhere to prevent a burnout? (Mrs Anne Kavanagh) Answer: We will seek to appoint a Children's & Youth Worker and a Pastoral Coordinator. We are now in a position to fund these.

We need to keep returning as a PCC to our overall approach to the Church Hall. (Dr Dan Watts)

11. CLOSING PRAYERS

The Vicar led the meeting in prayers.

The meeting finished at 8:45pm.

APPENDIX 1

Susan Almond	present	Andrew Lawn	
Nicola Bailey		Richard Lawn	present
Elizabeth Barker		Sheila Lloyd	apologies
George Beeken		Annette Long	
Greta Bennett		Heather Loyd	
Duncan Breckels	present	Ursela Maggie	
Audrey Castle		Rosemary Milne	apologies
Ryan Clarke	present	Jean Moore	
James Coe	present	Valerie Morris	present
Sandra Coe		Chibuzo Oguguo-Okoro	
Matthew Cox	present	Chidibere Oguguo-Okoro	
Morvern Cox	present	Vivienne Osborne	
Kimberley Cullen		Barbara Pears	apologies
Beryl Dark		Clare Reid	present
Ruth Downham		Margaret Sawyer	
Derek Drew	present	Peter Sawyer	
Elizabeth Dunningham		Caroline Sheldrick	present
Anneli El Asla		Christine Terry	
Sandra Gedling		Quinlan Terry	
Alan Gray	apologies	Geoffrey Tomlin	
Christine Gray	apologies	Peter Vinton	
Stephen Harvey		Elizabeth Wallace	apologies
Timothy Hearn		James Wallace	
Margaret Holden		Bernice Watts	present
Peter Holden		Daniel Watts	present
John Huke	apologies	Wendy Whitfield	present
Patricia Huke	apologies	Mary Wyatt	
Geraldine Joslin			
Anne Kavanagh	present	Stephen Lloyd	apologies
Michael Kavanagh	present	Mark Wallace	present
Diane King	present		

APPENDIX 2: THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER (2020-2021)

Mr Duncan Breckels	Deanery Synod Rep	elected in 2020
Mr James Coe		elected in 2020
Dr Matt Cox	Churchwarden	ex officio
Mr Peter Holden		elected in 2018
Mrs Anne Kavanagh	Churchwarden	ex officio
Dr Mick Kavanagh		elected in 2020
Mr Richard Lawn	PCC Treasurer	elected in 2020
Mrs Lizzie Wallace		elected in 2018
Revd Mark Wallace	Curate-in-Charge & Chairman	ex officio
Mrs Bernice Watts	PCC Secretary	co-opted in 2020
Dr Dan Watts	Vice-Chairman	elected in 2020
Mrs Wendy Whitfeld		elected in 2020

Standing Committee

Matt Cox, Anne Kavanagh, Richard Lawn, Mark Wallace, Bernice Watts

Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs Clare Reid

Finance Subcommittee

Duncan Breckels, Mick Kavanagh, Richard Lawn, Mark Wallace, Dan Watts

Parish Safeguarding Representative

role vacant