

# St. Mary's Church Theydon Bois

## Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Rev. John Fry was in the Chair and a total of 37 parishioners were present.

Apologies had been received from Joy Simmance, Mike & Liz Hannibal, Ron & Connie Compton, Muriel Kitson, Rev. Carol Newnham, John & Maureen Fletcher.

### 1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

These were agreed and signed by Rev. John.

Approval of Minutes:

Proposed by: John Philip

Seconded by: Andrew Crook

Unanimously approved.

### 2. Adoption of Electoral Roll and Report from Electoral Roll Officer

The Report of Sam Spencer (Electoral Roll Officer) confirmed that as at 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 the Roll was as follows:

Roll 151

Non-Resident 13

Sam was thanked for her work in compiling the roll.

### 3. Vicar's report.

Rev. John commented that recent months had brought many challenges because of the pandemic. However, he thanked Tim Adams for all his work providing online services and the Sam Lowry for her work with the children and young people. He also thanked Andrew Tunks, Carole Fenton & Sally Crone for all their work on the church finances, the flower team and the team who keep the Churchyard so well.

### 4. Election of Members of the Parochial Church Council.

Resignations had been received from Richard Risdon & John Eaton, who were thanked for all their contributions over many years of service. Rosalyn Philip was elected for a second term. Andrew Crook, Liz Douglass & Kerry Ells were elected for a first term of three years.

Robyn Marsh, Lisa Debenham & Diana Meteyard were elected to serve as Deanery Synod representatives for another three years.

### 5. Presentation of Examined Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and Appointment of the Independent Examiner

Rev. John started this report by commenting that the Diocese were very grateful to St. Mary's for always paying their parish share in full.

Andrew Tunks presented his report and the accounts. The General fund had a surplus of £10k. Planned giving and donations were up and legacies had been received for the churchyard of £2k. Income from events had also fallen due to recent circumstances. The Church Hall account was in surplus by £5k. The Parish Purse had been paid in full. A new account had been created for the implementation of A/V facilities of £12,751. Expenses had been fairly static, but the Treasurer warned that the next financial year would be very difficult. A potential deficit of £15k was probable.

Acceptance and Approval of the Accounts:

Proposed by: Carole Fenton

Seconded by: Sue Palmer

Unanimously approved

Andrew announced that Greville Norman was happy to continue as the independent examiner.

Appointment of Independent Examiner – Greville Norman

Proposed by: John Philip

Seconded by: Richard Risdon

Unanimously approved

**6. Report on the Fabric, Goods & Ornaments of the Church (the Churchwardens report)**

The Church Wardens thanked everybody for all their support and reported that the chancel floor and the roof leak had been repaired.

**7. Report on the Proceedings of Deanery Synod**

The synod had not met recently but had held 3 meetings during the previous year.

The Safeguarding Officer reported in absentia that there had been no referrals in the last year, all those working with children were up-to-date with DBS verification and all new Eucharistic Assistants had been approved by the PCC.