

Parish of Hyde

Minutes of the Annual Parish Celebration Meeting.

7pm Monday 1st April 2019 at Hyde CCC.

Welcome and Opening Worship – lead by Canon Gary Philbrick.

Apologies for Absence – Canon Michael Anderson, Sylvia Anderson, Rev. Kate Wilson, Rev. Mike Trotman, Peter Hardy, Glynis Herridge, Robert Herridge, Brenda Dow.

30 in attendance.

Annual Vestry Meeting.

Thanks were made to Julian Sims for his work as Churchwarden as he steps down from this role and continues to serve the Church and community in other capacities.

1. Minutes of the Last Annual Vestry Meeting 24th April 2018 – approved
2. Election of two Churchwardens
Mrs Heather Clark proposed by Julian Sims and seconded by Jeremy Houghton-Brown
Mr Martin Ings proposed by Heather Clark and seconded by Julian Sims.
Both were declared elected at Churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the APCM 24th April 2018** - proposed by Julian Sims and seconded by Sylvia Sims.
2. **The Annual Report.** – Copies were available for everyone to read and questions taken regarding the contents.
3. **Finance** – Heather Clark explained that the figures for the past two years were not comparable as the 2017 figures were consolidated and the 2018 figures were only for Hyde. This was due to the change of Benefice for Hyde Church to the Avon Valley Partnership last year.
Thanks were made to Mrs Ann Edwards for all her work as Treasurer and in preparing this report. Ann wished to further thank Heather Clark and Marianne Tomkies for their support of her role.
Acceptance of the Financial Statement – proposed by Jeremy Houghton-Brown and seconded by Jean Brown.
4. **Churchwardens Report.** – Julian Sims reported that there were no alterations to record to the fabric, goods or ornaments of the Church. He did report that the PCC had approved the setting up of the 'Friends of Hyde Church' initiative. It was hoped that this would generate additional funds for the maintenance of the Church Building and Churchyard from the wider community, many of whom are very supportive of the Church but do not frequently attend services or may not be on the Church Electoral Role. It is hoped that the leaflet that has been produced will be circulated initially with the May Link Magazine.
5. **Link Account** – The Link Magazine continues to have a good readership and has healthy accounts. This year was particularly well supported by advertisers. Rev. Kate Wilson held a

'Link and Drink' celebration for all involved with the Link magazine and its advertisers. At this event she made it known that she would be pleased to know of new people moving into the area as well as anyone in the community who may be in need, so that the Church could widen its role of providing support and assistance to the wider community. This had led to a link being forged with the Parish Council at the suggestion of Jane Arigho, to further support this work; copies of the Link and invitations to all newcomers in the Parish to a Welcome Sunday Lunch in the summer will be distributed with the Council Welcome Pack.

Sylvia Sims suggested that a spare copy of the Link Magazine be given each month to every distributor, so that they had a copy to pass on to someone who currently doesn't take the Link Magazine. This was agreed as a good idea.

6. **Electoral Roll Report.** – Mrs Sheilah Collis reported that this year everyone was required to re-subscribe to be on the Church Electoral Roll.

Last year there were 121 names on roll.

This year there were 104 so far, with more on their way.

This included 71 resident in the Parish,

2 names removed due to deaths,

11 removed due to moving away,

17 who had not re-enrolled,

10 who were new to the roll.

7. **Deanery Synod Report** – Included in the Annual Report.

8. **Reports from other groups** – Included in the Annual Report.

9. **Elections.**

Deanery Synod – next elections in 2020.

3 PCC Members

Peter Chew proposed by Heather Clark and seconded by Andrew Briggs.

Peter Hardy proposed by Sheilha Collis and seconded by Sylvia Sims.

Marriane Tomkies proposed by Carrie Darke and seconded by Heather Clark.

Robert Herridge proposed by Jeremy Houghton-Brown and seconded by Glynis Herridge.

Julian Sims proposed by Heather Clark and seconded by Jeremy Houghton-Brown.

All were declared elected.

Appointment of Sidespersons – List Attached.

Safeguarding Officer – Mr Melvyn Beynon has offered to take over this role for the Benefice, after working alongside Mrs Alison Steven for the past year. The offer was accepted.

Appointment of Independent Examiner – Kerry O'Neill of KJO Accountancy Services Limited to continue in role.

10. **AOB**

Sylvia Sims asked if it was possible to have an updated list of key holders for the Church as she felt it was likely that there were more sets of keys around than we know about.

Behind the Scenes – Celebration and Thanks.

Carol Sims and Heather Brooks talked about the work of the Messy Church, their personal involvement and the strength of support from the children and parents from Hyde School.

Jenny Rice asked if there were any plans to start a Vintage Messy Church Group. There are currently no plans to do so, although it was felt to be a good idea, but a new team would need to be formed to run it.

Canon Gary Philbrick had prepared a number of certificates of thanks to be given to:

Glynis Herridge in recognition of all the work she does behind the scenes to support the smooth running of services.

Charlie Ginger in thanks for his work as the Link Magazine editor as he steps down from this role.

Julian Sims in thanks for his work as Churchwarden as he steps down from this role.

Looking forwards

Benefice of the Future. – Although the first year had been slow, after restructuring to a Consultancy lead approach, much more had been achieved. In particular looking for ways of worship to appeal to the 20-40 age gap. The Alpha Course had been a great success. The introduction of the Church Desk computer system is being rolled out. There is also a need to look at ways of simplifying the running of the Benefice to support sustainability. Discussion around the service structure will be part of this process.

Church Improvements – Heather Clark talked through the proposals for new heating and lighting systems in the Church, together with the process that had taken place in coming to these conclusions. Jeremy Houghton-Brown talked through the proposals regarding the alterations to the positioning of pews, additional seating and carpeting of the Church. Funding is already secured for the heating and lighting projects, and it is hoped that these will go ahead before the autumn. Other Church improvement works would require further fund raising activities.

Jenny Rice suggested that the hand rail on the path leading down to the Church Centre should be extended to reach the rear entrance as this is our disabled access. This was considered a good proposal which the PCC should look into.

- PCC to consider.

There was some discussion about the proposal to remove a number of pews from the Church to improve access, as there were mixed opinions on this matter. Canon Gary Philbrick explained that it would be the responsibility of the PCC to take the final vote on this decision, but he encouraged anyone with views on this to speak to a member of, or write to the PCC, so that all opinions could be considered in future planning.

The PCC Meeting

- 1. Appointments.** Vice Chair – Julian Sims
Secretary – Carrie Darke

Treasurer – Ann Edwards

All agreed.

2. **Date of next meeting.** Thursday 2nd May.
3. **Any co-options needed.** No.
4. **AOB.** Arrangements for Holy Week across the Benefice can be found in the A.V.P. Lent, Holy Week and Easter Guide. Also posted week by week in Partners.
The Walk of Witness on Good Friday will leave St. Mary's Church at 10.40 a.m. and the Service in the Square will start at 12 noon.
Marriane Tomkies reported that the special collection for Tear Fund for flood relief in Africa, together with a donation from Godshill Players had totalled £359. Together with gift aid this would total a donation of over £400.

Marriane Tomkies also requested that thanks be recorded in the Minutes for the work that Barbara Strong does for the music in our Church, particularly her enthusiasm with the choir. Canon Gary Philbrick responded that he would like to add her name to the list of thanks and would prepare an official certificate of thanks to send to her.

- CGP produce a certificate of thanks for Barbara Strong.

Closing Prayer. – lead by Canon Gary Philbrick.

Canon Gary Philbrick closed the meeting, asking anyone who had any matter that they would like to raise with the PCC to inform their future discussions and decision making, to do so either in person or by letter please. He expressed the hope that everyone felt able to approach either himself or other members of the Clergy or Churchwardens with their thoughts or concerns at any time through the year, not only at the APCM. He thanked everyone for their support and attendance.