

# ST MARY, HOOK WITH WARSASH

## Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in the Church Hall

### 1 **Welcome**

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to ensure that they signed-in.

### 2 **Present & Apologies -**

31 present and 15 apologies as per sign-in list .

### 3 **Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

No amendments, proposed by Glenda Edmondson, seconded by Felicity Cory. All in favour.

### 4 **Matters Arising**

None.

### 5 **Report of the Electoral Roll officer - 179 names on the roll. Net addition of four over last year.**

### 6 **Report on the annual proceedings of the PCC**

Iain read a written report which was in more detail than the formal report in the Annual Accounts. Copy attached. No questions.

### 7 **Report of the Churchwardens on Fabric of the Church**

Roger gave the report on behalf of the Churchwardens. No issues. The Stonework on south porch has now been fixed and rectified. Rose Daubeny and Liz Simpson have created a new altar frontal. Thanks to both for that. A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased during the year. There are two Imagine projects ongoing at the moment. We have a faculty application for a new servery in the choir vestry. This is not to be confused with a kitchen (where you would be able to prepare food). The intention is only to be able to serve hot drinks and wash up. The DAC required a visit from the Architect which has delayed matters, but following submission of further drawings, approval is to be recommended. Thanks to Sandy Gravestock for donating the Units that will be installed once approval has been received. There are financial implications to the Imagine projects. There is also a Quinquennial inspection due in August this year. This may have financial implications as well. The Churchyard is to be covered later. The PCC in 2015 agreed a number of resolutions to move forward. All the faculty application steps have been followed. The next burial in the Churchyard will be the first that is over-buried. The land to the south of the Church is unsold, and Fareham have placed Tree Protection Orders on all of the trees, so the environment will stay the same. Thanks from the Churchwardens to various people including Office, Liz, Glenda and Elaine, Church Flowers and Carol Barnden, Pastoral Care Team led by Nicky-Sue. Baptism and Weddings, all those on PCC especially those retiring this year, all those involved in the production and distribution of the Parish News, Friends of the Churchyard, Sidesmen, readers, brass cleaners, chalice assistants, all volunteers, retired clergy, and Mike and Nicky-Sue. Also thanks to anyone else that they have forgotten. Thanks to both Wardens for all they have done this year, and all that they will do in the forthcoming year. No questions.

## 8 Report of the Treasurer

Income in 2015 was £9,175 more than expenditure. In 2014 it was only £350 more than expenditure. Finance Group now meet to review budget and discuss finances regularly, and this helps cut down lengthy discussions at PCC Meetings. New Parish Giving Scheme started in Sept 2015 now has 58 givers, of which 6 are non-taxpayers, 12 are anonymous and 4 are new givers. Thanks to all who contribute financially to St Mary's. Thanks also to Sandy Gravestock and Pam Hutchings for counting the weekly banking. Thanks to Liz for all that she does. No questions. Mike added that a major reason for our large surplus was that we had not spent the money planned for the graveyard but that we would have to fund that this year instead, as well as the infrastructure Imagine projects and the increased salary for Alex.

## 9 Report from Deanery Synod

Liz read a pre-written report which is attached. It was also noted that Liz works as the Deanery Lay Chair. Churches in the area will have to grow as there will be 20,000 new people coming to the area in the new developments at North Whiteley and Welborne. As a Deanery, need to focus on future as there is no money for extra stipends. Group Ministry and Clusters have been rejected as means of working closer together as Deanery churches so we need to explore other options. We are a forward-looking Deanery. We have a plan. Thanks to Carol and Liz for all they do.

## 10 Elections of representatives to PCC

The following were appointed for a three year term –  
Alexandra Hughes, proposed by Iain Wilkie and seconded by Roger Clear, and Richard Kennedy, proposed by Alexandra Hughes and seconded by Sarah Sands. Thanks to those who have served on the PCC this year, and those who are retiring.

## 11 Appointment of Sidesmen

The following were appointed.

Liz Simpson	Felicity Cory	Mike Cory	Steven Selmes
Julie Selmes	David Gailor	Gill Gailor	Peter Starkey
Sheila Blandford	David Sadler	Jill Sadler	Shaun Francis
Dorothy Denton	Jim Sigley	Ginny Wilkie	Roger Clear
Roger Peplow	Pat Gulliford	Peter Upward	Roger Page
James Tilmouth	Margaret Adams	Jean Buckles	Alan Buckles
James Donlevy	Sally Donlevy		

Proposed by Sally Clear, seconded by Ginny Wilkie. Unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that we need more people on rosters.

## 12 Appointment of Independent examiner

Richard D.Glyn-Jones has expressed his willingness to act as Independent Examiner for 2016. Proposed by Margaret Adams, seconded by Eva Upward. All in favour.

## 13 Summary and Report by Vicars

Please see attached written report. They continue to relish living here. Mike thanked everyone for the Informal Reports which showed that we really have a vibrant community here with lots going on. Thanks to many people including both Wardens, Liz, Iain, Liz Lamb for the Pewsheets. Thanks to the Office for all their hard work. We need to grow using the Growing Our Church course as a starting point but we need to be very aware of the impact of several people stepping back from voluntary service and also that our finances remain a significant concern. Thanks from Nicky-Sue for their home, still juggling time and finding feet getting into the Vicar, and Vicars wife role, 1.5yrs into the job. Blessed by other people's hospitality and want to return it!

**14 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 2021**

16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the consecration of the St. Mary’s Church in Warsash. It is only five years away. Maybe something will come out of the Growing Our Church Course. We need to keep this in mind. It is also a Warsash Festival Year.

**15 AOB**

Roger Moseley gave a vote of formal thanks to both Vicars for all of the hard work that they have done over the last year. We are blessed to have them.

The Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration will see a semi Civic Service in Warsash on 12<sup>th</sup> June at the 10am service. Mainly for Adults. Children will have a separate activity. Ad-hoc picnic on Strawberry Fields at lunchtime. It will be a case of “Bring your own food”. Alex will be organising a Messy Church the Thursday before called “Messy Majesty”.

19<sup>th</sup> May will see a CDEG sponsored event in Alverstoke on different ways of doing Church. Ideas from Titchfield; Portchester; Lee; Alverstoke.

All serving Vicars in England have received letters from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to get their parishes to pray for the re-evangelisation of the country in the run up to Pentecost. We shall obtain booklets for individuals to use, with a daily passage, reflection and prayer for nine days before Pentecost. Local churches are involved, we are welcome to join their events in praying for the Nation.

Peter Upward reminded everyone that we do not have a Social Committee, and we need one as we need to be able to raise additional funds to be able to pay for projects. Bob Bottomley is pursuing possible grant funding options.

**16 Date of Next APCM**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 following the Vestry Meeting.

Closing Prayers were said by Mike.

Signed .....Date .....

**Following a short break, a presentation on our Churchyard Strategy was given by Roger Clear and several questions were taken.**

**Attachments:-**

- PCC Secretary’s Report**
- Treasurer’s Report**
- Deanery Synod**
- Vicar’s Report**
- Churchyard Strategy Presentation**