

Annual Church Meeting of All Saints Stranton
7th April 2019

There were 36 people in attendance at the meeting. Apologies were received from six people.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners, 2019

1. **Prayers** Rev'd Dr Norman Shave opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Election of Church Wardens**

Angela Craig and Peter Anderson have both been nominated and there being no other nominations, Angela and Peter were duly elected as churchwardens.

The Chair thanked Peter and Angela for their help in the last year, it was tremendous. Thanks also to Rohan Wanduragala and David House for their support.

This concluded the meeting of Parishioners which was declared closed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2019

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Andrew and Elspeth Craig, Jean Waller, Margaret Lumley, Cheryl Mills and Lynda Parvin

2. **Minutes of APCM 14th April 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2018 which had been viewed and commended by PCC were accepted as a true record.

No matters arising.

3. **Vicar's Report**

We give thanks and praise to God for his love, faithfulness and work amongst us. We have seen growth in the numbers attending the 8:30 service, also an increase in the number of families and children attending 10:30 service and Messy Church.

Thanks to God for Burbank Community Church, school governors, work with asylum seekers and refugees and the fellowship found in the home groups. Thanks to Jean Waller for amazing work amongst a much larger group asylum seekers in the town.

Our thanks go to all members of St Matthew's Hall committee who have worked together on plans and obtained funding to build an additional kitchen and accessible toilet facility.

Barbara Butcher who has been responsible for ensuring that DBS certificates are in place for all volunteers has stood down. Our thanks were extended to Barbara for her reliability and accuracy during this time.

Thank you to Rev'd Andrew Craig for the positive way he has been covering the services at St Luke's.

Andrew intends to retire as a non-stipendiary minister in the summer.

Norman asked if there were any observations or questions.

Jacqui Rogers thanked Norman for all his hard work & diligence in negotiating the successful outcome of talks with the three parishes joining together as the Central Town Churches. It has been appreciated how much time and effort he had expended on top of his 'usual' duties.

4. **Electoral Roll Revision**

A full revision of the electoral roll was carried out. The electoral roll is down from 137 to 110.

Thank you Ken for keeping the electoral role up to date.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The full accounts can be seen on the notice board, they have also been published on the web-site.

Accounts have been approved by PCC and will be placed on Charity Commissioner Web-site, also Church web-site.

Over last 10 years we have been too reliant on a few generous givers , Over the last few weeks giving, encouraging people to sign up to the PGS scheme. A number of PCC members have already joined the PGS Scheme. Encouraging people to give favourably and prayerfully. Members of the PGS scheme can

automatically increase, by inflation, their donation each year. Re-imbusement of gift aid comes in monthly. Donations can be made anonymously if donators wish, only the PGS scheme administrators would know who was giving and the amount given.

There are 3 ways of giving - envelope system, standing order and PGS scheme. People are encouraged to gift aid their donations if possible

A number of people give in kind. It would be advantageous to church if the expenses were claimed and then donated back to church if the person was a tax payer. Church could then claim gift aid tax from HMRC which is worth 25% of the donation.

During 2018 we reviewed our gas and electricity costs and are now supplied with green energy. St Matthew's CC committee have taken over some of our administrators' hours. Work on accessible toilet and hospitality area provision is continuing. Trust funds and grants will cover the cost of this work.

Thank you to Maureen, Barbara and Ken for their assistance. Thank you to all who give generously

Norman thanked David for continuing as treasurer and to each and every one for their contribution to the costs of running church. Last year we managed to provide for all our needs.

6. Appoint an Independent Examiner or Auditor

Clive Rathbone is happy to continue as Independent Examiner.

A thank you letter will be sent to Clive Rathbone.

7. Churchwarden's Report (Buildings and Fabric)

Written report included in the Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council. Some electrical work needs doing as reported in the Electrical Installation Report. Quotations are currently being received.

8. Burbank Community Church, Youth, Children and Families

A written report included in the Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council is accepted.

Numbers attending church have dropped during 2018 but the home group carries on. A micro grant to fund the costs incurred by Create (an evening, once a term, similar to Messy Church) held in WJPS was received.

This grant will cover the costs of food supplied by school cook.

Bridgebuilders is going well with approximately 18 children attending each Wednesday after school. Two people from YFC and one mum from the estate help at this event.

Three YF leaders left in the summer. Two new leaders have been recruited but would like more to ensure this group continues.

No questions were asked. Thank you Clive.

9. Election of Members to the PCC (5 vacancies)

Four vacancies for election until 2022 (3 years). Mary Tones, Lynda Parvin, David Craig and Azam Chaichi have been nominated. No-one else wishes to stand. Under strict rules nominees need to be on the electoral roll for six months before being elected.

Mary, Lynda, David and Azam were duly elected.

The meeting was in favour of this. Congratulations to everyone.

Andrew Rogers was elected as Lay Chair.

10. Appointment of Sides Persons

Delegated to PCC.

11. Other Reports

See Annual Report for Health and Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR and St Matthew's. Work has started on the new kitchen extension, builders hope to 'break through' into the new kitchen on Monday. Once building work has been completed a new fire alarm system will be installed with all users being trained to use it.

Barbara Butcher has put a lot of work into this project, no matter what other documents say. Thank you to Barbara and all the volunteers at St Matthew's.

Thank you to everyone who has compiled a report.

12. Any Other Business

Service Times

Proposed changes in service times to maintain good quality Sunday worship around three parishes.

To allow travelling time for clergy and good pastoral engagement before and after service.

Proposal from 1st September –

- 10:30 service to move to 11:00. If this happens Norman will be available at Stranton three Sundays out of four.
- 8:30 service can move to 9:00. This doesn't need to happen but appears most members of the congregation are happy with this.
- Will discuss with those involved the best time to carry out baptisms.

The meeting was asked if anyone would like to comment or if there was any major objectives.

Only one - David Craig said an 11:00 service could mean a long morning for those clearing up.

The meeting closed at 12:30 p.m.