

PCC AGM

Attendance & Apologies

Present were:

Clergy: Rev. Richard Newton (Chair), Rev. Kim Topham
Wardens: Rosemarie Buchan, Neill Robb
Hon. Treasurer: Jon Prior
Hon. Secretary: Harry Grove
PCC Members: Janet Steele, Alison Lewis
& Joe Weston, Paul Timmins, Dinah Davis, Anne

Apologies received: Rose Padmore, Martin Whittaker, Anne Harris, Jan Prior, N.B.

Previous Minutes:* The Minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted. No matters arising.

Elections:

PCC. Janet Steele, Sarah Eagle and Steve Eagle were all retiring.
RN gave them his thanks for their membership of the Council and for the time and work which they had contributed.

There were no nominations for vacancies on the Council.

Deanery Rep.

There were no nominations for the vacancy.

HG to continue as St. Leonard's representative on the 'Greater Dudley' Deanery.

KT to re-establish our membership of 'Greater Dudley' with the Deanery Secretary (probable confusion over our being part of 'Bromsgrove and Redditch' resulting in not being informed of events taking place).

Sides-people:* Membership to be reviewed.

Ind. Examiner: Our current Independent Examiner to be approached and confirmed in place for 2022/23.

Electoral Roll:* NR confirmed that there were 61 (sixty-one) people on the Electoral Roll.

PCC Report:* The secretary read the PCC Report to the meeting.
(Copy on file).

Treasurer's Report:* JP distributed hard copies of the Accounts, Balance and Forecast.
(Copy on file).
He commented that_

- Attendance collections (plate) were down - given there were fewer services held
- Clent Parish Council (Civic) had made a contribution to the maintenance of the clock and the bells (given that they were part-and-parcel of Clent village life)
- Interest from Barbara Palmer's legacy went towards flowers in the church
- We were aiming to maintain our contribution towards 'Parish Share' at our previous level (even if less than optimum) at £22,000
- Anticipated increases in fuel costs predicted to rise from £3k to £7k
- Admin. Expenses were now shared with the Hagley Office
- Some £12k remains 'reserved' for the Vine Lane wall project

While we have 'broken even' during 2018 – 2021 it was anticipated that we would 'make a loss' subsequently with increased costs/overheads and diminishing income.

JP thanked Mark for his work as Independent Auditor.
RN thanked JP for his "understandable" explanation of the Accounts, acceptance of which was put to the meeting:
Proposed - Louise McMichael _ Seconded - Rosemarie Buchan
Carried unanimously.

Fabric Report:* NR submitted a written report.
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Synod Report:* HG read his report to the meeting.

Rector's Report:* RN read his report to the meeting (as opposed to our 'custom-and-practice' of hearing it in place of the sermon).
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- The new Benefice came into being on 1st April (*no joke !*)
For all three churches – St. Leonard, Clent, & St. John and St. Saviour, Hagley, RN was the Rector – KT was Assistant Priest.
Alison Lewis was LLM and Rose Padmore ALM
- Singing, flowers and coffee were back !
- Services would have a more 'contemporary' language
- Two magazines would serve our area – one more community-based and one more church-dedicated.

General Reports:* All submitted reports were available on-line.

Wardens' Thanks:* RB read her usual Vote-of-Thanks to all who had served in the past year and for the contribution to the smooth running of the church and its services.
Our 5 various service styles ought to deliver 'something for everyone'.
Please come and enjoy them.
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NR gave his personal vote-of-thanks to both RN and KT for their leadership and guidance.

A.O.B.: Nil.

Dates: The 2023 AGM would be scheduled for the 4th Sunday in February that year.
The date / time of the next meeting of the PCC would be circulated.