

Barnsley St Edward the Confessor

Annual Meeting of Parishioners Annual Parochial Church Meeting Minutes of the meetings held on 12th March 2023

Opening prayers

Apologies for absence: Sheila Melville, Dorothy Jenkinson

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1) Minutes of AMP held on 13th March 2022 were agreed

2) Election of two churchwardens: Maggie Cawthorne was elected unopposed

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1) Minutes of APCM held on 13th March 2022 were agreed.

2) Matters arising from the minutes: item 6: St Thomas's are now holding service of the word. There is someone at St Mary's/St Paul's who could do service of the word, but a communion service must be held at St Mary's every Sunday.

3) Reports: the annual report is on the church website and a link has been posted in the email with the last two pew sheets.

- Rev Phil Maries (chair) thanked PCC members, who have contributed to discussions and decision-making at meetings, and everyone who helps at the church including cleaners, flower arrangers and those who contribute to services, particularly Fred Thompson.
- Rev Phil said that the church has grown in the last 12 months, not only on Sunday mornings but also on Tuesdays at the Coffee Club, Bible study and Benefice walking group
- Rev Phil said we must pray for the right person to be appointed as incumbent of the Benefice. We want to keep our own identity in the future, as do the other churches in the Benefice.
- The Benefice Mission Group met at the beginning of last year to discuss mission and evangelism in the Benefice. St Edward's' mission priorities are to work with local schools and extend outreach in to the community; we have met our targets by organising the nativity walk-through and the Coffee Club.
- Christians together in Barnsley organised an outreach in the town centre last Christmas and will be organising a Good Friday outreach this Easter.
- St Edward's supports the local foodbank, which is necessary as use has increased
- There are 42 names on the electoral roll
- As parish safeguarding officer, Margaret Gostelow reminded those present that we are all responsible for protecting children and vulnerable adults. We have policies which are reviewed every year to check they comply with CofE guidance and legislation, and which contain advice on what to do if you are concerned about a child, young person or vulnerable adult. All PCC members have completed on-line training in safeguarding children and domestic violence

- The treasurer thanked Rhoda Beard for her assistance as deputy treasurer.
- The treasurer said we have not been able to pay our parish share in full as we are holding our reserves for the church building. The latest QI has identified the work that needs to be done.
- There were no questions on the annual report.

4) Elections and Appointments:

- The following people were elected unopposed to the PCC: Rhoda Beard, John Gostelow, Margaret Gostelow for one year
- Fred Thompson was elected unopposed to the Deanery Synod for three years
- BCVS will be appointed as independent examiner and this was approved by the meeting.

5) Resolutions: no resolutions were received

6) Future Plans:

- Rev Phil explained that he will be less available from May as he will be undertaking a year's training programme on how to present a course 'Confident Leadership for Missional Churches' across the Leeds diocese in 2024. He has made a commitment to remain in Barnsley for the next four years
- Rev Phil has been asked to train a curate who will work with St George's and St Edward's. A curate is an ordained minister in a training post who carries out certain tasks, for example funerals.
- Members of the Benefice PCC are currently working with the Archdeacon to write a Benefice brochure, role description and person specification for the next incumbent following Fr Stephen Race's appointment as Bishop of Beverley. Please contact Margaret Gostelow with your views. Rev Phil indicated his intention to apply for the job of incumbent.