

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH, ALMONDSBURY**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**  
**HELD ON SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2021 AT 4.00PM IN THE CHURCH**  
**AND LIVESTREAMED VIA FACEBOOK**

1. Rev'd Philip Rowe opened the meeting with a reading (Psalm 145:4) and prayer.
2. Mike Jenkinson was elected as Clerk of the meeting.
3. Attendees: List not available as this time
4. Apologies: Paul van Rossum. Susan Fairey, David Thomson, Judi Thomson

**Election of Churchwarden**

No nominations have been received.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**1. The election of Parochial representatives**

4 Nominations were received:

Rose Pullen - to serve until APCM 2023

Dick Avery - to serve until APCM 2024

Nick Roach - to serve until APCM 2024

Rosemary Griffiths - to serve until APCM 2024

It was noted that we still require the following representatives:

3 representatives to serve until APCM 2022

3 representatives to serve until APCM 2023

**2 The appointment of Sidesmen**

John Burregess	Barry Coltham	Susan Fairey	Jenny Garrigan	Thelma Gibbs	
Rosemary Griffiths		Santie Human	John Ingle	Lucy Ingle	Clare Jefferis
Tim Jefferis	Graham Jeffery	Karen Kearley	Luisa Keig	Mike Keig	Tony Kite
Carolyn Morris Metcalf		Rosemarie Palmer		Alison Rowe	Pam Skelding
David Thomson	Judi Thomson	Liz Tierney	Michael Tierney	Pam van Rossum	Dick Vooght

All were duly appointed. Philip Rowe thanked the sidesmen for carrying out their duties in welcoming the congregation.

**3 The appointment of the Independent Examiner**

Nomination: Tony Kite

All in favour

Tony Kite was duly elected.

#### **4 Consideration of:**

##### **a) A report of the new Electoral Roll**

There is a total of 127 on the electoral roll. 77 who are resident within the Parish and 50 who are resident outside the Parish.

A new Electoral Roll Officer is to be elected by the PCC.

##### **b) Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council**

The report which had previously been available on the Church website, was reviewed and accepted. Philip Rowe thanked all representatives who contributed to the Annual Report, and for all the work they do within the Church.

##### **c) The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

The financial statements had previously been available on the Church website.

Philip Rowe gave thanks to Nick Roach for his work keeping the accounts and continuing as Treasurer.

Acceptance of the accounts:

Proposed by Philip Rowe and seconded by Graham Jeffery.

All in favour.

##### **d) A report of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church**

The report was included in the Annual Report.

Philip Rowe gave thanks to Graham Jeffery, Mike Tierney and John Ingle for their work on maintaining the building.

##### **e) A report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

The report was included in the Annual Report.

Philip Rowe gave thanks to Alison Rowe, Clare Jefferies and David Thomson for their contributions as our representatives.

##### **f) Other matters of parochial or general church interest**

Nothing raised.

##### **g) Seek ideas of how the church can serve the community**

Priorities after lockdown:

1 Getting back to 3 services (Dates to be discussed with PCC)

2 Focus on Children's Work from September 2021

3 Small Groups/Socials/Courses (Discipleship)

##### **h) Questions or comments**

Jenny Garrigan: Susan Fairey and Jenny would like to thank everyone for keeping services and connections going during lockdown.

Celia Jenkinson: Any idea of a timescale for getting back to 3 services once singing is allowed.

Joy Laban: Should try to sing at one service before going back to 3? Might be good but down to the PCC.

Jenny Garrigan: Would like to make a plea for the return of the 8.00am service - yes subject to people stepping up to organise.

David Laban: Consider having 8.00am and 10.00am services as an interim step - down to the PCC.

David Laban: Suggested a questionnaire for people to respond in writing - down to the PCC.

Graham Jeffery: If wearing masks, could start 8.00am service in the nave - may be issues re time to clean between services.

Celia Jenkinson: Social side including food? Any plans? Have coffee after a service when allowed. We could operate a Covid café now, if people are willing to step up, otherwise, once Covid restrictions are removed.

Graham Jeffery: Church heating post 2030. Our next major expenditure will be to replace the boiler in order to be carbon neutral by 2030. This needs to be considered in due course.

The meeting closed with the grace at 16.40hrs.