



**THE BENEFICE OF PONTEFRACT
PARISH OF ST GILES WITH ST MARY'S**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held at St Giles on Sunday, 4th October 2020 at 11.00am**

MINUTES

Meeting chaired by: Canon June Lawson

1. Welcome

Canon June welcomed all those present with an opening prayer.

Apologies for absence here?

The Chair stated that due to Covid-19 it was necessary to conduct the meeting in a way that fulfils the necessary legalities for an AMP/APCM. The booklets had been circulated in good time and ER members invited to contribute any questions on the reports. These would have been responded to by written response in preparation for the meeting. No questions had been received.

2. Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

2.1 Six-year rule (short paper provided ahead of the meeting).

Thanks were given to the Churchwardens (Jill Clapham, Peter Lavine, Pam Mercer and Barbara Sessford) for their dedication and commitment to the role. JC is to step down to dedicate more time to her training as a reader. Barbara Sessford has fulfilled 6 successive terms of office.

A sheet had previously been circulated with a draft resolution: **'to rescind the disqualification (section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001) that makes churchwardens subject to the 6-year rule and therefore not eligible to stand for election as churchwarden. It is noted that the resolution may be revoked by a subsequent Meeting of the Parishioners.'**

After explaining the paper presented, the Chair put forward the resolution above as something to be voted upon.

Proposed by: John Colvill

Seconded by: Tom Watson

Agreed unanimously by those present (33) plus one in absentia.

2.2 Election of 4 churchwardens for one year.

Three nominations were received, approved and elected:

Bruce Dalgleish, proposed by Pamela Mercer, seconded by James MacDonald

Peter Lavine, proposed by Linda Atkins, seconded by Geoff Walsh

Pamela Mercer, proposed by Jill Clapham, seconded by Barbara Sessford

Previously, churchwardens would be sworn in by the Archdeacon, but due to COVID-19, this had been devolved to the incumbent and all three churchwardens were duly sworn in by Canon June Lawson.

3. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

3.1 Apologies for absence

Received from Sonia Atkins, David Brooks, Jill Clapham, Bevil and Fiona Edwards, Roger Sessford, Barrie and Bridget Sowerby, Fr. Michael Taylor, Paul and Ann Harris.

3.2 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 24 March 2019

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

3.3 Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

Two applications had been received recently for entry to the Electoral Roll and all present agreed to their inclusion.

Judith Lawrence
Margaret Rush

4. Appointments

4.1 Election of 3 members of the PCC and 1 Casual Vacancy for 1 year.

The number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies so no election was required. The following were proposed to be elected to the St Giles' PCC for a period of 3 years:

Lynne Davis: proposed by Karen Glynn, seconded by Judith Lawrence
David Leigh: proposed by Barbara Lavine, seconded by Peter Lavine
Janet Robinson: proposed by Bill Bradley, seconded by Peter Lavine
Barbara Sessford: proposed by Peter Lavine, seconded by Pam Mercer (1-year casual)

Sheila Roydhouse is to step down.

All nominations were approved and accepted.

4.2 Election of 4 Deanery Synod Representatives

Previously, the representatives were Lynne Davis, Maureen Gummerson, Paul Harris, and Tony Williams.

Nominations were received from:

Maureen Gummerson: proposed by Joyce Bellamy, seconded by Sonia Atkin
Tony Williams: proposed by Jill Clapham, seconded by David Brooks
Paul Harris' term of office will end December 2020.

All nominations were approved and accepted.

5. Reports

An Annual Report booklet was previously published two weeks prior to the meeting containing all statutory reports: Electoral Roll Officers Report – changes to the Roll; Fabric, Health and Safety Report; Deanery Synod Report; Safeguarding Report and financial statements.

Non-statutory reports have been provided for information as part of the APCM booklet, which helps us to see what has happened in the life of the church throughout the year, March 2019-2020.

Permission was requested to add 3 omissions:

- a. A large amount of work goes on behind the scenes in the St Giles' Centre with administering lettings for the groups who use the rooms and so huge thanks must go to Bill Bradley for his dedication to this.
- b. To thank Angela Sibbit for her invaluable work as PCC secretary until January 2020.
- c. To thank Ann Harris for her assistance in the production of the Parish Magazine.

All requests were approved and accepted.

5.1 Acceptance of St Giles PCC Accounts for 2019, inc. St Mary's, Missions Group and the St Giles' Centre Accounts.

All accounts were included in the APCM booklet previously circulated.

David Leigh, Treasurer, advised that work on the tower had exceeded the budget by approximately £16000. The Parish Share had been paid in full.

The accounts were approved and accepted by all.

5.2 Appointment of the Independent Examiner

John Ransome to continue to be the Independent Examiner, a role he performs without charge. Proposed by: Derek Hodgson, seconded by Janet Robinson.

5.3 Chair's Report is published in the APCM booklet.

5.4 Any Other Business

No other business had been communicated ahead of the meeting.

6. Closing prayer