



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

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held at St Giles on Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.15a.m.**

MINUTES

Meeting chaired by: Canon June Lawson

1. Welcome

Canon June welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Meeting of Parishioners (Vestry Meeting)

Canon June gave a huge thank you to the Churchwardens for their dedication and commitment throughout the past year which had been particularly demanding in keeping the church and community safe during these Covid times.

2.1 Election of 4 Churchwardens for one year

Four nominations were received, approved and elected.

Peter Lavine, proposed by Barbara Sessford, seconded by Pam Mercer

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Bruce Dalglish, proposed by Ruth Carter, seconded by Pam Mercer

Barbara Sessford, proposed by Ian Wood, seconded by Karen Glynn

David Brookes proposed that all the nominations should be approved and the nominees elected, seconded by John Colvill.

Churchwardens will be sworn in by the Archdeacon on 5th July.

3. Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

3.1 Apologies for Absence

Received from Maureen Gummerson, Peter and Barbara Lavine.

**3.2 Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4th October 2020
(postponed from 22nd March 2020)**

The minutes were accepted and agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.
Proposed, Lynne Davis, seconded Ulric Murray.

4. Appointments

4.1 Election of 4 members of the PCC

Thanks were expressed to Ulric Murray and Linda Atkins whose term of office (3 years) had ended and Barbara Sessford (1 year).

Nominations were received from:

Ulric Murray, proposed by Bruce Dalglish, seconded by Pam Mercer

Jill Clapham, proposed by Barbara Sessford, seconded by Karen Glynn.

Frank Ward (St Mary's representative), proposed by Christine Benham, seconded
Delia Perritt

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by Frank Ward

All were approved and accepted.

4.2 Election of 2 Deanery Synod Representatives (casual vacancies)

Nomination received from:

Ruth Carter, proposed by Fiona Edwards, seconded by Bevil Edwards

Approved and accepted.

5. Reports and Acceptance

The Annual Report booklet was published and distributed two weeks before the meeting and contained the following statutory reports:

Electoral Roll Officers Report

Fabric, Health & Safety Report

Deanery Synod report

Safeguarding report

Financial Statements

The Annual Report booklet also contained 15 non-statutory reports reflecting the life of the church throughout the year.

All the reports were approved and accepted.

Proposed by Janet Robinson and seconded by James McDonald

5.1. Acceptance of St Giles PCC Accounts for 2020 including St Mary's, Mission Group and St Giles Centre Accounts

All the accounts were included in the Annual Report booklet previously circulated and once again Covid had detrimentally impacted on the church finances.

David Leigh, Treasurer, pointed out that in the **Looking Forward** statement contained within his financial report, there was an omission of £24,250 income from grants for the current work taking place on the South Nave roof which would reduce the stated costs of £34,000 to £9,750. However additional work to the ridge tiles will increase this sum by a further £9,000. Consequently, the stated balance of Doreen Leach's legacy is adjusted from £50,000 to £61,000.

The accounts, which had previously been accepted by the PCC, were approved and accepted.

Proposed by John Colvill, seconded by Maureen Milnes.

5.2 Appointment of Independent Examiner

John Ransome to continue to be the Independent Examiner, a role he performs without charge.

Proposed by Sonia Atkin, seconded by Mary Murray.

5.3 Vicar's Remarks

Canon June's comprehensive and informative report is published in the Annual Report booklet which refers largely to the effect that Covid has had on church life and thanks everyone for working together throughout this difficult year.

6. Any Other Business

James McDonald wished to express his thanks to Canon June and the churchwardens for their tremendous efforts during the last year in maintaining church life and services, which was endorsed by everyone present.

No other business had been communicated ahead of the meeting.

7. Closing Prayer.