

**The Parish of St Luke Great Crosby
Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30pm
By Zoom Link**

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

3. Present for both meetings

Gillian	Beardwood
Paul	Beardwood
Amanda	Bruce
Hope	Calvert
Jeff	Calvert
Maureen	Cawdron
Helen	Condran
Eric	Deninson
Lesley	Deninson
Bob	Dowson
Sandra	Dowson
Carole	Firth
Colin	Gill
Julie	Gill
Michelle	Heaps
Hugh	Hollinghurst
Bryn	Jones
Jackie	Jones
Pauline	Jones
Zorina	Jones
Annie	Kilroy
Hazel	Large
Agnes	Law
Dave	Lowrie
Lizzie	Lowrie
Jo	Marshall
Jan	Matthews
Steve	Matthews
Diane	McMaster
Linda	Moore
Lyn	Newsham
Shirley	Otten

Jackie	Parry
Chris	Parsons
Margaret	Quayle
Caroline	Ramsey
Deb	Roberts
Hilary	Roberts
Jann	Scobbie
Colin	Stephens
Jane	Stephens
Jim	Stewart
Lynn	Thompson
Vaughan	Thompson
Sandra	Tickle
John	Turner
Rosemary	Turner
Shirley	Wallin
Jan	Wilson
Graham	Wood
Jan	Wood

4. **Apologies** Nicky Fell, Barry Fell , Renee Orme, Bev Seel, Gaynor Robertson, Syl Brown, Vera De Villiers, Keith Cawdron

5. **Appointment of a Clerk to both meetings**

Rosemary Turner was appointed clerk to the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS

1. Minutes of meeting held Monday 24th April 2019

2. Election of Church Wardens

CHURCHWARDEN NOMINATIONS

Colin Vincent Stephens (Jane Stephens; Paul Beardwood)

Agnes Law (Dave Law; Gaynor Robertson)

There were no further nominations so Colin and Agnes were duly elected

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. APCM Minutes from 24th April 2019

AB apologised that the published minutes were inaccurate and advised that all PCC members were emailed a correct version this morning. There were no matters arising. Carol Firth proposed and Bob Dowson seconded that the newly published version was a true and accurate record, and the minutes were accepted.

2. Annual Report for year ending 31 December 2019 (PCC Secretary)

RT presented the report and encouraged people to read and offer reflections on the mission plan. The meeting accepted the report by a show of hands.

3. Finance Report for year ending 31 December 2019 (Treasurer)

Caroline Ramsey presented the finance report year end 2019 with some highlights, and then shared her encouraging view of this years finance. Bless the Lord.

Questions arising -

Paul Beardwood - do we have an agreement with Wildings Barber who also use the parking slots, although these are generally Optisavers slots. CR was unsure of the situation - whether Wildings pay something to Optisavers

Jan Matthews sought clarification about payments from Optisavers - Caroline is hoping to ask them to set up a direct debit in the near future.

Steve Matthews sought clarification on grounds expenses - big difference between 2018 and 2019. Caroline sad that this was result of reordering where moneys allocated

Amanda thanked Caroline on behalf of the church for being treasurer.

4. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Caroline proposed Anthony Deegan from Sefton CVS, Zorina Jones seconded. The meeting accepted the proposal.

5. Electoral Roll Report

Lynn Thompson reported that there are 237 (232 last year) on the roll. She agreed to carry on with this role

6. Fabric Report (Church Wardens)

Colin presented a fabric report:

Church

Generally the church building is in good condition.

Thanks to Dave Law who sanded down and re-varnished the front doors - they look so much better now! We found a reliable commercial heating firm based in Bootle. The 2 gas boilers have been troublesome - both having difficulties in igniting. Paul from the ManShed has made a wooden ramp for outside the vestry fire door. A clapper is missing from one of the bells. A project is in gestation for the replacement of the bells and associated infrastructure.

Hall

Considering the age and type of construction, the hall is in remarkable condition. The exterior wood was painted over the summer although some of the exterior wood cladding and soffits need to be replaced. We experienced main drain problems again with root ingress. Our insurance company were sympathetic and paid for a CCTV inspection and repair.

Church Drive

The new speed humps have slowed the older cars down but newer cars (specially 4x4s) whose suspension rides out the bumps are still a problem. The general condition of the driveway is deteriorating and will need some work on it over the next few years. We experienced a few main drain problems throughout the year which involved United Utilities as they are responsible for the drain downstream from the vicarage.

Agnes presented thanks:

As this very strange year of 2020 continues we look back as Wardens to thank and celebrate the commitment many have made in playing a part in the life of St Luke's in 2019- 2020.

We recognise the ever changing and complex role Amanda has played in leading us. We thank her for her wisdom and guidance on church matters and support in furthering our mission plan of "all involved and being disciples.

We thank all our Clergy, Readers and Others, for their support in services and sharing their gifts of bible Knowledge with us.

Our 4 staff employees, Gaynor, Paul, Renee and Dan, have had to dig deep and find new ways of supporting their various roles. We give you all our thanks and want you to know how much we value you.

For personal reasons our Health and Safety officer, Kiona could no longer continue in the role, but we have found a wealth of expertise in Jim Stewart.

There are many people in St Luke's who have stepped up to keep our large family connected in the past and particularly the present circumstances. Our thanks go out to so many of you as you make phone calls, emails, texts, and visits to make sure we are all in touch.

We are a very unique extended family who love and care for each other in Jesus name.

*Finally thanks to Colin for sharing the Wardens role with me and all that he brings to it.
Words of encouragement from*

Romans 12 v 4-5 says Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Amen

Questions arising -

Jo Marshall - are there any plans to repair the main path from the main road to the front door? Paul replied that there were no immediate plans but will consider this.

Jan Matthews asked about the parish office and hall - Paul has a list of all works that need to be done.

7. Appointment of Sides-persons

Colin presented an email he had sent to all side persons and received either positive or no response, re-affirming all volunteers. These had previously been agreed by the PCC, in line with the change to the Church representation Rules (our governing document as a CofE church).

8. Election of PCC Members

4 members came to the end of their term and Amanda thanked them for their services.

P.C.C. NOMINATIONS – 5 spaces

Marina Penzie (Vivienne Haworth; Hazel Large)

Carole Firth (Julie Gill, Lesley Denninson)

Marina and Carole were duly elected.

[Due to Covid-19 logistics, making completion of paperwork difficult, Carole Firth was nominated as a PCC member, the following day, by Mary Porter and seconded by Margaret Harley]

9. Election of Deanery Synod Reps. – 5 required

Nominations

Zorina Jones (Mary Porter; Barbara Naylor)

Caroline Ramsey (John Turner; Rosemary Turner)

Keith Cawdron (Agnes Law; Maureen Cawdron)

Rosemary Turner (John Turner; Caroline Ramsey)

10. Chairman's Report (Chairperson)

Amanda presented her report:

In September 2019 we held a PCC/Leaders' away day and, alongside regular reviews of the Parish Mission plan in PCC meetings, we created new objectives for 2020. This process allowed us to reflect on the progress made. If you read the full annual report for 2019, you will see the detail of what we achieved. All I want to do in this verbal report is to provide a summary and say well done church!

Stewardship has been a topic for our sermons and for some of our small groups. Teaching on the 5 Marks of Mission in Summer 2019 also proved valuable as we explored what it was to be a missional people, who tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure the world, in

short another series on Stewardship. Stewardship is about our care for God's world in every and the widest of senses, for creation, our buildings, our community and the people that we live and work with, as well as our care for each other and ourselves as God's own people. We have seen our stewardship of God's world around us grow and develop through the giving levels going up across the church membership, enabling us to invest in a church-wide communication system, Church Suite, as well as manage our grounds and plant in a more eco-friendly, useful and mature manner, as recognised in us being awarded the Bronze Eco-church award, and in early 2020 the silver too. We have stewarded each other and those across our community more fully too, with a great team of pastoral carers being led by Helen and Brenda, investment in caring for people in local care homes and involvement in the L23 churches training in pastoral care. Holiday at Home also gave a joy to some of our local residents and is something we will do again when we can. More of the church membership are involved in staffing services, whether through preaching or leading intercessions, reading or as sidespersons, and that requires many of us to continue to grow as disciples. Small groups, The Bible Course and Confirmation for 4 year 6 pupils, wedding prep for 2 couples, and Baptism prep for 25 families were all other ways in which we have grown disciples as a church. We have stronger links with our church school, with my ministry as a Link Governor for year 6 increasing, which benefits those young people as they move onto high school within this community. We also talked in school about the vicar's dog becoming a school dog, and Lesley, Richard and I visited a school dog in Huyton. This is a plan still, delayed by Covid maybe, but still on the agenda (Poppy knows too!). The Halsall Educational Trust had a good number of applicants and gave away grants to all the young women who applied, to help with their first year at Uni. Thanks to Hugh Hollinghurst, Jan Grace and Zorina Jones for their involvement with me in this.

We also lost some of our own and have grieved as a result, including Irene Childs, Gill Bryson, Dot Jones, Pam Armstrong, Maurice Collins, Joyce Armstrong and Jared Whetnall. But, in the midst of loss, we also welcomed new ones to join us as a church family, and it was a delight to see a growing number of babies, toddlers and small children disturbing the peace in our 11am services – long may we be disturbed. Alongside the goodbyes and welcomes, there are also thank you's to be expressed, but as normal I barely know where to start. Agnes and Colin have done some of that, but I and we owe a huge debt of thanks to both Agnes and Colin, they do an immeasurable number of things and serve us in ways both obvious and hidden, and this church wouldn't function without them ... Thank you!! Another key person to thank is our Treasurer – Caroline Ramsey. Being treasurer is never a hotly contested role and Caroline is dedicated to improving our finances as a community, so thank you. Alongside them though serve an amazing staff team - Gaynor, Paul, Dan and Renee – thank you so very much for all you all do – you are incredible! Thanks also go to our whole PCC, our PCC secretary, Rosemary Turner, and Vice-Chair John Turner, those who act as School Governors, especially our Chair, Lesley Deninson, our hospitality team, pastoral care team and retiring leaders (Thank you Helen and Brenda), our prayer team, those who keep our grounds, our sidespersons, musicians, AV technicians and service leading teams, the flower ladies, ministers and preachers, to our small group leaders and world mission team, youth and children's leaders, as well as all those who help in school and in the community and in neighbourhoods, and so many more – you know who you are so thank you!! I think a round of applause is called for from and to us all – well done church and let's continue to together grow to be the church that God calls us to be and do what he gives us to do, in care, in giving, in practical action, in service.

Questions: "...any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may ask any question about parochial church matters, or bring about a discussion of any matter of parochial or general church interest, by moving a general resolution or by moving to give any particular recommendation to the council in relation to its duties."

There were no questions

Zorina Jones offered thanks to Amanda particularly for this last year and for leading us. The meeting approved her thanks by thumbs up and waves.

11. Worship

12. Blessing