

# St Paul Old Ford

## AGM & APCM meeting – 30 May 2021

**Present (in person or online):** Ceri Durham (Chair), Neil Gilbert, April Keech, Fiona Lowther, Tim Murray, Dave Pilkington, Andrew Walters, Anne Zakiewicz, Mike Zakiewicz, Josh Niderost and various others in person or online.

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
Welcome	Welcome by <b>CD</b>	
AGM & election of Churchwardens	<p>Meeting formally opened. All on electoral roll eligible to vote (153 people).</p> <p><b>CD</b> – We have 2 Church warden posts and two candidates. Tim Murray &amp; Fiona Lowther – will stand for Church Warden.  <b>TM proposed by CD, seconded by JN</b>  <b>FL proposed by CD, seconded by JN</b>  <b>TM &amp; FL</b> – elected as church wardens.</p> <p><b>CD</b> – We have 1 candidate for deputy church warden. Tracey Yewman – will stand for Deputy Church Warden.  <b>TL proposed by CD, seconded by JN.</b>  <b>TY</b> elected as deputy church warden.</p> <p><b>Thanks given for NG who is stepping down after 6 years as church warden.</b>  AGM formally closed.</p>	
Opening of APCM	<p><b>CD-</b> Formally opened APCM 2020/2021. All on electoral roll eligible to vote. We have had 6 full PCC meetings during the last year via Zoom.</p> <p>Much of the work of the PCC has been taken up with dealing with Covid-19 and the vacancy following James' resignation as vicar. The advert for a new vicar is currently out. Interviews will take place in July.</p> <p>Despite these things there is still so much taking place: youth work, bible study, pastoral care and congregants going to Nicaragua to take part in missionary work. The deanery synod representatives have been exploring work on digital exclusion, BLM, loneliness and mental health.</p>	
Notice of any other business	None.	
Receiving of reports	Reports received.	
Churchwardens' report	<b>NG</b> – spoke to his report. He is stepping down as church warden after 6 years. He gave thanks to Ceri and April, to previous and current co-church wardens: Andrew, Lorraine, Corrine, Melanie, and Fiona. He gave thanks to Mike for his work as Treasurer. He also gave thanks to Karen and Divya for their work.	

	<p>It has been a blessing to be a church warden. There are lots of exciting things happening in the church now and post-pandemic. This includes projects funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, including the café refurbishment, a new AV system, and the repairs to the buttresses.</p>	
Youth report	<p><b>JL</b> – spoke to her report. Youth work has not stopped despite the pandemic. The church is engaging with more young people including in a local secondary school. Debbie has been recruited – partially via support from the Diocese. Young people from St Paul’s have been involved in shaping the work of the Diocese in the past year.</p>	
Finance report & receiving of accounts	<p><b>MZ</b> – spoke to the financial report. Last year things were very difficult as our expenditure was greater than our income. We were £50,000 in deficit. However, as we come out of the pandemic we are in a strong financial position and have done better than many other churches.</p> <p>We have received over £100,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund’s Cultural Recovery Fund. We have also used the Government’s furlough scheme. During the pandemic we have been able to continue employing all our staff. No one has been made redundant and they had continued to be paid their full salary over and above the furlough money from the Government.</p> <p>Our regular standing orders from the congregation are coming in. Thanks to all who give via this means. All our tenants, including at St Mark’s, continue to pay their rent.</p> <p><b>CD</b> – thanks to <b>MZ</b> for all that he does in the life of the church and especially as treasurer. Call for a volunteer to step forward to be deputy treasurer.</p> <p><b>Opportunity for questions.</b> No questions in the meeting.</p> <p><i>Finance report proposed by <b>CD</b>, Seconded by <b>MZ</b> All in favour.</i></p>	
Approval of Auditors for 2020	<p><b>MZ</b> proposed that we continue to appoint Appleby and Wood as our auditors for 2021/22. Seconded by <b>CD</b>. <b>All in favour.</b></p>	
Curate’s report	<p><b>DP</b> spoke to his report. This included work to support the parish during the vacancy and the work of St Columba during the pandemic.</p>	
Election of PCC	<p><b>PCC elections</b> Due to the numbers on the electoral roll, we are entitled to 12 elected PCC members. We also have several ex officio members, such as clergy, church wardens, and deanery synod reps.</p> <p><b>CD:</b> thanks to those stepping down from the PCC in this time period: Israel, Joy and Taf.</p> <p><i>Current PCC members but term up and wanting to stand again (5) Victor Cummings - proposed by <b>MZ</b> and seconded by <b>CD</b>. Ceri Durham – proposed by <b>MO’R</b> and seconded by <b>PH</b>.</i></p>	

	<p>Neil Gilbert - <i>proposed by <b>FL</b> and seconded by <b>TM</b>.</i>  Jennifer Redman-Hubley - <i>proposed by <b>CD</b> and seconded by <b>JN</b>.</i>  Gerry Spiteri - <i>proposed by <b>CD</b> and seconded by <b>JN</b>.</i></p> <p><i>Not current PCC members (3)</i>  Doris Ani-Agyei - <i>proposed by <b>CD</b> and seconded by <b>JN</b>.</i>  Corrine Louis - <i>proposed by <b>DP</b> and seconded by <b>JL</b>.</i>  Dee Kafeno - <i>proposed by <b>AZ</b> and seconded by <b>JL</b>.</i>  <b>All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>VC, CD, NG, JR-H, GS, DA-A, CL, DK all elected.</b></p>	
Questions	No questions.	
Minutes of previous meeting & approval	Approved.	
Closing prayer	AK closed in prayer.	