

# St Peter's Church, Stoke Fleming

## VESTRY & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 2pm on Zoom.

### MINUTES



#### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

1. Revd Alison opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Apologies: John and Janet Dietz, Sue and Fred Walford, Sarah Stevenson Olds, Hazel Browne, Shirley and Chris Ruddlesden, Josie Hainsworth, Muriel Wakeham.
3. Minutes of last year's Meeting were approved at the PCC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
4. Election of Churchwardens: Revd Alison had received one nomination and John Dietz was thus duly elected. She had previously thanked him for his past work and for his willingness to continue.
5. **Archdeacon's Visitation:** This year the Service will be at St Edmund's Kingsbridge (to enable it to be livestreamed) in the evening on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. (Subsequently this was changed)

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#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Revd Alison led the meeting in prayer again.
2. Minutes of last year's APCM were approved on 7/12/20. There were no matters arising.
3. Presentation of the **Electoral Roll**. Covid restrictions had made the revision of the electoral roll more difficult. Hilary Atkinson explained that there had been 38 on the roll. One had died and one was about to move away, but two others were in the process of applying to join. The number would therefore remain at 38 and the list of names, without addresses, would be posted on the board in due course. Hilary was duly thanked, and passed on her thanks to Peter for his help.
4. Presentation of **THE ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of the PCC**.  
[The Report and Accounts were 'adopted' by the PCC at a previous meeting and were now duly approved by the APCM.]
  - a) **Annual Report** (including the **Safeguarding Report**): This was described as 'a good read' and showed how much had been going on despite Covid. Peter was thanked for producing it. Rokie said how important it was that more people should realise just what the church was doing and urged the use of the website and media for publicity.
  - b) Presentation of **the Accounts** by the Hon. Treasurer. Rosemary was thanked for all her work on the accounts – a 'burden' which she had carried for a very long time. She said that, since Services in Church began again, we were just about covering costs again; but we would seriously miss those who were moving away. She had sent out the annual thank you letters. It was agreed that we do need to find a new treasurer: all were asked to think and pray about this. It would be put on the PCC agenda.
5. Reappointment of *Independent Examiner*: approved, and Rosemary would ask him.

6. Questions from the meeting: none.

7. Elections and Appointments:

a) 2 Deanery Synod Reps: Peter Barker & Rokie Shiffner had been elected in 2020 for 3 years.

b) PCC members.

Hazel Browne had been spending most of her time in Torbay helping her family and anticipated moving there at some point; she was therefore resigning from the PCC. Sarah Stevenson Olds was currently with her parents but wished to remain on the PCC. Hazel Smith would be moving soon but would be able to attend the next 2 PCC meetings. Revd Alison said what an amazing job Hazel had done as Safeguarding Officer: this was an essential role and Hazel was available to talk to with a view to taking it on.

The Rector, Churchwarden, Diocesan and Deanery Synod Reps were ex officio members.

Jenny Harris, Hazel Smith (until she moves), Sarah Stevenson Olds, Heather Stramik and Sue Walford were unanimously re-elected.

c) Election of Sidespersons.

John and Barbara Goddard, David Coaker, John Dietz, David Griffiths, Juliet Holdsworth, John and Rosemary Minshall, Sue Walford and Heather Stramik were appointed.

Rosemary would co-ordinate a rota.

8. Rector's message:

Revd Alison said: "As we slowly move out of a somewhat restricted life we give thanks to God for his provision and his mercy. We have been so fortunate in this part of the world, with our gardens, our coast and our moors, food on our plates, not to mention the steady roll- out of the vaccination programme.

Today we listened to the Gospel reading and Jesus naming himself as The True Vine, and I'm reflecting on the pandemic and the effects of so much having been removed / pruned.

There has been so much suffering in the world, so many deaths and that pain should not ever be underestimated.

But we do have to look forward , to regroup and rebuild .

I believe we serve a God who never fails to surprise us and I'm praying That we remain rooted And are renewal ready to join in with God's work in the world."

9. The next PCC meeting would be on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am on Zoom.

10. Revd Alison led the meeting in a final prayer, all joined in The Grace and the meeting closed at 14.39.