

The Brooke Benefice

St. Peter's Church, Brooke : St Margaret's Church, Kirstead :
St Peter's Church, Mundham with Ss Margaret and Remegius' Church, Seething :
St Mary's Church, Thwaite St Mary.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 13th March 2016

St Peter's Church, Brooke

Present:

J Ash, S Ash, R Dodds, R Gower, L Hanner, M Hanner, E Hoare, R Hoare, J Joad, K Joad, T Jones, M Kittle, D Marshall, A Orland, B Orland, A Rhodes, D Sanford, R Sanford, Pat Strachan, P Tholen, W Tholen, V Treacher, K Warman, D Warman, G Watson, C Wilde, D Wilde,

Before the official meetings began John Ash, our Lay Reader, expressed his sincere thanks to Lynn for their shared ministry over the past year. In particular her patience and encouragement; her regular attendance with prayers at Christian League football, giving out a strong Christian message; and being easy to work with.

Apologies:

- 1) Welcome and Prayers.
- 2) Election of Church Wardens: The Incumbent thanked the Church Wardens for all their support and hard work during the past year. Rosemary Sanford and Daphne Warman have agreed to stand for re-election, as there were no other nominations both were unanimously elected.

The Incumbent recorded her thanks to Diane Marshall, verger, for all her dedicated work in the background and to John Ash for his great support and background knowledge and ease of working together.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

1. **Apologies:** G Gliddon, J Hayman, Ph Strachan
2. **Minutes of Meeting on March 2nd 2015**
The Minutes were circulated before the meeting and were agreed to be a true record.
3. **Matters Arising:**
There were no matters raised.
4. **Finance**
5. **PCC Reports**
6. **Church Electoral Roll**

- 7. Fabric Report**
- 8. Deanery Synod Report**
- 9. Reports from Church Organisations**

Agenda Items 4 – 9 have been dealt with previously at individual PCC Meetings and reports circulated.

10. Election of PCC Representatives:

All current members were prepared to stand for re-election – elected en bloc
 New nomination, Alison Rhodes; proposed by R Dodds, seconded by P Strachan.
 Alison was welcomed and unanimously elected.

11. Election of Sidespeople:

Some not continuing. Remainder proposed by D Warman, seconded by R Sanford were elected en bloc.

12. Vicar's Report:

Circulated prior to the meeting.

The Vicar gave her report on the year 2015 and covered the following areas:

Worship: new service orders, the emphasis on seasonal worship, the worship consultation and its results, Baptisms, Confirmations and Special Services, the Warm Worship initiative.

Learning: the Prayer and Meditation group, Lent Study Groups and Exploring Together.

Service: work in the two schools in the benefice, weddings and funerals, Brooke Adventurers football team, Community lunches and links with Brooke House.

Communication: the development of the Benefice Web-site, changes to the parish magazines and "News for the Pews".

Finance: initiatives for encouraging giving in the benefice, fund raising efforts, the Benefice Support Meeting and its positive outcome.

She encouraged the congregations to celebrate all that had been achieved and to look for the things that are growing, or have the potential to do so, so that these may be given more attention.

To conclude the Vicar outlined areas for attention and development in the coming year:

- The establishment of a growth plan for the benefice, or individual parishes.
- The development of fund raising.
- A consideration of our role as "Christians" and "Church" in our villages.

List of thanks

Treasurers: Keith Joad, Cliff Whatrup, Judy Baldwin, Mavin Shulver – all those who help with counting and recording

Secretaries: Ruth Dodds, Sonia Barmby, Judy Baldwin, Su Mahon

Fabric Officers: John Ash, Tom Edwards

Brian Orland, Alison Rhodes+ choir members – music

Dawn Pullan + ringers – bells

Stephanie Ash, Fiona Berry + teams – magazines

Keith Joad – Web-site

David Sandford, Peter Smith, Dermot and Judy Murphy + Friends – Friends groups

Open the Book Team

Ruth Dodds – Foodbank

Lunch Ladies – Community lunches

13. AOB: None notified

14. Date of Next Meeting: Sunday 12th March 2017

The Meeting close with the Grace @ 12.30pm