

Minutes of the joint Parishioners/APCM meetings held Sunday 13th March 2016, Brooke Church at 11.30am.

Those in attendance for Kirstead Church: S Barmby, Ross Dick, Christopher Kemp and Andrew Behagg. Gill Green was also in attendance.

Apologies received from Cliff Whatrup.

The meetings open with a welcome and prayers.

We had no applications for Church Warden received, so this vacancy remains unfilled.

The minutes of last year's APCM were accepted and signed.

There were no matters arising.

All the reports had been sent to Rev Chapman, and then sent to each PCC member electronically, which we were thanked for.

The elections for the PCC members were undertaken, with all our members remaining, with the exception of Ross Dick and Sonia Barmby, who are standing down, after many years' service. We were very kindly given a plant in appreciation. Cliff Whatrup, Christopher Kemp, Andrew Behagg and Stuart Dyer will remain as PCC members, Sonia Barmby proposed and Ross seconded and all in favour. Cliff was elected as Treasurer.

The vicar's report covers all the business covered in the meeting.

Vicar's Report

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 Rohdes + choir members – music

Dawn Pullen + 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

Date of next meeting is Sunday 12th March 2017.

The meeting closed at approx. 12.20pm with The Grace.