

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 13th March 2016 @ 11.30am
St Peter's Church, Brooke

ANNUAL Meeting of Parishioners.

1. Welcome and prayers:

Reverend Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting and then read from Matthew 8, followed by prayers. Mr John Ash then thanked her for all she had done for the parishes, he said she had a good speaking voice, her sermons we can understand and hear, she goes out in all weathers, she's very organised, and patience and is very easy to work with.

2. Election of Churchwardens:

Mrs Shulver had been elected, Thwaite attendees were all in favour. The date for the visitation of Church wardens was Monday 20th May. Reverend Chapman personally thanked Mr Ash for his huge knowledge of the parishes. She then thanked the Church warden's for their support over the year and for her well being, and their help with responsibilities in the parishes.

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1. Apologies for absence:

Mesdames Barwick and Healy and Mr Edwards.

2. Minutes of the meetings held separately in March 2015:

Minutes of the last APCM were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Finance Reports:

Reverend Chapman thanked Mrs Shulver for all her hard work and the accounts can be found in the Annual Report.

5 - 9 PCC Reports:

These reports are all contained in the 2015 Annual report.

10. Election of PCC representatives:

Mrs Shulver proposed and Reverend Chapman seconded the proposal for this year that they be elected en block. Dates for this and next year's meetings have already been circulated.

11. 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

Treasurer. Mavin Shulver – all those who help with counting and recording

Secretary. Su Mahon

Fabric Officer: Tom Edwards

Fiona Berry +teams-magazine

Keith Joad – Web-site

Lunch Ladies – Community Lunches

12. Any other Business (to be notified prior to the meeting)

There was none.

13. Date of next meeting:

Sunday 12th March 2017