

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.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 17^h March 2019 @ 11.30am St Peter's Church, Brooke

MINUTES

ANNUAL Meeting of Parishioners

Welcome and prayers

The Vicar welcomed those attending the meeting and opened with prayers.

Election of Churchwardens

The Vicar thanked the current Churchwardens for their support during the year and for all the work that they do in their parishes. She particularly thanked them for their support of her additional post as Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

The deaths of several long-serving members of the benefice during 2018 was noted and Cyril Ford, Brenda Goreham, Colin Alexander, Tom Neil and Jim Turner were remembered by name.

The following nominations had been received for those standing for election in 2019-20:

Brooke :	Rosemary Sanford, Daphne Warman
Mundham with Seething :	Gillian Balls, Ann Garnham
Thwaite St Mary :	Mavin Shulver

Following elections in each parish all were elected unanimously to serve. They will be admitted to office at the Central Visitation on Tuesday 11th June at Norwich Cathedral.

The Vicar thanked John Ash for his service as Reader to the Benefice and for his support of her ministry.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

Brooke:	Philip Strachan
Mundham with Seething:	Jilly le Coq
Thwaite St Mary:	Tom Edwards, Janet Hadingham, Valerie Healy

Minutes of the meetings held in March 2018

These were received as a true record and signed by the Vicar

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Safeguarding Report

The appearance of this agenda item was explained, linked to the adoption of the national safeguarding policy by the Church of England.

The Benefice Safeguarding Officer, Laura Cowan, gave a report on the Benefice's compliance with the new regulations.

There were no questions and the report was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Finance Reports and PCC Reports

These had been available before the meeting. There being no questions it was unanimously agreed to accept these reports.

Church Electoral Rolls

All four Electoral Rolls had been renewed during the period before the Annual Meetings. Electoral Roll officers reported that the numbers on each new Electoral Roll stand at:

Brooke:	74
Kirstead:	13
Mundham with Seething:	15
Thwaite St Mary:	16

Fabric Reports, Deanery Synod Report and Reports from Church organisations

These had been available before the meeting. There being no questions it was unanimously agreed to accept these reports.

Election of PCC representatives

Thanks were expressed to Philip Strachan and Marion Barwick; long-standing members of their respective PCCs who have retired this year.

Nominations for membership of the PCC were received from:

<u>Brooke:</u>	<u>Kirstead:</u>	<u>Mundham with Seething:</u>	<u>Thwaite St Mary:</u>
Keith Joad	Andrew Behagg	Judy Baldwin	Tom Edwards
Christina Jones	Gillian Green	Margaret Eastham	Janet Hadingham
Diane Marshall	Christopher Kemp	Jilly Le Coq	Jim Hadingham
Brian Orland	Cliff Whatrup	Anne Rudd	Valerie Healy
Alison Rhodes		Caroline Egerton	Su Mahon
David Sanford			
Patricia Strachan			
Kenneth Warman			
Gwyneth Watson			
Charles Wilde			
Diana Wilde			

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Election of Sidespeople

This item is only relevant to Brooke. The following had agreed to act as Sidespersons in the next year and were elected to do so unanimously:

Laura Cowan	Keith Joad
Stephanie Drake	Christina Jones
Martin Hanner	Maureen Kittle
Peter Horner	Linda Riley
Janet Joad	David Sanford

Pat Strachan
Gwyneth Watson

Charles Wilde
Diana Wilde

Vicar's Report

Further to her written report, available before the meeting, the Vicar made the following comments:

A huge amount had been achieved in 2018, especially in terms of fundraising and the Vicar expressed thanks for all the help that had been given. Whilst acknowledging the financial and social successes she spoke of the signs of spiritual growth that she had noticed during the year. These included:

Committed to Growth prayer lunches, a new pattern of services for Holy Week and Easter, study group meeting through the year, awareness of house-bound congregation members, the "invisible congregation" of people who use the churches outside service times, the gift of music, the support of one parish for another and the powers and importance of Occasional Offices.

She recalled her first APCM five years ago and her vision for the Benefice at the time. All the things mentioned there are now an established part of Benefice life. At present the Benefice is compliant with all that is asked by way of policy and regulation. She recognised the need to be realistic about finances, the administrative burden, buildings and smaller congregations as we move into the future. She placed herself at the service of the Benefice as it discerns where God's calling is in the future and pledged her continued prayers.

Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

Date of Next Meeting:

Sunday 15th March 2020

Before the meeting was closed John Ash thanked the Vicar on behalf of the Benefice for her ministry.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm