

**St Margaret's Church, Kirstead
Annual Meeting of Parishioners &
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 19th March at 11.30am
St Peter's Church, Brooke**

MINUTES

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
Minutes**

1. Welcome and opening prayers

2. Election of Churchwardens

There were no nominations and no Churchwardens were elected.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Minutes**

Present: Andrew Behagg, Christoper Kemp, Cliff Whatrup

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of the meeting held in March 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Financial Report

The report had been published prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

5. PCC Report

The report had been published prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

6. Church Electoral Roll

There are twenty-four entries on the Electoral Roll

7. Fabric Report

The report had been published prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

8. Deanery Synod Report

The report had been published prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

9. Reports from Church organisations.

The reports had been published prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

10. Election of PCC representatives

There being no other nominations the current members of the PCC agreed to serve for a further year. The PCC therefore comprising:

Andrew Behagg
Christopher Kemp
Cliff Whatrup

11. Election of Deanery Synod representatives

There were no nominations. The parish will not be represented on the Deanery Synod.

12. Vicar's Report

The Vicar gave her report on the year 2016 and covered the following areas:

Being Church: Services provided through the Christian Year, especially at festivals. The Occasional Offices and opportunities for mission linked to these. New things that had been tried during the year: Service for the Queen's birthday, Songs of Praise at the Meres, Benefice outing. Study groups that had taken place during the year and the development of worship at Easter.

Fundraising: The increased amount of Parish Share paid was noted. Through the year, at various events, approximately £4,500 had been raised. Money had also been raised and given to support charities.

Committed to Growth: The development of the Benefice Growth Plan, which was presented on Advent Sunday. Each aim was presented and updates given on progress so far.

Looking to the future: It is very difficult to see what the future will hold as we grapple with current challenges, financial, buildings, small congregations. Priority needs to be faithful prayer and worship. We need to look for signs of God at work, especially in small things, and give thanks for these. Need to trust that in the power of the Holy Spirit we can do more than we think we can.

14. Any Other Business

No other business was presented.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 18th March 2018

The meeting closed in prayer at 12.30pm