

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 19th March 2017 @ 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 Ephesians, followed by prayers.

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 16th May at Norwich Cathedral. Reverend Chapman thanked the Church warden's for their support over the year, they had gone above and beyond their duties so she could look after her five parishes knowing she had their backing.

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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.

4-9. Finance Reports and PCC Reports:

Reverend Chapman thanked everyone who had compiled the reports, they had been passed by the PCC. and could be found in the Annual Report for 2016 and these are publicly available.

10. Election of PCC representatives:

Mrs Shulver proposed and Reverend Chapman seconded the proposal for this year that they be elected en block. Reverend Chapman thanked everyone for all the decisions, business and work carried out for last year. Dates for this and next year's meetings have already been circulated.

11. Election of Deanery Synod Representative:

We had no representative.

13. 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 (to be notified prior to the meeting)

There was none, the meeting closed at 12. 20pm.

15. Date of next meeting:

Sunday 18th March 2018 (same format as 2017)