

**STOKE HOLY CROSS WITH DUNSTON ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING and
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Stoke Holy Cross Church
Tuesday 19th March 2019**

Present: Rob Baker (Chair), Viv Carrington (Churchwarden), Roy Harding (Churchwarden), Eostre Caswell (Secretary), Henry Caswell, Lyn Marsh (Associate Priest), Rachel Brooks, David Carrington, Gary Marsh, Karen Pearce, Ann Raines and Richard Raines.

Apologies: Veronica Wilson

The Vicar opened the evening in prayer.

Annual Vestry Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. Minutes of 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting

The adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of 2018 was **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Lyn Marsh, **adopted unanimously** and signed by the Chairman.

2. Election of Churchwardens

The following nominations were received:

Wardens	Proposed	Seconded
Vivian Carrington	Janet Harding	Karen Pearce
Roy Harding	Eostre Caswell	Vivian Carrington

The nominations of the Churchwardens were **carried unanimously**.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to both Viv and Roy for all that they had done in the past year and explained that the church could not function without them.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting in 2018 were **proposed by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Viv Carrington and **adopted unanimously**, subject to the following amendments:**

- Item 2 – Peter Johnson’s name be added as examiner
- Item 5 – delete ‘again’ after ‘willingness to stand’.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Vicar’s Report

The Vicar:

- thanked all those who had contributed both to the church and church community. His full report was in the APCM booklet.
- thanked people for praying at prayer meetings, homegroups and at home, encouraging all to keep praying for others, particularly those going through difficult times.
- thanked all for partnering in Creating Community, Developing Discipleship and Creating Community.
- spoke of the importance of praying the LYCIG prayer (on APCM booklet)
- talked about the ARROW course, which had been of huge benefit to him.
- thanked Lyn for her partnership in so many things and for serving the church;
- spoke of the joyful occasion of Lyn’s ordination as priest in the previous summer
- thanked Freyja for all she has done.

David and Henry thanked Rob and Cathryn for all they had done.

4. **Change a Nation Project**

The Vicar explained about the church previously sponsoring Okunguru church, Uganda.

- He spoke about conversations with Tearfund about a project which we could partner with the Diocese of Kilimanjaro, Tanzania.
- Henry spoke about recent conversations with Tearfund and that the UK partnership would be with Holy Trinity Church, Leicester (with the possibility of one other church being involved).
- The Vicar explained that the sponsorship would be for £3,000 a year, as previously. This time others from the Venta Group wish to be involved.
- A resume to be prepared for wider church; David Broomfield (Tearfund) to be invited to come and talk to the Venta Group.
- It was **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by David Carrington and **unanimously agreed** to go ahead with this sponsorship.

5. **Update on church kitchen and toilet**

Henry explained

- £5,000 had been put aside towards kitchen and disabled toilet
- Electrics have been carried out in church as some had been condemned; some of these have been found to be completely redundant
- Electrics are in the existing toilet; the electrics work needs to be carried out for insurance purposes; as electrics have to be undertaken anyway, the cost of these will have to be taken from general income.
- After discussion, it was agreed that £3,000 to be paid to the Diocese for Parish Share at this stage
- Viv explained that it will not be easy to get grants as the church is not at present used for the community.

Henry **proposed** that the whole project goes ahead straight away; **seconded** by Roy; **unanimously agreed**.

6. **Approval of reports from the APCM booklet**

- It was proposed by Lyn Marsh, **seconded** by David Carrington and **unanimously agreed** that the Churchwardens' report, Risk Assessment, Secretary's Report, Fabric Report and Treasurer's Report and Accounts (verified by independent examiner) be approved.
- It was **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Viv Carrington and **unanimously agreed** that Peter Johnson be asked to be the independent examiner for 2019.
- The Safeguarding reports to be considered at the next PCC meeting.
- It was **proposed** by David Carrington, **seconded** by Henry Caswell and **unanimously agreed** that the Diocesan policies on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults be accepted.
- All agreed the Loddon Deanery report.

7. **Adoption of Electoral Roll**

- There are 29 names on the electoral roll (people resident in parish or regularly attending services in the parish). It was **proposed** by Viv Carrington, **seconded** by Roy Harding and **unanimously agreed** that the electoral roll be accepted.

8. **Adoption of Terriers for Stoke Holy Cross and Dunston Church**

David Carrington **proposed** and Viv Carrington **seconded** that the adoption of the terriers be deferred to the next PCC meeting; **unanimously agreed**.

9. Election of Deanery Synod members to 2020

The Vicar asked all for ideas for representatives for the Deanery Synod.

10. Election of PCC Members: 2 to 2022

The Vicar explained that we have two PCC spaces which rotate on a three yearly basis. There had been two nominations for the PCC this year.

PCC Members	Proposed	Seconded
David Carrington	Eostre Caswell	Janet Harding
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The nominations for the PCC members were **carried unanimously**.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Date of next APCM: Tuesday 10 March 2020 in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm