

**STOKE HOLY CROSS WITH DUNSTON ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
AND
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
HELD IN STOKE HOLY CROSS CHURCH HALL ON
TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018**

Present: Rob Baker (Chair), Viv Carrington (Church Warden), Roy Harding (Church Warden), Janet Harding (Secretary), Henry Caswell (Treasurer), Lyn Marsh, Eostre Caswell, Jean Foster, Veronica Wilson, David Carrington, Gary Marsh, Richard Raines, Ann Raines, Karen Pearce

Apologies: Carol Cameron

Annual Vestry Meeting – Chaired by Rev Rob Baker

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Minutes of the 2017 Vestry Meeting

The adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of 2017 was **Proposed** by Lyn Marsh, **Seconded** by Jean Foster **adopted unanimously** and signed by the Chairman.

2. Election of Church Wardens

The following nominations were received:

Wardens	Proposed	Seconded
Vivian Carrington	Janet Harding	Eostre Caswell
Roy Harding	Henry Caswell	Eostre Caswell

The nominations of the Church Wardens were **carried unanimously**.

The Vicar expressed his thanks for all the support from Viv and Roy during the past year and also to Janet as secretary and Henry as treasurer for all the work they had done. Rob said that Janet had asked not to be re-elected as secretary for the coming year, due to difficult family circumstances.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Chaired by the Vicar

1. The Minutes of the Annual Parochial Meeting in 2017 were **Proposed** by Lyn Marsh and **Seconded** by Viv Carrington, **adopted unanimously** and signed by the Chairman.

2. **Matters arising** – None.

3. Vicar's Report

The Vicar said the APCM is a good opportunity for thanks and thanked everyone for everything that has been done to build the Kingdom of God in the churches across the group. He spoke on Ephesians 1: 15-23: Rob said he had been encouraged by:

- The CDE groups
- The Study of Psalms and the future study we would be doing on Acts
- Books – The A – Z of Discipleship and John Mcginley's book Thy Kingdom Come
- People sharing their stories and asked that we might further share our stories and pray for people

The Vicar asked that we pray for God's power to be released and that Jesus' name be glorified

4. Approval of reports from the APCM booklet – with any questions/queries/comments

- a. **Churchwardens' Report** – The Vicar thanked the church wardens for their comprehensive report
- b. **Risk Assessment** – David Carrington said changes are happening but God is dealing with our problems. Lyn Marsh commented that there is a need across the Deanery for a long term financial solution.
- c. **Secretary's Report** – no issues
- d. **Fabric Report** – Viv Carrington raised the issue of PAT testing – **Action:** The Vicar will follow up

e. Treasurer's Report

Henry Caswell clarified the situation regarding the funding for the Okunguro initiative and said the funds remaining in the account would be allocated to charity. Decision on this to be made by the Venta Group PCCs in due course. David Carrington expressed his thanks to the treasurer for excellent reports.

The Report and Accounts were presented and adopted

Proposed: David Carrington **Seconded:** Jean Foster **Adopted unanimously**

i. Appointment of independent examiner for accounts to end 2018

Henry to ask if ... is still willing to continue to provide this service

Proposed: Roy Harding **Seconded:** Eostre Caswell **Carried unanimously**

f. Safeguarding Reports to include:

i. Adoption of diocesan policies on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

Proposed: Rob Baker **Seconded:** Eostre Caswell **Adopted unanimously**

ii. Appointment of Safeguarding Officer

Rob confirmed that Alison Peck is still willing to stand

Proposed: Rob Baker **Seconded:** Vivian Carrington **Carried unanimously**

g. Loddon Deanery Synod

The Vicar asked if the PCC were happy to continue to receive the Loddon Deanery Synod reports and asked for a proposal.

Proposed: David Carrington **Seconded:** Lyn Marsh **Carried unanimously**

5. Adoption of Electoral Roll

The Vicar confirmed that Gary Marsh had expressed his willingness to stand again as Electoral Roll Officer and has submitted the updated electoral roll. There are currently 34 on the roll. The Vicar asked for proposal of acceptance.

Proposed: Jean Foster **Seconded:** Ann Raines **Adopted unanimously**

6. Adoption of the Terriers for Stoke Holy Cross and Dunston Church

The Vicar said the wardens had checked these thoroughly. Proposal to accept the Terriers:

Proposed: Eostre Caswell **Seconded:** Henry Caswell **Adopted unanimously**

7. Election of Loddon Deanery Synod Members to 2020

The Vicar said there were two vacancies for Deanery Synod representatives and explained the process. The representatives would become ex-officio members of the PCC and the meetings took place 3 times annually. He asked that people consider whether they, or others they knew, might consider becoming representatives.

8. Election of PCC Members to 2021

The Vicar explained that we have 2 PCC spaces which rotate on a three yearly basis. There had been two nominations for the PCC this year.

PCC Members	Proposed	Seconded
Janet Harding	Eostre Caswell	Roy Harding
Henry Caswell	Janet Harding	Roy Harding

The nominations for the PCC members were **carried unanimously**

9. Any Other Business – None

10. Date of next APCM: Tuesday 19th March 2019 in the Church Hall – 7.30pm