

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Stoke Holy Cross Church
Sunday 23 April 2023

Present: Rev Rob Baker (Chair), Viv Carrington (Churchwarden), Andrew Driver (Churchwarden), Eostre Caswell (Secretary), Henry Caswell (Treasurer), Rev Lyn Marsh (Associate Minister), Cathryn Baker, Andrew Harding, Carole Harding, Janet Harding, Chris Lawn, Gary Marsh, Ann Raines, Richard Raines, Tracey Symons, Brian Williams and Joyce Williams.

Apologies: There were apologies for absence from David Carrington and Karen Pearce.

The meeting was held integral to the Sunday morning service.

Annual Vestry Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. Minutes of 2022 Annual Vestry Meeting

The adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of 2022 was **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Andrew Driver and **adopted** unanimously.

2. Election of Churchwardens

The following nominations were received:

Wardens	Proposed	Seconded
Vivian Carrington	Henry Caswell	Eostre Caswell
Andrew Driver	Eostre Caswell	Henry Caswell

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. The **Minutes** of the Annual Parochial Meeting in 2022 were **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Lyn Marsh and **unanimously adopted**.

2. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. **Vicar's report**

The Vicar

Thanked the Churchwardens for all they had done.

Thanked all who had contributed both to the church and community.

Thanked Brian Williams, Joyce Williams, Richard Raines and Ann Raines for all their hard work involved in the running of St George's Church Hall for so many years.

Thanked Alison Peck for her role as Safeguarding Officer, as she now stepped down from this post.

Thanked Roy Harding for all his work as Fabric Officer

Was grateful for Andy Driver taking on the role of Fabric Officer, supported by Roy Harding, Chris Lawn, Gary Marsh and others.

Thanked Veronica for her time spent on the PCC

Gave enormous thanks to David Carrington for being on the PCC for such a long time, as well as being a Churchwarden for many years; such a wise friend on the PCC.

Gave a short talk based on 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Reminded all of the Jeremiah passage based on 'Stand at the crossroads'

Reminded all of the challenge of taking a step of faith (illustrated by the gap in the bridge at Tintagel Castle)

Spoke of the significance of Jesus and the cross being at the centre of all we are doing.

4. **Stories of what God has done**

All Invited

Cathryn spoke about All Invited, explaining more of what had been going on. It is hoped to get more people involved to encourage their sense of belonging. Thanks were given to all those who helped in any way with the running of All Invited.

Embers

Jonathan and Grace talked about Embers, that there was a core group of young people who attended regularly and about the range of activities which had taken place. Thanks were given to Lyn, Gary and other people who regularly helped.

Thursday Coffee Mornings

Jan explained more about how the coffee mornings were developing with some people attending on a regular basis.

5. Approval of reports from the APCM booklet

- It was **proposed** by Andy Harding, **seconded** by Andy Driver and **unanimously agreed** that the Finance Report be adopted.
- Henry thanked everybody who has given so generously and tithed this year enabling the Parish Share to be paid in full; also thanking all who also gave generously towards outreach activities. He also explained that Embers is financed by a legacy.
- Rob thanked Henry for all he had done.
- It was **proposed** by Andy Driver **seconded** by Chris Lawn and **unanimously agreed** that Peter Johnson be asked to be the independent examiner for 2023.
- It was **proposed** by Henry Caswell, **seconded** by Viv Carrington and **unanimously agreed** that we uphold the church safeguarding policy and abide by the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

6. Adoption of Electoral Roll

There are 40 names on the Electoral Roll (people resident in parish or regularly attending services in the parish). It was **proposed** by Jan Harding, **seconded** by Eostre Caswell and **unanimously agreed** that the electoral roll be accepted.

7. Adoption of Terriers for Stoke Holy Cross Church and Dunston St Remigius Church

The adoption of the Terriers was deferred to the next PCC meeting as building work was being undertaken at Dunston Church so the Terrier could not be checked before APCM.

8. Election of PCC Members

PCC Member	Proposed	Seconded
Henry Caswell	Janet Harding	Carole Harding
Andrew Harding	Gary Marsh	Eostre Caswell

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

9. Deanery Synod representative

There were no proposals for Deanery Synod representatives.

10. Any Other Business

Time was spent in groups thinking of ideas based on Creating Community, Deepening Discipleship and Encouraging Evangelism (by looking at Praying, All Invited and One New Thing to Offer).

11. Provisional date of next APCM: Sunday 14 April 2024.