

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Stoke Holy Cross with Dunston Churches
Held at Stoke Holy Cross Church
Sunday 14 April 2024

Present: Rev Rob Baker (Chair), Viv Carrington (Churchwarden), Andrew Driver (Churchwarden), Eostre Caswell (Secretary), Henry Caswell (Treasurer), Rev Lyn Marsh (Associate Priest), Sarah Acklam, Cathryn Baker, Jonathan Baker, Di Barrell, Ken Barrell, Rachel Brooks, Barbara Cutts, Naomi Fiddy, Andrew Harding, Carole Harding, Janet Harding, Roy Harding, Chris Lawn, Gary Marsh, Karen Pearce, Ann Raines, Richard Raines, Tracey Symons and Veronica Wilson,

Grace Baker and Samuel Baker were in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence

The meeting was held integral to the Sunday morning service.

Annual Vestry Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. Minutes of 2023 Annual Vestry Meeting

The adoption of the Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of 2023 was **proposed** by Andrew Harding, **seconded** by Andrew Driver and **adopted** unanimously.

2. Election of Churchwardens

The following nominations were received:

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

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

The Vicar thanked both wardens for all their hard work and paid tribute to both of them as they minister to all in different ways.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – chaired by Rev Rob Baker

1. The **Minutes** of the Annual Parochial Meeting in 2023 were **proposed** by Andrew Driver seconded by Carole Harding and **unanimously adopted**.

2. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. **Vicar's report**

- The Vicar spoke of the video which had been shared showing a reflection of three year's events throughout the benefice.
- He thanked all those who had been involved in various ways in the ministry and outreach of the church.
- He spoke of the huge encouragement of all that God is doing.
- He also talked of the importance of remembering that we are God's children as well as the importance of reaching those who do not know Christ.

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

All Invited

Rachel Brooks spoke about All Invited, giving a flavour of all which had been going on by sharing some of the range of activities which had taken place. She also talked of the encouragement of more Sparklers' families coming along to join in. Rachel also shared the hopes for future development of All Invited.

Churchyard

Chris Lawn talked about all the work which had been undertaken by him, Andrew Driver and Gary Marsh. They have carried out a great deal of ongoing maintenance both in Stoke Holy Church and Dunston churchyards, with an emphasis on caring for wildflowers in both places. General maintenance had also been undertaken in Stoke Holy Cross church. Chris also spoke of the joy of working in God's creation.

Caistor Lane Home Group

Roy Harding spoke in detail of a picture which he had recently shared at the home group.

Thursday mornings

Lyn Marsh thanked all those who helped regularly at Coffee and Chat. She explained that most people who came had no connection with church and that it was an opportunity to come alongside people to listen and pray. There is an idea of Vintage Church being introduced on one Thursday morning a month to encourage people to go deeper.

5. Approval of reports from the APCM booklet

- It was **proposed** by Eostre Caswell, **seconded** by Andrew Driver and **unanimously agreed** that the Finance Report be adopted.
- Rob thanked Henry for all he had done.
- It was **proposed** by Chris Lawn **seconded** by Henry Caswell and **unanimously agreed** that Peter Johnson be asked to be the independent examiner for 2024.

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 Andrew Driver, **seconded** by Carole Harding 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 **proposed** by Jonathan Baker, **seconded** by Carole Harding and unanimously agreed.

Thanks were given to Andy for putting together the terrier, helped by Lyn and Viv.

8. Election of PCC Members

The vicar explained that there were people who might be prepared to go onto the PCC. They will be elected at future PCC meetings.

9. Deanery Synod representative

It was **proposed** by Viv Carrington, **seconded** by Andrew Driver that Barbara Cutts be the Deanery synod representative.

10. Any Other Business

Time was spent as individuals working out their 'Pray for 5' list. In groups, ideas were put forward for 'One More Thing' for the church to do in going forward; to be considered further at the PCC meeting.

11. Provisional date of next APCM: Sunday