



<u>Welcome</u>
The Chairman, Adam Roebuck (ARoe), opened the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and welcomed all present.
<u>Apologies</u>
Apologies were received from Charlotte Jarvis, Tim and Jackie Kingsman, Hugh and Clare Lorimer, Alex Cockshott, Shirley and Rob Malley, Kim and Adrian Harwood, Kathryn Allen, Ann Roebuck, Peter Crossley, Gill Brook, Janet Beswick, Barbara Tyas, Irene and Jonathan Wright
Approval of 2023 APCM minutes
The minutes from the 2023 APCM were circulated in advance to the meeting. The minutes were approved as a true record save for an amendment of the year for the next electoral roll revision which will take place in 2025.
Proposed: Stuart Saxton; Seconded: Clive Brook. Approved unanimously with abstentions from those not present at the meeting.
Chairman's Opening Remarks
The Chairman recorded that his opening remarks would be reserved until later in the meeting at A12 Curate's Reflections and Report.
PCC Elections
Membership of the PCC is recorded in the Annual Report circulated with the agenda. Judith Osborne has recently been elected to the General Synod which automatically confers on her membership of all inferior synods including the PCC. Congratulations and a welcome were extended to her.
Three people are stepping down from the PCC namely Jenny Lawson, Paul Dix and Alex Cockshott. Thanks were extended to them for their hard work and diligence over their terms of office.
Four people have stepped up to membership of the PCC and been duly nominated and elected. They are Jack Bacon, Penny Sinclair, Bernice Davenport and Paul Davies. There are three casual vacancies remaining to

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A6 Financial Summary

The Chairman passed on Peter Crossley's (PC) apologies that he could not attend the meeting. The outturn is that there is a small deficit for the year; however a small surplus is forecast for the current year. Reserves are healthy and the position is robust.

Proposed by Sharon Moore, seconded by Jenny Lawson and agreed with one abstention that the report should be adopted.

Thanks were recorded to Peter Crossley, Alan Armitage and Dave Taylor for all their work.

There were no questions forthcoming in relation to the accounts.

A7 Appointment of independent financial examiner

Jonathan Frank has volunteered to continue as our independent examiner.

Proposed: Kate Rudd; Seconded: Stuart Saxton. Approved unanimously.

A8 Electoral Roll Report

Thanks were extended to Rachel Lickiss for her excellent work on the Electoral Roll this year. Her report was appended to the papers for the meeting. The membership of the church is recorded in the electoral roll (ER) which confers the right to vote at meetings. There are currently 225 individuals on the ER and a copy of the ER was available for inspection at the back of the church.

Every six years there is a complete overhaul of the Electoral Roll and next year all will have to re-apply to be included on the roll.

A9 **Safeguarding Report**

A safeguarding report produced by Charlotte Jarvis, our Safeguarding Officer, was circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no comments on the report.

The Chairman stressed the importance of safeguarding and thanked the safeguarding team for their hard work in this area.

A10 Deanery Synod Report

There are three representatives from the church on the Deanery Synod; Hywel Rees-Jones, Clive Brooks and Hugh Lorimer. A Deanery Synod Report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The time and effort expended by the representatives is greatly appreciated. There is currently one vacancy and any individual who feels called to take up the vacancy can approach ARoe or another member of the clergy team who will be happy to hear from them.

All Fabric Report

The Fabric Report, was circulated in advance of the meeting and the Chairman provided a summary. There were two particular areas to highlight. The upgrade to the AV system is in progress and new spotlights have been installed. The

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replacement work will continue next month with further work on the system. Dave and Matthew Taylor were thanked for all their work on this project. In addition, Phase 2 of the building appeal is also ongoing and the PCC will review progress and set a timetable at the autumn meeting. Other work which is detailed in the report is also ongoing and thanks were extended to Tom Crooks and Peter Jarvis for all their work on the fabric of the church.

A question was asked about the use and efficiency of the boilers. It was confirmed that maintenance engineers were called out to the system and that it is now working satisfactorily.

A12 | Curate's Reflections and Report

The Chairman reflected on the previous twelve months:

In his opening remarks ARoe thanked God and acknowledged MC as vicar for all his hard work and assumption of responsibility for large and small issues in the life of the church and for his role as a great training incumbent.

He went on to record his thanks to Dick Watson and Diana Rees-Jones and the lay ministry team for all their work and to all the staff team too who do such excellent work in the church. The PCC and church wardens were thanked for the breadth and depth of their work and their wisdom; and he also thanked his wife Ann for all her support.

The All Saints family were thanked for their support to the ministry and also to the church generally.

2023 has been a year of consolidation and investment. The Sunday services continue to grow and flourish; new people and young families have joined us. The Focus group has got bigger and relocated to Outside the Box because it outgrew the original space. The crèche is overflowing. Adam Robinson's tireless work has been very significant; he has created important links with the local schools including IGS. A flourishing partnership has developed with the youth worker at Christchurch, Michael Johnston. Time has also been given to Release and the youth band who played at his wedding. There was a good attendance at Christmas and Easter services with an increase of 20% in numbers at the latter service.

Investment has been made in the Church House project with a planning and feasibility study. The level of support has been excellent and the project is 40+% of the way towards the funding goal. Further fund-raising initiatives are in hand for the project. During 2024 the technical upgrade in the church is being put into effect. During this year there are plans to build on the worship survey that has already been carried out.

ARoe is now beginning to think about life after All Saints and the move to his first incumbency. He has had a meeting about potential local opportunities but will stay at least until the end of MCs sabbatical but may remain until June 2025. Prayers are sought for the right opportunity to be available for ARoe and his family.

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A question was raised about the numbers joining services on Drystone Radio and You Tube. There are no figures for the radio broadcast but there are 500,000 individuals in the Wharfe Valley who are a potential audience. In relation to You Tube the best estimate is that there are about nineteen groups but it is impossible to say how many are in each group logging on or indeed how many might log on to a historic broadcast. There were fifty-eight clicks last week and we know that it is also used by the Glen Rosa Home as well.

A13 | Questions

Where are we at with the plan to be at net zero?

Clive Brook responded that the PCC has set up an environment group to consider the way forward which has expanded from three to twelve members. It transpires that there are two possible models to reach net zero namely the diocesan model and that advocated by A Rocher which is a charity. After due consideration the latter model was selected because it adopts a broader base for the assessment. The group is currently considering a questionnaire that covers the five main elements of the A Rocher standard and assesses progress for each element. In brief the church is broadly speaking at silver standard for its worship, bronze for its buildings and has made progress on the lifestyle element. There is little progress to be recorded in relation to the land and wider world elements of the standard. It follows that there is much to do and there are forty current action points for the group to consider.

The group was thanked for its work so far and its commitment to the action points for the future.

What help is available for individuals with hearing loss?

It was suggested that the current provision is unwelcome to some members of the church family who do not want to be singled out with a hearing problem by the use of the current equipment. MC acknowledged the issue and indicated that other alternatives could be explored going forward.

Diane Rees-Jones thanked ARoe for all that he has brought to the church as a curate and wished him and the family well for the future. This was warmly endorsed by all present.

Ruth Jones mentioned the need to recruit new people to help in teaching roles and indicated that Adam Robinson has been trying to recruit new leaders for the children's work. There was a request for anyone who wanted to assist to make themselves known and it was emphasised by Diane Rees-Jones that these roles do not necessarily require regular commitments or great preparation but are vital to the continuation of the work where children have the correct number of adults with DBS checks present to care for them.

A14 **AOB**

There were no points raised in AOB.

A15 Closing prayer

The Chair closed the meeting with prayer and the Grace