

## **COPP ST. ANNE'S CHURCH**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Rev'd. Can. Dr. Simon Cox (Chairman) and 17 others.

APOLOGIES: Rev'd. Paul Hunter, John Hobday, Helen Miller, Eleanor Kay, Edwin Reynolds.

The MINUTES of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 were approved by the Meeting as a true and accurate record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Churchwardens:

The Churchwardens had been duly elected at the Vestry Meeting held on the same day and are Allison Rees and Paul Garrett.

Deanery Synod Representative:

One nomination had been received: Judith Ellis, proposed by Paul Garrett and seconded by Kath Robson. Judith was elected by acclamation.

PCC Members:

One nomination had been received for three vacancies: Kath Shipley, proposed by Margaret Wilcock and seconded by Paul Garrett. Kath was elected by acclamation.

Sidespeople:

Sian Skorczewski wished to stand down as a sidesperson and Ethel Wilding had sadly passed away this year. One nomination had been received for two vacancies: Harry Martin, proposed by Margaret Wilcock and seconded by Kath Robson. There was still one vacancy to fill and Linda Carr offered to fill this post. She was proposed by Allison Rees and seconded by Angie Ashcroft. Both were elected by acclamation.

The sidespeople are: Barbara Baxendale, Meryl Baxendale, Linda Carr, Linda Clayton, John Hobday, Harry Martin, Kath Robson, Kath and Terry Shipley, Sue Wilks and Alison Yarwood.

The Church REPORTS have been at the back of Church for two weeks.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary presented her Report, a copy of which is at the end of these Minutes.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the Accounts had been available for perusal at the back of Church and should be self-explanatory. As in 2017 the Church had managed to pay the Parish Share in full and had received a Certificate from the Bishop to this effect. Paul Garrett stated this is important as the Parish Share pays for the Vicar. Two generous legacies had been received in the past year, one specifically to be used for the Church grounds and one for general purposes. However, with one legacy we can only use the interest and not the capital invested. The PCC had sought advice in regard to the investment of this money and it had been placed in a special charity fund. Although the interest rate had dropped for a while the fund is now back at the original level and over £500 has been received in income. Paul thanked Kath Shipley for her work as Treasurer and Kath Robson for auditing the Accounts.

The Accounts were accepted unanimously.

## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

Allison gave the Report from the Churchwardens, a summary of which follows:

The Churchwardens were unable to attend the Archdeacon's visitation for Garstang deanery but instead went to the Blackpool deanery service at All Hallows, Bispham where they were warmly welcomed.

Thanks were given to all the Visiting Clergy who assisted at Church during the vacancy, with a special mention of the help given by Rev'd. Can. Dr. Herrick Daniel who was always ready to help in any way he could.

Thanks were given to Angie and all the Worship Group, to the Pastoral Visiting group and to those who helped with arrangements for baptisms, weddings and funerals during the vacancy.

The Sunday Club continues to flourish and thanks were given to Andy for all his hard work and to Connie who, as Rose Queen, represented the Church so well.

Church is now open to visitors every Tuesday and we have been pleased with the number of people who have come into Church. Huge thanks were given to Harry for opening the Church and giving a warm welcome.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the Bishop of Blackburn at our joint service of Holy Communion in July.

The Armistice service was held in Church and then concluded at the memorial in Great Eccleston Square. Thanks again to Angie for this.

The Film Nights continue to be popular (and especially Paul's hotpot) and we held our second Angel Festival in December. Thank you to Sharon for all her work on this project.

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December and on Christmas Eve Angie led the Worship at the Crib service which has become a favourite with the community. Thanks to Paul and the Choir and again to Angie and also to Rev'd. Andrea Roberts, who led the service of Holy Communion on Christmas morning.

The biggest highlight of the year was the Service of Licensing when we were delighted to welcome Rev'd. Paul Hunter as our new Curate and Rev'd. Can. Dr. Simon Cox as Priest-in-Charge.

The fabric of the building remains in good order. The interior of the building has been decorated this year and we are in the process of organising the refurbishment of the toilet facilities.

The heating has again had problems and thanks to Eddie at ECP Plumbing is working again at present.

The graves which were unsafe have been repaired and stabilised and we are waiting for the stone mason to complete some of the older memorials. Thanks were given to Andrew for keeping the Churchyard in such good condition.

Thanks were given to the sidespeople and to everyone for their support of the Churchwardens.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Kath Robson was thanked for her work as Auditor and indicated that she was willing to stand again. She was proposed by Allison Rees and seconded by Anne Hardy. Kath was elected by acclamation.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Rev'd. Can. Dr. Simon Cox thanked Paul and Allison for their work as Churchwardens and everybody who has helped to keep the Church going. He commented that ours is a friendly, well kept Church and said it was a joy to work with everyone at Church.

Rev'd. Can. Dr. Cox mentioned that as a Church we need to make sure all Safeguarding legislation was carried out and Allison, as Safeguarding Officer, stated that all but two of the PCC are DBS cleared and almost everyone has completed the Level C0 course with Paul and herself having completed Level C1. The Policy will be updated at the next Meeting.

The Meeting finished with prayer at 12.55pm.

Signed .....

Date .....