

St Mark's Church, Broomhill & Broomhall
Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Minutes of the meeting held in Church and via Zoom on 22 May 2022 at 11:20am.

	Meeting of the Parishioners
	<p>Present: - Margaret Ainger, David Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong, Philip Booth, Maureen Bownas, Cicely Chibnall, Kira Christon, Manuchehr Maleki Dizaji, Hazel Elliott-Kemp, Emily Faulds, Sam Faulds, Carole Forde, Joseph Forde, Margot Fox, Sarah Frost, Diane Gibbins, Martin Godley, Sue Godley, Frances Gray, Boyd Hackley-Green, Kathy Harbord, Siobhan Hoyes, Sylvie Ishimwe, Duncan Lennox, Jim Litster, Wendy Maas, Gill MacGregor, Jane Marr, Geoff Marston, Shelagh Marston, Jennie Martin, Dez Martin, Alice Newitt, Sandra Newton, Dilys Noble, Leni Oglesby, Maria Oliver, James Oliver, Johnson Oshimmade, Mabel Padfield, Jane Padget, Andrew Perrins, Amanda Pilkington, David Price, Judith Price, Rosalind Rogerson, Anna Ryder, Peter Ryder, Andrew Sanderson, David Sanderson, Charles Stirling, Joy Straits, Stephen Straits, Briony Tayler, Richard Taylor, Zoe Varcoe, Katherine White, Peter Whitmill, Susan Whitmill, Robert Wilks, Alan Yearsley.</p> <p>Clergy Present: Revd Sue Hammersley (chair), Revd Shan Rush, Revd Dr Beth Keith.</p>
1	Welcome
	Sue Hammersley welcomed everyone to the Annual meetings.
2	Appointment of Clerk to the meetings
	The appointment of Emily Faulds as Clerk was agreed unanimously.
3	Apologies
	Apologies were received from Fleur Bayley, Revd Michael Bayley, Emma Castle, John Hillman, Helen Hillman, Mike Hunt, Pat Hunt, Michael Miller, Pauline Miller, Anna Padget, Anne Padget, Robin Saunders, Eve Saunders, Renate Smith.
4	Approval of Minutes from last meeting of parishioners, 25 April 2021
	The minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 April 2021 were agreed as a true record.
5	Churchwardens Remarks

	<p><i>James Oliver</i></p> <p>It is important now we are back in church that we recognise the importance of the role of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has helped before, now and in the future. It is not only beneficial for St Mark's but also good for the individual to be involved. Please consider this or encourage others to be involved, maybe in the communications group or Sunday night service. Secondly we have an opportunity to continue developing the mission area of St John's, St Mary's and St Mark's, sharing resources, learning about each other and looking outwards as St Mark's always does. An example of joint work is the dementia friendly service due to be held at 3pm today. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in this role.</p> <p><i>Dilys Noble</i></p> <p>I feel lucky to be part of this community, everyone matters and has a role to play. I have been in this role for a year and a particularly memorable moment was when I went to a meeting of churchwardens in the diocese and I realised that everyone who stood up and spoke was in a church where there are not any clergy. This is a sad state of affairs and we are extraordinarily lucky at St Marks to have clergy; it is our duty as wardens and parishioners to look after them.</p>
6	Election of Churchwardens
	<p>James Oliver proposed by Linda Kirk and seconded by Rosalind Rogerson. Dilys Noble proposed by David Armstrong and seconded by Shelagh Marston. James and Dilys were unanimously affirmed in their role of churchwardens. Sue thanked both for standing again and noted the importance of us all working as a team.</p>

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	Present: - as above.
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2	Approval of Minutes of the last APCM, 25 April 2021
	The minutes of 25 April 2021 were approved as a correct record.
3	Presentation of the Electoral Roll

	<p><i>Peter Ryder</i></p> <p>It is important to be on the electoral roll as it allows you to vote in meetings, be on PCC and vote for those on PCC. This year we removed 16 individuals and added 12 individuals to the electoral roll. We had a total of 184 individuals on the electoral roll last year and this has therefore reduced to 180 individuals. Of these, 23% individuals reside in the parish and 77% reside outside of the parish. The roll was fully revised in 2019 and will have a next complete restart in 2025. Maintaining the electoral roll has been difficult in the last few years due to everyone being remote for periods of time. Please do get a form which you can find online on the website or come and see me. The number of individuals on the electoral roll also affects how many places we can have on PCC so this is also a good reason to add your name to the roll.</p> <p>Sue thanked Peter for his work on the electoral roll and noted that individuals can be added at any time in the year except for the two weeks leading up to APCM.</p>																					
4.	Appointment of Tellers (if needed)																					
	This was not required as there were no elections.																					
5	Election of Lay Members to the PCC																					
	<p>6 nominations had been received prior to the meeting for 9 places as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="277 1048 1050 1305"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nomination</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Seconded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>David Armstrong</td> <td>Gill MacGregor</td> <td>Linda Kirk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emma Castle</td> <td>Lu Skerratt-Love</td> <td>Briony Tayler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin Godley</td> <td>Richard Martin</td> <td>Frances Gray</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nana Nyarko</td> <td>Mark Ansell</td> <td>Dilys Noble</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Pilkington</td> <td>Maria Oliver</td> <td>Rosie Hunt</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briony Tayler</td> <td>Philip Booth</td> <td>Charles Stirling</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Sue thanked all those who have offered to serve on the PCC.</p> <p>She noted that Lu Skerratt Love, as a member of Diocesan Synod, and Chris Ware, as member of Deanery Synod, would also serve on St Mark's PCC.</p> <p>We have one vacancy for Hallam Deanery Synod which is an important role as, amongst other things, they vote for representatives on General Synod where the most significant decisions are made.</p> <p>Sue led the thanks from the congregation for those who have represented PCC and have recently stepped down including Sandra Newton, Hannah Speed and Jane Padget.</p>	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded	David Armstrong	Gill MacGregor	Linda Kirk	Emma Castle	Lu Skerratt-Love	Briony Tayler	Martin Godley	Richard Martin	Frances Gray	Nana Nyarko	Mark Ansell	Dilys Noble	Amanda Pilkington	Maria Oliver	Rosie Hunt	Briony Tayler	Philip Booth	Charles Stirling
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6	Treasurer's Report																					

	<p><i>David Armstrong</i> David presented the Accounts as available on the website. There were no questions. Sue noted all the hard work and effort by everyone involved in making the decisions needed for balancing the budget and the difficult decision to reduce the additional amount we give to the common fund over and above that requested by the diocese. It is important however that the time that we contribute to other churches in the diocese such as St Mary's and St Cuthbert's should also be counted in terms of our overall contribution; we are sharing resources in different ways. Sue reiterated that it is not an immediate decision and that we can revisit it if our income increases in 2022 for example through increased bookings and events. Sue thanked David Armstrong for his clear presentation and for all his hard work in the role of Treasurer this year. The accounts were presented to the congregation for agreement. David Armstrong - proposed Maureen Bownas- seconded. These were accepted unanimously.</p>
7	Appointment of Independent Examiner
	<p>David Armstrong proposed to Julie Holderness, a partner of Roddis Taylor Robinson, Chartered Accountants, as the Independent Examiner for the 2022 Accounts. This was seconded by Philip Booth. This was accepted unanimously.</p>
8	Safeguarding Report
	<p><i>Duncan Lennox</i> The safeguarding report is available in the annual report. The fact that I'm here and on the agenda is because the CoE recognises safeguarding as an important issue. If you have any questions please contact me. Sue thanked Duncan and advised everyone that he acts as an independent point of contact.</p>
9	Report from Revd Dr Beth Keith, Liberal Theologian
	<p>I have been here for almost 8 months. Thank you for making me welcome and for helping me and my family to settle in. There is always lots to learn when starting a new job so thanks to Sue, Shan, the wardens, PCC and the staff team for holding my hand. It has been lovely to get to know you. I have received lots of questions about what the role is and what my time and focus will be on. I am developing some of the theological resources alongside the study and learning group chaired by John Schofield. We developed the Lent course for this year and have started an ethics project. I hope in time to produce resources that will be valuable both to us and other churches. I also support the development of leaders and vocations. Night service is slowly growing again. I am building connections with the universities and their chaplaincies plus other churches with a liberal ethos. Finally I am planning an upcoming seminar about what it means to be a liberal church. Sue thanked Beth for her ministry and for making such a positive contribution to the team.</p>

10	Presentation of the Annual Report
	<p>Sue thanked everyone who submitted a report this year. No errors or accuracy were noted. Shelagh Marston reminded everyone to make use of the memorial garden and explained that it has been heavily used by hospital staff over the pandemic. The report was presented for endorsement. Proposed - Jane Padget Seconded - Margaret Ainger Votes in favour - 60 Abstentions - 1</p>
11	Vicar's Closing Remarks
	<p>Each year our Annual Church Meetings give us the chance to take stock. This year we have a great deal to reflect upon. Michael Bayley's accident reminds us of the fragility of life and world events have echoed this. Over the last couple of years several people have commented to me that while everything has been up in the air, church has remained a focus for stability and encouragement. I am really pleased about this. The ministry team and the PCC have worked hard to maintain services and adapt to new ways of being church but we know that we are still in a period of transition, we do not pretend that things are as good as they can be but we are doing our best to recover and rebuild.</p> <p>Behind the scenes the PCC working groups deal with every aspect of church life and I would like to thank the facilitators of these groups for all the work that they have put in over this last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lynn Pocock and the CHYPS group – for Hannah Jones our families worker and Sarah Rose who kept things going while Hannah was on maternity leave and for all who run creche, Godly Play and Lions; for our dedicated Safeguarding team ● Zoë, Hannah Speed and all the members of the Communications group addressing the website and paper communication in church, for the Messenger Team for our monthly magazine - a particular thank you this year to Joe Forde and Rob Wilks who have stepped down this year and David Price who I think may have been missed when he stepped down a while ago. ● Briony Tayler for her tireless management of the building and David Armstrong for keeping us on top of our changing financial situation – and everyone serving on the fabric and finance group (Sandra will be missed). For Tim and John our caretaker and cleaner ● Shan for changing the way that we look after one another as a church and for all who offer hospitality and pastoral care and for Jean Baxter for coordinating our Welcome Teams. Lunch Club continues to thrive under Rosalind's watchful care of a fantastic team of volunteers ● John Schofield and members of Study and Learning for organising Lent groups and for all they are currently working on, which will emerge soon! ● For all my colleagues who help to ensure that our worship is reliably high quality: ● An enormous thank you to my clergy colleagues, Shan, Beth and Michael – and to Sarah Colver and Cate who left during this year and to Mark Newitt who remains on call ● Thank you to our Readers, Anne Padget and Jonathan Williamson and to all who have contributed to our worship over the year, to intercessors and readers and those who deacon and preach. This is my opportunity to thank David Willington and members of the choir for giving us such a high quality and variety of music within worship – not just on

Sunday mornings but at all the extra services around Christmas and Easter. Together we try to reveal the variety of gifts and skills with which we have been blessed and reveal that God is using each of us to bring about a better way of being.

- I am also enormously grateful for everyone who has helped us discover new ways of delivering services, using powerpoint and our new sound desk and maintaining our Zoom link. This isn't always easy and involves a great many people and conversations behind the scenes – an especial thank you to Maria Oliver for helping to encourage younger members of the congregation to help out. And to Mary-Jane for keeping the church beautiful with flowers and people to arrange them.
- Our Night Service is finding new shape with Beth's oversight and several people who regularly contribute in a number of ways and our 8am service continues to feed a small but dedicated congregation.

This list shows you how much is going on here at St Mark's but has not covered everything. The Annual Report mentions that we don't have an active Social Justice Group but our Environment Group is thriving, Alison Tolson has responded admirably to support all who are hosting Ukrainian refugees just as Manuchehr continues to support our Persian community; Chris Ware has steered the Home Donations Group and Dilys Noble the International Group to ensure that, just as you give generously to the church we give generously to others. Maria Oliver has been exploring whether we might be able to restart Soup Run and I am looking at ways in which St Mark's might be able to support some of the community initiatives at St Cuthbert's Fir Vale. All of these activities take coordination.

We employ staff and volunteers who need supporting and managing. We don't have an HR department So, thank you for your patience when things don't go as smoothly as you would hope.

We are tired after the last year and we need to take things gently.

If you think there is something you could help with, whether it's mowing the lawn or helping set up church services, leading on a particular project or joining the PCC... Please come forward: we need everyone, we need you. And – thank you!

Dilys led our thanks to Sue for all of her hard work and presented her with some flowers.

The meeting ended at 12:32pm with prayers, led by Revd Dr Beth Keith.