

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

Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 25 April 2021 at 11:00 am.

	<b>Meeting of the Parishioners</b>
	<p><b>Present:</b> - David Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong, Jean Baxter, Fleur Bayley, Christa Beaumont, Stuart Bennett, Philip Booth, Maureen Bownas, Arthur Button, Richard Carwardine, Kira Christon, Alice Deasy, Julie Dignam, Emily Faulds, Sam Faulds, Carole Forde, Joe Forde, Margot Fox, Sarah Frost, Diane Gibbins, Martin Godley, Sue Godley, Frances Gray, Mark Greengrass, Gary Grief, Rachael Hand, Russell Hand, Helen Hillman, John Hillman, Mike Hunt, Pat Hunt, Rosie Hunt, Rosemary Kidd, Linda Kirk, Anne Lawton, Celine Loisil, Manuchehr Maliki, Geoff Marston, Shelagh Marston, Dez Martin, Jennie Martin, Gill McGregor, Pauline Miller, Trisha Morgan, Francesca Newitt, Jacob Newitt, Sandra Newton, Dilys Noble, Nana Nyarko, James Oliver, Maria Oliver, Mabel Padfield, Jane Padget, Andrew Perrins, David Price, Judith Price, Rosalind Rogerson, Kay Rush, Ben Ryan, Brendan Ryan, David Ryder, Katie Ryder, Mary-Jane Ryder, Peter Ryder, David Sanderson, Eve Saunders, Robin Saunders, Lu Skerratt Love, Renate Smith, Briony Tayler, Robyn Vesey, Chris Ware, Rhona Watts, Maureen Whitebrook, John Whitmill, Peter Whitmill, Christine Wilks, Robert Wilks, Nicky Woods, Alan Yearsley</p> <p><b>Clergy Present:</b> Revd Sue Hammersley (chair), Revd Shan Rush, Revd Caitlin Thomson, Revd Michael Bayley</p>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Sue Hammersley welcomed everyone to the Annual meetings.
<b>2</b>	<b>Appointment of Clerk to the meetings</b>
	The appointment of Emily Faulds as Clerk was agreed unanimously.
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Apologies were received from Maureen Bownas, Emma Castle, Janet Morley, Leni Ogelsby, Anna Padget, Anne Padget, Katrina Skerratt Love, Hannah Speed and Richard Taylor.
<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from last meeting of parishioners, 25 October 2020</b>
	The minutes of the last meeting held on the 25 October 2020 were agreed as a true record.
<b>5</b>	<b>Churchwardens Remarks</b>
	<p><i>Pat Hunt</i></p> <p>I sat in St Marks on Friday afternoon, and reflected on the almost 40 years during which I have worshipped here and the way in which St Marks has been at the centre of my life, our family life and flourishing over 40 years. Mike became Churchwarden in 2011, and Rosie has been on PCC for part of this time, and so for the last decade we have been at the centre of St Marks life and St Marks has been at the centre of our lives. I wish to thank Mike and to thank Rosie for their support and inspiration whilst I have been Churchwarden.</p> <p>My main emotions today are gratitude for having had the opportunity to be Churchwarden – to be able to give to this community which has given me so much; I have loved it and felt privileged to be at the centre of this extraordinary community. Thank you all for the confidence you have placed in me; I also feel a certain sadness as it comes to an end, but also a clarity in setting it down now. Being churchwarden is a full and demanding role – and so it should be - however instead of life getting quieter for me it is already</p>

	<p>busier as I have recently become President of the European Association for Psychotherapy. This is a big and honourable role at any time, and particularly so with the mental health concerns connected with the pandemic. I would value your prayers, and I trust that I will be resourced through faith and through being part of St Mark's.</p> <p>I wish to thank Sue – for all that she is for St Marks – our first woman Vicar and we are truly blessed by her presence and ministry amongst us. Thank you Sue for our close working together whilst I have been Churchwarden. Thank you to the standing committee, especially for the way we have worked together during the pandemic, and thank you to all the members of PCC during my time as Churchwarden. Thank you to Shan and Cate, and to all our staff – and a special mention to Sarah Rousseau for our work together. Thank you to the Property Group which established the Roundabout Home from Home house and to the Legacy Group. Finally thank you to my fellow wardens Philip and James. I have so much enjoyed being warden alongside both of you.</p> <p>Some words from Julian of Norwich for us all:  For we are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it.  All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.</p> <p>Pat was then presented with flowers and a card as well as a home communion set. Sue thanked Pat for her years of service and for bringing so much to the role of churchwarden.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Election of Churchwardens</b>
	<p>James Oliver and Dilys Noble were elected unanimously to the role of churchwardens. Sue thanked Dilys for standing and thanked James for standing again.</p> <p>James proposed by David Price and seconded by Michael Willis.  Dilys proposed by Pat Hunt and seconded by Ceri Gallivan.</p>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Presentation of the Electoral Roll</b>																											
	<p><i>Peter Ryder</i>  Peter advised that individuals need to be on the electoral roll to be able to vote and to be on PCC. Work has been undertaken to approach people this year however this has been difficult due to this not being in person. 3 individuals have been removed from the roll and 9 have been added on an electronic basis giving a new total of 184 from 178. 43 individuals reside within the parish and 141 individuals reside outside the parish.</p> <p>Sue thanked Peter for his work on the electoral roll and asked people to contact Peter if anyone else needs to be added.</p>																											
<b>4</b>	<b>Appointment of Tellers (if needed)</b>																											
	This was not required as there were no elections.																											
<b>5</b>	<b>Election of Lay Members to the PCC</b>																											
	<p>8 nominations had been received prior to the meeting for 12 places as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nomination</th> <th>Proposed</th> <th>Seconded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>David Armstrong</td> <td>Susan Whitmill</td> <td>Peter Whitmill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lu Skerratt Love</td> <td>Jen Ryder</td> <td>Maria Oliver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sandra Newton</td> <td>David Armstrong</td> <td>Sue Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nana Nyarko</td> <td>Katrina Skerratt Love</td> <td>Lu Skerratt Love</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briony Tayler</td> <td>Mary Tattersall</td> <td>Rosalind Rogerson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Padget</td> <td>Helen Fisher</td> <td>Robin Story</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hannah Speed</td> <td>Jen Ryder</td> <td>Lu Skerratt Love</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emma Castle</td> <td>Margaret Ainger</td> <td>Margot Fox</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed unanimously to elect all 8 proposed nominations to the PCC.  Sue thanked all those who have agreed to serve on the PCC.</p> <p>Chris Ware and Anna Padget as members of Hallam Deanery Synod also qualify to serve on PCC.  Lu Skerratt-Love is also a member of Sheffield Diocesan Synod.</p>	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded	David Armstrong	Susan Whitmill	Peter Whitmill	Lu Skerratt Love	Jen Ryder	Maria Oliver	Sandra Newton	David Armstrong	Sue Williams	Nana Nyarko	Katrina Skerratt Love	Lu Skerratt Love	Briony Tayler	Mary Tattersall	Rosalind Rogerson	Jane Padget	Helen Fisher	Robin Story	Hannah Speed	Jen Ryder	Lu Skerratt Love	Emma Castle	Margaret Ainger	Margot Fox
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<b>6</b>	<b>Appointment of Assistant Wardens and Night Service Wardens</b>																											
	Sue reflected that we'd not been in the building as much as we expected and therefore these roles have not been needed in the same way; now is perhaps the time to pause and review this role and that of welcomers																											

	<p>to determine what these need to be.</p> <p>Sue encouraged everyone to help in this review and expressed her thanks to those who have served up to this point including:</p> <p>Dilys Noble and Martin Godley as 10am assistant wardens.</p> <p>Chris Ware, Danial Parhizi, Kathy Baillie, Donna Yeates, David Anson and Ceri Gallivan as Night Service Wardens.</p> <p>Sue also thanked everyone who has helped in various new roles in the background due to the pandemic, acknowledging that all of their support has and continues to be critical.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p><i>David Armstrong</i></p> <p>David presented the paper(s) as available on the website. There were no questions.</p> <p>Sue thanked David Armstrong for all the hard work he had done in the role of Treasurer this year including researching and providing support on the ethical element of finances, and for the clarity and quality of the final accounts document.</p> <p>The accounts were presented.</p> <p>David Armstrong - proposed Sandra Newton - seconded.</p> <p>David encouraged people to consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme if they hadn't already and felt comfortable to do so. A benefit of this is a reduction in administration for David and Tom Cottrell and a monthly receipt of cash to help with planning. David also highlighted the option to auto increase giving in line with inflation and explained how this worked. There are several ways to join the scheme using a form, by phone or via online services, this information and the parish reference number are all available on the St Mark's website.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Appointment of Independent Examiner</b>
	<p>David Armstrong proposed to appoint Julie Robinson again, a partner of Roddis, Taylor &amp; Robinson, Chartered Accountants as the Independent Examiner.</p> <p>This was seconded by Jane Padget.</p> <p>This was accepted unanimously.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Families Worker Report</b>
	<p>Hannah Jones welcomed the children to the meeting and reflected on how the past year has been an immense struggle for parents and families trying to continue their working life from home, home school, manage childcare and support children through isolation. Hannah noted that it had been a joy and honour to support families over the past year and find ways to be companions; families have all done a great job in supporting the various ideas including holding Zoom online gatherings, using WhatsApp groups and gathering on the green. It is hoped that we can continue to learn from all of this in the future, including appreciating the value of nature. The group leaders are starting to discuss how to return to the building and to explore how we hear and recognise our children who are growing into young people. Hannah finished by inviting others to join the team if they were interested.</p>

	<p>Sue thanked Hannah for her enthusiasm and coordination of this work and led us in wishing Hannah good luck ahead of her maternity leave which is due to start in August.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Strategy Group Report</b></p>
	<p>James Oliver shared an interim progress report.</p> <p>PCC decided to review the overarching strategy at St Mark's and appointed a working group consisting of Philip Proctor (Chair), David Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong, James Oliver, Chris Ware, Judy Robinson and Sue Hammersley. The group's purpose is to develop a strategy document including a vision, aims and key priorities for the next 5 years. The group is accountable to PCC and will involve and consult with the congregation along the way. Implementation of any recommendations will be picked up by the most appropriate parties. Three meetings have been held over Zoom so far with a face to face meeting planned for 08/05/21. James advised that the strategy document will be completed by August and that the current strapline of 'living thinking loving faith' will help form the basis of this.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding Report</b></p>
	<p>Sue advised that we are in safe hands with the team we have in place which consists of Duncan Lennox as safeguarding officer, Sarah Jenkins as administrator for DBS checks and training, Hannah Jones (children and young people) and Cath Williamson (vulnerable adults). Sue thanked everyone involved over the last 12 months. The team have recently submitted a response to the past cases review and the website has links to more detail on that work and also our parish safeguarding policies. The online resources available from the CoE are good and Sue encouraged the congregation to review these. Working in partnership with St Mary's and St John's we will continue to take safeguarding seriously and ensure our church is a safe space.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Annual Report</b></p>
	<p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Sue thanked everyone who submitted a report and thanked Sarah Rousseau for pulling it together and for taking the church office home for this past year.</p> <p>The report was endorsed and received on behalf of the church.</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Vicar's Closing Remarks</b></p>
	<p>This has undoubtedly been a most challenging year, for each of us personally, for our neighbourhoods, our country and our world.</p> <p>The risks are still very real, there are many people who have not yet been eligible to receive the vaccine and we know that there is still a risk from new variants...</p> <p>And yet, Covid has made us more creative. At best it has made us more generous. We will not be going back to the way things were but we will be moving forward to possibilities we could not have imagined a couple of years ago.</p> <p>I genuinely thought that if the church building closed our congregation might not return. Of course some people have moved on in different ways, but your faithfulness has inspired me; the way our community has responded has drawn others to want to join in. When John's disciples wanted to know more about Jesus he said, come and see. During a time of national anxiety and illness you have found something here which has led others to want to come and see too...</p>

I had hoped to be able to announce the name of our new team member today. Sadly, because he has had to renegotiate the start date for the role here we won't be able to make the announcement until the last Sunday in May. But we have every confidence that this appointment will be a very good thing for St Mark's, to encourage within our community a confidence in a theology which is rooted and grounded in love; a theology which meets people where they are with respect and which challenges anything which dehumanises people or diminishes the life of our planet. I also hope that our Liberal Theologian will help us learn from our children for whom the last year has been so critical.

We have learned to be creative with our use of the Green where families have gathered to stay connected with each other, where we witnessed the sun rise over the Sheffield skyline and remembered that there is nowhere beyond the reach of God's love and grace.

I have taken a number of funerals this year and buried more ashes in our extended Memorial Garden. At these services I speak to those who are bereaved of a resurrection hope which keeps a connection between them and their loved ones, a connection which is rooted and grounded in the source and fulfilment of all love and of each love.

This love is made visible in so many ways within this community but I just want to highlight a few examples which haven't already been mentioned. I want to thank all of my colleagues – Shan has held our pastoral care together with such wisdom and grace, it hasn't felt like you've been hundreds of miles away... Thank you. Cate, you have come into your own during this pandemic, bringing us into the twenty first century and building up a new team of people to ensure that we can worship together from home. Some of you will know that Cate's curacy is coming to an end and, although she can stay with us for a while longer, she needs to actively seek new opportunities to follow her vocation. Let's thank Cate and Shan for all they bring to us.

Please could we also thank David Willington for adapting the ways in which music is played, recorded and performed – it continues to be a very challenging aspect of our worship and we are grateful to him and choir members for their patience and commitment.

Thanks also to Tim and John – for keeping the building in good order, ready for our return and for Sarah for literally taking her work home with her and still keeping us in good order.

Shelagh and Geoff Marston have faithfully maintained the Memorial Garden over the last few years. They have brought it back to life and made it a place where hospital workers have been able to come and rest, where those who have lost loved ones have been able to come and remember, where those who are anxious have been able to breathe deeply and feel restored. It has been a remarkable gift from them to... well, anyone who has needed it, and I am truly grateful to them for their commitment.

When groups have had to close we have had to look for different ways to stay connected. The people who have found this most difficult are those who are housebound and without the technology to join Zoom. Rosalind and other volunteers from the Lunch and Friendship Club have reached out through phone calls, a wonderful newsletter, and doorstep visits, to name just a few of their offerings. Thank you to the whole team for your friendship and concern.

During this last year the ways in which we have connected with each other have changed. The breakout groups after Zoom worship have introduced us to different people. Those neighbours who have brought us shopping or asked us to shop for them have introduced us to people we live alongside but, until now, hardly knew. Lent groups this year gave us the chance to meet with people from The Manor Parish and St Mary's Walkley.

Small steps but significant changes.

When members of church have been poorly or had babies other church members have cooked a bit extra and taken it round...

We will never rely on the clergy to "do" pastoral care again! Of course the clergy will join in but you have shown us what pastoral care really looks like and Shan has kept checking in with you.

More than anything else today, what I want to say is thank you for your faithfulness. We're not perfect, not by a long stretch, but we are full of faith in one another and in the source of all love and of each love.

James Oliver led our thanks to Sue for all of her work and she was presented with a gift and card from the congregation.

**The meeting ended at 12:13pm with prayers, led by Revd Shan Rush.**