

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

Minutes of the meeting held in Church and via Zoom on 23 April 2023 at 11:20am.

	Meeting of the Parishioners
	<p>Present: - Rosie Hunt, Chris Ware, Sarah Browncross, Stephen and Joy Straits, Mark Newitt, Alice Newitt, Peter Ryder, Robyn B.Vasey, Rachel Vedder, John Whitmill, Andrew Sanderson, David Sanderson Stuart Bennet, Maureen Whitebrook Patricia Hurst, Michael Hunt, Jane Keeling, Carole Forde, June Dignam, Tony Dignam, Katherine Redfearn, Robert Wilks, Michael Miller, Pauline Miller, Joseph, Forde, Geoff Marston, Judith Price, David Price, Cath Williamson, Jonathan Williamson, Duncan Lennox, Margaret Auger, Shelagh Marston, Alan Yearsley, Rosalind Rogerson, Cicely Chibnall, James Oliver, Jim Lister, Annette Lister, Phillip Booth, Michael Boyly, Michael Boyly, Robin Saunders, Eve Saunders, John Hillman, Martin Godley, Sue Godley, Gill MacGregor, Sandra Newton, Margot Fox, Brian Nelson, Sarah Armstrong, Jennie Martin, Richard Martin, Frances Gray, Susan Whitmill, Peter Whitmill, Mabel Padfield, Jodie Burns, Maria Oliver, Amanda Pillington, Katherine Tattershall, Zoe Varcoe.</p> <p>On Zoom: Wendy Maas, Dominey Spice, Anne Lanton, Kira Christon, Robin Storey, Marguerite Gold, Nik and Amy</p> <p>Clergy Present: Revd Sue Hammersley (chair), Revd Shan Rush (on Zoom), 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 Rachel McLafferty as Clerk was agreed unanimously.
3	Apologies
	Apologies were received from: Mary Jane Ryder, David Ryder
4	Approval of Minutes from last meeting of parishioners, 22 May 2022
	The minutes of the last meeting held on the 22 May 2022 were agreed as a true record.
5	Churchwardens Remarks
	<p><i>James Oliver</i></p> <p>Thank you to all those who help St Mark's to be a welcoming church. We encourage your helpful comments so that we can do things better. A special thanks to our very able clergy and lay preachers who support our journey of faith. On behalf of us all we give a special thanks to Sue and hope that she enjoys a well earned and enjoyable sabbatical.</p>

6	Election of Churchwardens
	James and Dilys were unanimously affirmed in their role of churchwardens. Sue thanked both for standing again and the meeting offered them both a round of applause.

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	<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 8 individuals and added 6 individuals to the electoral roll. We had a total of 180 individuals on the electoral roll last year and this has therefore reduced to 178 individuals. Of these, 22% individuals reside in the parish and 78% reside outside of the parish. The roll was fully revised in 2019 and will have a next complete restart in 2025. 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. Sue thanked Peter for his work on the electoral roll.</p>																					
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	This was not required as there were no elections.																					
5	Election of Lay Members to the PCC																					
	<p>9 nominations had been received prior to the meeting for 9 places as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Nomination</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Proposed</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Seconded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Boyd Morgan</td> <td>James Oliver</td> <td>Maria Oliver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Armstrong</td> <td>Rosie Hunt</td> <td>James Oliver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael Hunt</td> <td>Stuart Bennett</td> <td>Joseph Forpe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martin Godley</td> <td>Robert Wilks</td> <td>Peter Ryder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amanda Pilkington</td> <td>Maria Oliver</td> <td>James Oliver</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Briony Tayler</td> <td>Eve Saunders</td> <td>Pauline Miller</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded	Boyd Morgan	James Oliver	Maria Oliver	David Armstrong	Rosie Hunt	James Oliver	Michael Hunt	Stuart Bennett	Joseph Forpe	Martin Godley	Robert Wilks	Peter Ryder	Amanda Pilkington	Maria Oliver	James Oliver	Briony Tayler	Eve Saunders	Pauline Miller
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	<p>Katherine Tattershall Robin Vesey Rosie Hunt Rachel Hayinbotham James Taylor Alan Yeardsley Joy Straights Chris Ware Katherine Tattershall</p> <p>Sue thanked all those who have offered to serve on the PCC.</p> <p>Deanery Synod</p> <p>Robyn Vasey Katherin Tattershall Rosie Hunt Chris Ware Rosie Hunt Robyn Vesey</p> <p>She noted that Robyn Vesey, as a member of Diocesan Synod, and Chris Ware, as member of Deanery Synod, would also serve on St Mark’s PCC.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>
	<p><i>David Armstrong</i></p> <p>David presented the Accounts as available on the website. He talked through the main points including the deficit from last years accounts and the pressures on this year’s finances. He explained how expenditure was broken down and decisions made to balance the budget.</p> <p>Written questions had been received in advance.</p> <p>Sue responded to a question regarding the common fund. She explained the purpose of the common fund. In this Diocese there have been a significant fall in payments to the common fund. This diocese has no reserves so has known for a long time that they need to apply for other funds to pay stipends. They have applied for several funds and grants to face this challenge. This PCC has discussed its commitment to the common and its obligations. The parish system has changed over the years and people now tend to travel to a church that suits their requirements. This does not mean that we are not a parish church, but we carry out a lot of activity in our parish.</p> <p>Sue recognised that people show their commitment to their ethos in many ways throughout the week. St Mark’s has a proud history of supporting other groups and churches, including financial support.</p> <p>Questions and comments</p> <p><i>Johnathan and Katherine</i></p> <p>Disconcerted on two matters. The letter received by email considering giving using ‘we are not going to be able to support poorer parishes. Comment that it was our duty to contribute the full amount. A copy of the letter sent to the Archdeacon from the PCC. It was felt that the rational for not making the contribution were not reasonable and that giving should not have conditions attached.</p> <p><i>David</i></p> <p>In agreement with Johnathan. This is an affluent area. It may be that the responsibility comes back to those sitting in the pews who give and to tackle this issue we may need to give more.</p> <p><i>Michael</i></p>

	<p>One of the things I love is the diversity of the congregation and the freedom of expression. Following Sue's response, I support the decisions made. It feels that the CofE is spreading its resources thinner and that this is not sustainable.</p> <p><i>Katherine</i> Read out the line from the letter that highlighted that we would ne be able to give to churches that are poorest.</p> <p><i>Sandra</i> We have a finite sum at the moment, and it is unlikely that giving will increase and so what areas would those who disagree with the decision take?</p> <p><i>Chris Ware</i> Chris offered anyone wanting to contribute to speak to him as a PCC member and</p> <p><i>Jane</i> Coming to St Mark's sustains me to be able to do other work in our community. I want to value what people have said but am grateful to what St Mark's have allowed me to do.</p> <p>Sue thanked everyone for being present and contributing to this discussion. Sue encouraged anyone who wanted to make a comment about this issue to write to the PCC.</p> <p>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 Pauline Miller- seconded These were accepted unanimously.</p>
7	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner</p>
	<p>David Armstrong proposed to Julie Holderness, a partner of Roddis Taylor Robinson, Chartered Accountants, as the Independent Examiner for the 2023 Accounts. This was seconded by Peter Ryder This was accepted unanimously.</p>
8	<p>Safeguarding Report</p>
	<p><i>Duncan Lennox- not available to present</i> Sue thanked Duncan and advised everyone that he acts as an independent point of contact. She highlighted that this is a critical part of the church. Sarah Jenkins has to step down from the safeguarding role and Hannah Jones has agreed to pick up the role.</p>
9	<p>Report from Anna Ryder</p>

	<p>Speaking on behalf of the CHIPS committee who plan and oversee the children's provision at St Marks. There is a fuller report in the annual report. Children and young people are flourishing at St Mark's which is a real joy. Over the last year we have seen growth in the attendance of children at St Mark's. In total we have between 40-50 under 18's and 25 families with children. Under 18's are now making up about a 6th of the congregation. We have enjoyed developing our provision since emerging from the pandemic and building on things that were created due to necessity, such as the service on the green.</p> <p>Most of our under 18's are primary aged children but we are actively reviewing how we continue to grow and develop them as they age. It has been a challenge to meet with all children and parents and extend our provision as we don't have enough volunteers. We are all stretched in both time and energy so if some of the volunteers could be supported by having time to worship then this would make a huge difference.</p> <p>Thanks to Hannah for holding everything together.</p> <p>Special thanks to Sarah Armstrong, Maria Oliver and Lynn Pocock for their support and work.</p> <p>Thank you to those in the congregation for all they do for the families and children. Please do come and speak to us to find out more, including how you can help.</p>
10	Presentation of the Annual Report
	<p>Sue thanked everyone who submitted a report this year. No errors or accuracy were noted. The report was presented for endorsement. Proposed – Micheal Miller Seconded – Jane Kealey The report was accepted unanimously.</p>
	Website
	<p>Katherine Tattershall spoke to this and introduced the reasons for the website. We hope that this will support and inform those who are looking for church in Sheffield, particularly an inclusive church. The visuals of the website were shared on the screen.</p> <p>Sue thanked Katherine for all the work her and the team have put into the website and thanked Ed Armstrong for taking all the photos.</p>
11	Vicar's Closing Remarks
	<p>Sue thanked everyone for coming to the APCM and encouraged those not already involved in church groups to consider joining.</p> <p>Margaret- Eco church programme For the past 2 and quarter years we have been focusing on our gold application to A Rocha. I am delighted to share that we have now submitted our application and we await a response. We look forward to exploring how we can share our learning with other churches to support them and act as a resource.</p>

	<p>Sue thanked Margaret for all the work she and the eco work have done.</p>
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	<p>Beth presented some gifts from the team and wished her well for her sabbatical.</p>
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The meeting ended at 12:47pm with prayers, led by Sue Hammersley