

## St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea

### Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting 2020

#### Vestry Meeting – The Meeting of the Parishioners Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Opening Prayer:** The opening prayer was by Revd Stephen Poss

**Attendees:** Revd Steven Poss and Theresa Reed (Secretary), Parishioners, Revd Brigid Main, David Thorpe, Jayne Hill, Roger Scurrell, Laurie Main, Jean Bateman, Chris Orrin, Ella Hand, Zanny Lawrence, Sheila Edwards, Wyn Edwards, Diane Lystor, Ron and Jan Galloway, Brian Claydon Graeme and Kimberly Eyre, Richard Bettany,

**Apologies for Absence:** Sylvia Chapman, Margaret French, Sheila Edwards, Wyn Edwards, Jill Rushton, Shirley and Richard Dewick

**Approval of Minutes:** The 2019 Vestry Meeting minutes were read and agreed, proposed by David and seconded by Theresa; all agreed.

**Election of Church Wardens:** Two nominations had been received for Churchwardens; David Thorpe, proposed by Chris, seconded by Jean and Theresa Reed proposed by Jean and seconded by Chris As David had completed his six years there was a discussion and vote to decide to change the six-year rule. This was carried out with the following result: -

11 For

2 Against

4 Undecided

David Thorpe and Theresa Reed were duly elected.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12:15

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**Approval of Minutes:** The 2019 Annual Parochial Church Meeting minutes were read and agreed, proposed by David, seconded by Richard; all agreed.

#### **Report on the Electoral Roll:**

David reported on the Electoral Roll: At present there are 25 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, following the sad loss of Dick French. 19 regular attenders, 6 of whom are not resident within the parish.

#### **Rector's Report**

Revd Steven Poss summarised the church year from his perspective, including the services and special services and many social events that took place during the year. He also reported that the school was continuing to improve, although not at the rate that had been hoped and that the Trustees had been very helpful in this process.

Covid had presented many issues with services but he was extremely appreciative of the support that had been provided by David and Laurie, David said that working with the other parishes had been very beneficial during the year, with excellent co-operation throughout.

Zanny expressed her thanks on behalf of the whole church for the work that Steven continues to do and this was endorsed by all.

#### **2019 Annual Report and Accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas Church Bradwell-on-Sea.** By the Secretary Theresa Reed and the Treasurer Laurie Main

Laurie summarised the annual report that had been approved by the PCC. The report was produced to the Church of England approved format and highlighted all issues of St Thomas Church Bradwell-on-Sea over the last year. The Treasurer then covered all the financial aspects of the report, explaining and answering questions of the detail of the accounts.

The Secretary and Treasurer were thanked for all their work on preparing this comprehensive and encouraging report and the detailed accounts. The accounts had been independently examined by Antony Hutson. A vote of thanks was recorded for Mr Hutson's work and it was agreed that the PCC will write a letter of thanks to him. **[Action Theresa Reed]**

Revd Steven Poss suggested that the Church's Mission Statement should be reviewed and this was recorded as an action by the PCC. **[Action PCC]**

**Churchwardens Report** read by David Thorpe (see attached report)

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David and Brian signed and endorsed the interlock associated with the Tenor Bell as in the previous APCM minutes.

### Denary Synod

The key issues that were discussed during the year was MMUs. Theresa was appointed as our Denary Synod representative, proposed by Chris and seconded by Laurie.

### Annual Reports of various groups (these were attached to the minutes)

Reports were received and distributed with the minutes from the following:-

- Baptismal Roll
- Bell Ringing
- Cemetery and Churchyard
- Deanery Synod
- Down Hall
- Flower Group
- Magazine
- Pop Up Café
- Trees
- Thursday Group
- USPG
- Flora and Fauna
- School
- St Thomas' Chapel Report
- Annual Report for the Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall

### Election of Representatives of the laity to the PCC

There were three vacancies, with three nominations on the PCC:

Roger Scurrall, Jean Bateman and Graeme Eyre all proposed by Richard and seconded by David.

There being no other nominations these three were duly elected for three years each.

### Appointment of Sidespersons:

The following were proposed by Laurie and seconded by Theresa: -

Theresa Reed	Roger Scurrall,	Margaret French	Mathew Neall
Jean Bateman	Jan Galloway	Ron Galloway	Zanny Lawrence
Chris Orrin	Wyn Edwards	Sheila Edwards	Jayne Hill
Kimberley Eyre	Graeme Eyre		

### Any other business

David expressed our sincere thanks to Barbra for her excellent efforts in cleaning the church.

The meeting finished at 13:01 with the grace.