



St Peter's Babraham

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12 Noon Sunday 21st April, 2024 at St Peter's Church,
Babraham

Minutes

Vestry Meeting

Present: Rev Kathryn Waite (Chair), Rosemary Walker, Alison Morris, Denise Dear, Carol Todd, Barbara Todd, Jan Robinson, Sheena King

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- **Election of Church Wardens** – there being no nominations none were elected

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- **Minutes of 2023 meeting** – Proposed MH, AM seconded
- **Matters arising**- none
- **Election of PCC members** – Two nominations Denise Dear (proposed MH, seconded Carol Todd) and Alison Morris (proposed DD, seconded SK) both re-elected for three years.
- **Election of Deanery Synod representative** – Jose John stepped down after 20 years, we express our deepest gratitude for that. None elected.
- **Annual Report:** Kathryn Waite – circulated and signed
- **Electoral Roll Report: Mary Hunt** – in annual report – has not changed – 10 on the roll

- **Finance Report: Rosemary Walker** – KW discussed how we and other small churches are struggling to pay their parish share and how this is being managed
- **Appointment of Paul Whitmell as Independent Examiner; KW** proposed PW remain as independent examiner MH proposed, AM seconded – accepted unanimously.
- **Fabric Report: Mary Hunt** – tree work will be done in autumn in collaboration with the Institute grounds men; Thanks to Parish council for mowing church yard; roof work – leak in south aisle has been mended but only patched and the underlying problem needs to be addressed. A grant application for this work is intended. Possibility of solar panels was also mentioned.
- **Deanery Synod Report** – three meetings in last year and number of speakers one on schools, open learning, YouthInc. Looking to appoint a youth worker, until then plugging in with St Mary's youth works. Received a rebate with regards to parish share. Otherwise across the deanery things are going well and seven churches have increased their congregations. Looking at outreach to science campuses e.g. a chaplaincy.
- **Vicar's Report: Kathryn Waite** – discussed up-coming events including, art exhibition, strawberry concert, afternoon teas, joint services etc.

Living in Love and Faith – same sex couples will be blessed in services but no marriages as yet.

No wedding or funerals; Congregations are up, events are successful; link with school is strong – Headteacher Mrs Penty is very keen on the church link. New members of the clergy team include Rev Gordon Harper (retired priest), Rev Will Lyon Tupman (temporary curate), and new curate Rev Ian

Henderson (ex-management consultant) will join in July following his ordination.

Conversations with regards to the future of St Peter's have taken place and it has been requested by the diocese that a management team be put together from across the village to look after the building – this is the task for the next 3-6 months. Also looking at becoming a Joint Parish or joint PCC. KW will put call in to parish council AGM to ask for volunteers for management committee. DD suggested a list of roles needed to be defined.

- **Any other business;** BT asked about hymn choice and wanted more traditional ones;
- **Date for next PCC meetings:** May 21st at MH's
- **Date for APCM 2025** tba