

MINUTES OF ST PETER'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 19th April 2015 after morning service

Present: see list of attendees in minute book (45 attendees)

The meeting opened with prayer

Apologies: Rebecca Simpkins; Patricia Mackie

Minutes of 23 March 2014 were agreed and signed

There were no matters arising

Annual Reports are in The View (copy in minute book)

Vicar's Report

MR said that it had been a joy to be in the parish for ten years and on reflection felt there was a much richer relationship between the two churches. MR recounted highlights over the ten years:-

150th anniversary of St Peters

Reordering see through to fruition

Hyndeman centre redevelopment (MR was grateful to Jackie for support and the business brought to the Hyndeman Centre)

Life exhibition

Holiday club

Mini church

Tea and chat and lunch and chat - new team needed - grateful thanks to the team - 14 years of lunch and chat

Little Fishes flourishes

Sad thoughts of all the people we have lost in ten years

Thanks to Eric and Joan for their support and contribution

Social events

Building work during the year heating/door and thanks to Peter

The Fridge – thanks to Graham Unsworth

Thanks especially to Peter and Cindy

Thanks to Lionel and Rebecca David and Hazel

MR said it was exciting to have the new vicar Nick starting as soon as a house can be found. MR explained that after he first met Nick and he was subsequently recommended as a possible candidate. A house is needed and MR asked for prayer and that we love and support Nick and his wife Julia. He also explained that a lot of extra money is needed - £50,000 extra needed for the increased parish share.

The partnership of the two churches will be a work in progress. MR explained that he will still come but it will have to be on invitation from the vicar. MR needs to take a step back. MR asked for prayer and said he will miss St Peters and the wonderful community.

Question

What will Lawrence's role be? Youth work will be Lawrence's area as Nick does not feel that this is an area of strength for him.

Warden Report

PB wished to thank everyone for their help and support with all the work in the church and all the contributions

Treasurers Report

In The View but EH wishes to emphasise the need for increased giving. Need more - pledges and increased giving please. Don't want to lose out on gift aid either – this is a huge amount of extra money needed.

It was explained that the marriage preparation report had been omitted from The View (copy in Minute book)

Reports were accepted/received by all present (no absententions)

Election of Officers

Church Warden – proposed by Cindy Hudson, seconded by Gary McDowell – all agreed no abstentions

Deputy Warden – proposed by Duncan McInnes, seconded by Eric Humphreys – all agreed no abstentions

PCC

Eric Humphreys proposed by Phil Hymers seconded by Peter Boyt all agreed, no abstentions

It was agreed that if Patricia Mackie wished to stand again then all were in agreement to her election

The vacancy on St Peter's committee continues with John Sullivan and Duncan McInnes expressing an interest

AOB

Question – What is the house specification for the new vicar? MR explained that it needs to be four bedrooms with a study ideally within the parish but it was agreed that this was not a must. Prayer needed please and prayer given.

Sheila Spaul said that if lunch and chat is to continue then new people are needed. Sheila is finishing in Sept and Janet Brown this month. Prayer please and volunteers.

MR also wished to add Jenny Boyt to the list of people to thank, for her support to the church

The meeting concluded with a prayer of thanks and for future.