

Minutes of St Peter's AGM
9 April in St Peter's

Present: Nick Alexander (chair)
Jackie Post (minutes secretary)
Plus 46 attendees (see attached list)

Apologies: Carol and Ian Nurcombe, Kate Blazeby

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| 1. Nick Alexander opened the meeting with prayer. | |
| 2. <u>Minutes from last years AGM.</u>
These were accepted as a true record and signed.
These minutes were proposed by Sheila Spaul and seconded by Hazel Humphreys and were accepted unanimously. | |
| 3. <u>Matters Arising</u>
None. | |
| 4. <u>Annual Reports</u>
<u>Vicar's Report.</u> Given by Nick Alexander.
Nick began his report by talking about some of the highlights of 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A review was carried out in late 2015 and early 2016 resulting in a new vision with 8 goals in the early part of last year. All but 2 of these goals have resulted in significant progress. The only 2 which we haven't followed through so far are engaging with Hyndman Centre users and the 10:45 service focus. However, we do have proposals for each of these which we hope to carry forward.• Sunday@4 has seen an increase in numbers, and there has also been an increase in numbers of children at the morning services. We have started focussing at the morning service on special Sundays such as Mothering Sunday.• Caroline Vallance will be starting work as our children and families' worker on 2 May, and will contribute to both Sunday@4 and the special morning services, as well as spending a couple of days a week working with Westgate School.• Our aim of working as a hub of community has long been provided by the Hyndman Centre, which also supports local businesses, but Lunch & Chat and Tea & Chat also contribute to this link with our community. Last year's Fun Day helped with this aim.• A new commissioned visiting team was licensed in the autumn. Nick thanked Hazel Humphreys for all of her work with this, and commented that we are very strong pastorally.• Our new website was launched in December.• As from 23 April, St Peter's will have its own District Church Council (DCC).• The spiritual life of the church has continued to flourish. We have a flourishing set of small groups, including one new group which arose from the Life Explored Course. The Lent Course last year was significant, and has encouraged people to witness to their faith.• The 10:45 morning services have grown in number.• As a church, we benefit from one third of Jackie's time as | |

administrator, and Nick expressed grateful thanks to her for all her hard work.

- Sunday@4 is a viable service, and having Caroline in the team promises benefits to this service.

Nick continued his report by talking about the need for a clear vision, which is paramount in growing church. Vision needs to get people excited and involved. Acts chapter 2 gives the New Testament vision of what a church should look like; one that worships, evangelises, loves, learns. Our 4 G's reflect this. Nick reported that the work that he saw out in Albania showed a very similar vision to that shown in Acts 2 but maybe a little more advanced (a church with an outreach charity based on a single campus) and he would like to see St Peter's develop along these lines. One of the problems in our area is that of loneliness and Nick would like us to focus on that. We are now a year on from launching our vision, and we will be reviewing that over the summer so that we can move forward together.

Nick finished his report by extending thanks to a large number of people, including, David Crofts and Hazel Humphreys, who do an immense amount of unpaid work; to Lionel Simpkins and Eric Russell, our retired ministers; those who serve on PCC and St Peter's committee; the commissioned visitors, Julia Alexander, Cindy Hudson and especially Ann Dixon, who has taken on coordination of the team; Ian Nurcombe who preaches occasionally; the music group and especially John Dixon for leading and David Crofts and Jackie Post for music choosing; the café church music group and John & Gill Bosley who lead them; the Sunday@4 team; the Lunch & Chat and Tea & Chat teams; the Hyndman Centre Management Committee, who do an immense amount of unseen work (David Crofts, Grahame Cryer, Jackie Post and Maureen Cadge are St Peter's members on the committee); all who support the church financially; those who do intercessions, reading, service organising, flower arranging, projectionists; book people, welcomers, tea and coffee servers, café church and s@4 set up and clear up teams, gardeners. Finally, Nick thanked his wife Julia.

Nick then handed over to Malcolm Rogers, who thanked Nick and all at St Peter's. He commented that it has been exciting to see all that has been happening over last year.

Wardens Report. Given by David Ayrton.

The wardens' report is in The View and covers most aspects of work over the last year. The quinquennial report showed that the church is being looked after very well, and there are only minor matters of maintenance to attend to. There will be a bequest from someone who lived close to the church which will enable us to do work associated with fabric. Everything that happens in the church is down to the many people who contribute. Nick expressed his thanks to the wardens, Ian and David, and also to Peter and Cindy for the first 3 months of last year.

Treasurer's Report. Given by Eric Humphreys.

The treasurer's full report appears in The View. It is pleasing for a treasurer to report that a church's finances are looking healthy. Eric appealed to anyone who is not in a regular giving scheme to join one. Even if you are a non-tax-payer, there is now a scheme by which we can claim tax relief for

those who are non-tax payers. Stuart Lowe advised the meeting that we can also claim this for cash put into the plate.

A bequest from the estate of Daphne Swatman has enabled us to move forward with the appointment of a children's and families' worker.

A second large bequest will also be received, and we must use this carefully. We should be looking to increase the donation from St Peter's to the Parish Share as we should be trying to fund Nick's appointment ourselves, and Eric appeals therefore for people to give generously. £150 included in the Parish Share for each person on the Electoral Roll. Eric expressed his thanks to so many people here for help in keeping our finances on an even keel.

Nick thanked Eric and Joy Banham for all their work, and Eric also reflected on the huge amount of work that Joy does.

Electoral Roll Report. Given by Jackie Post.

As part of the process of setting up as 2 separate District Church Councils (DCCs), the Electoral Roll has been split. There are 91 on St Peter's Electoral Roll, of whom 50 are resident in parish. The combined parish figures will be published at the Parish AGM on 23 April, together with a comparison against last year's Electoral Roll.

At this point, Nick invited comments or questions on any of the above reports. Peter Boyt expressed his joy at being on Deanery and Diocesan Synod.

Elections

Church Wardens.

- Ian Nurcombe - proposed by Mike Golston, seconded by Stuart Lowe. Elected unanimously.
- David Ayrton - proposed by Stuart Lowe, seconded by John Bosley. Elected unanimously.

PCC.

- Graham Unsworth - proposed by Peter Boyt, seconded by Mallie Sharpe. Elected unanimously.

St Peter's DCC.

Nick proposed that all who served on St Peter's committee be transferred to St Peter's DCC. This was proposed by Mallie Sharpe and seconded by John Sullivan and was carried unanimously.

There are 3 spare places on DCC. Nobody has stood for these, but if anyone is interested they should speak with Nick Alexander.

The scheme is complicated; details appear on the parish website.

Deanery Synod.

- John Dixon - proposed by Marie MacInnes, seconded by Stuart Lowe. Elected unanimously.
- Marie MacInnes - proposed by Jackie Post, seconded by Lesley Ridge. 1 abstention, all others in favour.
- Peter Boyt has been elected as a representative for St Mary's and it was explained that he could not be elected as a representative for both churches.

AOB: None.

The meeting closed at 12:47
