

Minutes of St Peter's AGM

Sunday 23 March at 12:15pm in St Peter's Church

Present: see list of attendees filed with minute book (45 attendees)

Apologies: Claudia Perham, John Thompson

Welcome & Prayer

Minutes of last meeting: Agreed & signed

Matters arising: Mini Church was launched last year and is going from strength to strength.

Vicar's report

Because of the way Easter falls, the View is not yet available; copies will be in churches next week. It has been a very encouraging year, and numbers are encouraging, especially for our all age services. Mini Church has grown, and Malcolm thanked Rosie and the team for that. The big sadness last year was Daphne Swatman's death, and Malcolm paid tribute to her love of the Lord, her faith and her commitment to people for whom she felt responsible and to the people of St Peter's and the parish. Malcolm thanked Jackie for taking on the role of communications officer which is bearing fruit. He also gave thanks for the Carol services (Ridgeons and our own) and the Crib Service. The system of allocation for the Parish Share has been changed. Previously around 85 pence of every additional £1 that we gave went to the central diocese. Now anything that we give is coming to the church. In 2013 we sadly said goodbye to Dick & Brenda Webb, who are now involved with their local church in Elmswell. Malcolm gave thanks for Lionel who has joined our staff team over the last year. We will be losing Matthew in a couple of month's time. His final service at SP will be 1 June and this will be followed by a Parish Shared Lunch in the Hyndman Centre. A collection will be made for Matthew and any gifts should be placed in a marked envelope in the collection. Malcolm also thanked David, Hazel, Ian & Carol for their work at St Peter's.

Warden's Report

Gary McDowell gave the warden's report.

- The portacabin has been removed and replaced with a container, which will be painted in the summer.
- Work from the quinquennial report has been completed.
- There have been problems with the heating. We are In process of getting quotes for a new heating system.

Financial Report

Eric gave a financial report which you can read in the April edition of the View. He appealed for people to consider a modest increase in their giving, especially if they have not reviewed their giving recently. We have lost a number of members over recent years who were generous givers. We were in receipt of a generous bequest from Joan Morrison, but St Peter's committee did not feel this should be used for running costs, but rather for a more substantial project. Eric thanked Joy for all her hard work doing the books.

Reports

All other reports will appear in the April edition of the View.

Elections

Gary has been warden or deputy warden for the last 7 years, but has now decided to stand down as from the Annual Meeting on 27 April. Malcolm gave thanks to him and to Maggie for their faithful service and work.

Warden

Peter Boyt. Proposed by Gary McDowell; seconded by Mallie Sharpe. Elected unanimously.

Malcolm thanked Peter for his work as deputy over the last 4 years, and asked for the support of the church in Peter's role. Peter expressed his thanks to Gary for all he has taught him.

Deputy Warden

Cindy Hudson. Proposed by Eric Humphreys; seconded by Mallie Sharpe. Elected unanimously.

PCC - one vacancy

Graham Unsworth has been serving and his term has come to an end but he is willing to stand again. Proposed by Rosie Perham; seconded by Syd Holder. Elected unanimously.

St Peter's Committee

Ian Nurcombe. Proposed by Sheila Spaul; seconded by Syd Holder. Elected unanimously.

Deanery Synod

2 or 3 places. Eric asked if we could propose a young person. This is something we should think of for the future. Sheila Spaul, Marie MacInnes and Peter Boyt were elected.

AOB

- David thanked everyone for their annual reports.
- Marie asked for offers of sandwiches, cake etc for Mini Church (3rd Sunday of each month) as tea is provided at the end.
- Sheila asked for extra help with Lunch & Chat. This is a real outreach but more help is required.
- Easter Breakfast. Peter Boyt and Gary McDowell offered to do this, but it is probably a little late now, so we decided not to go ahead with this.

Meeting finished with prayer led by Lionel Simpkins.

Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday 27 April at 6:30pm in St Peter's.