

ST PAUL'S EGHAM HYTHE

We are a diverse community of people who receive God's love and seek to show, share and tell of that love to everyone."



Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020 Sunday 11th October 2020 on Zoom

Present: Rosie Hoad, Steve Baynes, Diane Oliver, Janet Franck, Sue Loveday, Malcolm Loveday, Emma Sterry, Leigh Doe, Sally Doe, Becky Brent, Chris Brent, Nikki Rule, Graham Rule, Ann Hawkes, Pat Davis, Christine Oxenham, Richard Gilbert, Kym Cheung, Claire Quarman (and Neri), Francis Mante, Kate Niblett, Derek McGovern, Jackie McGovern, Ann Bayes, Sue Hoad, Gregg Thompson, Janet Thompson, Pat Tippet, Liz Roshier, Selwyn Boothe, Charles Crane, Carol Crane, Marion Clarke, Karen Theobald, Victoria Diplock (and Isla), Jonathan Bradley.

Opening Prayer: by Steve Baynes

Chairman's Introduction: by Rosie Hoad

Philippians 3: 10-14

As we meet this morning I think Paul's words are a great place to start. I want to know Christ. I press on towards the goal. We're here in the middle of a global pandemic, holding the APCM that should have been held in April as part of a zoom gathering in October. We're reporting on 2019 a year in which faith development, vision, and hospitality were opening up new possibilities and helping us gather as the people of God in new ways. Alpha, new styles of Messy Church, First Communion and Confirmations Growing Leaders and PCC vision gatherings, Easter Activities, Summer Celebration Remembrance Parade, and Christmas Tree Festival. J Club, new servers our first Toddler Nativity. PCC beginning to work together in some new ways, developing the vision. Growing teams. We give thanks.

And then came lockdown. And the gatherings stopped. Our report doesn't go into these times, but the contrast is stark, and we've been stripped back and laid bare. The thankful rejoicing of the previous year has moved into a time of being scattered, and marked with uncertainty and of grieving.

And yet we can still trace God's hand at work, and know that whatever is going on in the world and in our own lives, God meets us in the midst of it. We've had to learn to lean on him, to trust ever step, to do what we can do and hold together, to cling on when we've felt lost, and celebrate acts of kindness, to learn new ways of being church, at home, on-line and back in the building in different ways. To grapple with technology and have a go. To listen to music differently, to remain connected while we're scattered. To care for our community in different ways and to seek to be a beacon of hope however tentatively and recognizing our vulnerabilities. We've got a long way to go, but we press on – which means resisting the negativity of these confusing times, and seeking to be faithful to Christ, to keep our eyes fixed on him, celebrate his love and cultivate thankfulness.

Apologies for Absence: Mary Halls, Jane Foster, Jill Laszlo

Minutes of meeting on 7th April 2019: The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record (proposed by Diane Oliver, seconded by Kym Cheung and all in agreement).

Annual Vestry Meeting

Rosie expressed her gratitude to Diane and Steve for their wisdom and guidance and sheer hard work through these times, and was delighted they are both prepared to stand again. Steve Baynes was proposed by Christine Oxenham and seconded by Sally Doe, and Diane Oliver was proposed by Sally Doe and seconded by Christine Oxenham. There were no other nominations and Steve and Diane were duly elected. The Annual Vestry meeting closed at 10.20.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- **Electoral Roll:** Derek McGovern reported 6 people had joined after the 2019 complete revision taking the total to 73 as of April 2020. As the APCM was delayed we were required to update the Electoral Roll again in September, bringing the current total to 72 as sadly Anne-Marie Roshier had died.
- **Annual Report and Accounts for 2019:** The report and accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Emma Sterry introduced the accounts and it was proposed by Leigh Doe and seconded by Victoria Diplock that the report and accounts be accepted. All in favour.
- **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** Independent examiner Tony Moore was willing to stand again. Proposed by Richard Gilbert and seconded by Derek McGovern, and all in favour.
- **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives (2):** Steve Baynes was proposed by Diane Oliver and seconded by Ann Hawkes, and Derek McGovern was proposed by Diane Oliver and seconded by Jackie McGovern. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.
- **Election of PCC members (3):** Nicola Rule was proposed by Sally Doe and seconded by Diane Oliver and was duly elected. Richard Gilbert agreed to extend his term of office until April 2021, and this was agreed. Derek McGovern has been elected to Deanery Synod so will continue as a member of the PCC.
- **Any other business:** Thanks from Rosie to everyone, and from Steve to Rosie.

The meeting closed at 10.36