

St George's Church, Wilton

Minutes of the Meeting of the

Vestry Meeting

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

On Sunday 22nd April 2018

Held in the Church

Sunday at 11.25am.

Present	Rev. James Clapham (Chair); Peter Ball (Reader); John Page (Treasurer); Peter Joyce (Churchwarden); Bethan Baigent (Secretary) Pete McKegney (Churchwarden) and 33 other church members.
Apologies	

1.	Welcome and Prayer James welcomed everyone and opened the meetings with prayer.
	VESTRY MEETING
2.	Election of Churchwardens James Clapham thanked both Peter Joyce and Pete McKegney for their commitment, time and support given to St George's and to the Vicar himself. James pointed out that the work of a Churchwarden will last longer than the Vicar so much gratitude was given for all they have done and continue to do. He was delighted at how much they were helping to transform St George's as they challenged him as Vicar. As Pete McKegney was stepping down as Churchwarden, James said how enormously grateful he was to Pete for his commitment and integrity. Pete was presented with a gift on behalf of St Georges. One nomination for the office of Churchwarden for the year ahead had been received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Joyce : Proposed by Pete McKegney; seconded by John Page As all were in favour, he was duly elected.
	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
3.	Election of Local Ministry Group & Deanery Synod Representatives Up to three representatives could be elected. At present St George's has two: Chris Michell and Mike Yardley. Both confirmed that they were willing to continue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Michell : Proposed by Constance Booth; seconded by Clare Steel • Mike Yardley : Proposed by Geoff Winterson; seconded by Lin Wood As all were in favour, they were duly elected. Any church member wishing to fill the remaining vacancy was welcome to offer to do this during the year, by speaking with James. The representatives report back to the PCC about the meetings they attend.
4.	Election of Church Members to the PCC James outlined the important role of members of the PCC in helping to make decisions, for example about patterns of worship, financial matters and social events.

	<p>As certain Coordinator roles had been created in the pas year, there were another couple to be added – a Christian Concerns Coordinator and a Social Events Coordinator.</p> <p>There were 2 nominations for the PCC received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole Smith: Proposed by Barbara Reeves; seconded by Ciaran Clapham • Rosa Parsloe: Proposed by Sue Stenhouse; seconded by Sheena Page <p>As all were in favour, they were duly elected.</p> <p>Any other church member wishing to join the PCC later in the year was invited to speak with James.</p>
5.	<p>Appointment of Welcomers</p> <p>James thanked all of the members of the Church who presently fulfilled the important, but often understated role of Welcomers. He said it was a vital role as they are the face of the church. A list of all the welcomers was on the overhead screen all were willing to continue in this capacity. James said that he had received great feedback on how welcoming the church was and how much care and concern shown to all. The re-appointment of the Welcomers was unanimously approved.</p>
6.	<p>Annual Report of the PCC and Accounts for 2017</p> <p>The Treasurer, John Page, gave a brief summary of the 2017 Accounts, highlighting the main factors affecting the financial performance.</p> <p>The Funds overall rose by £2,336 with the Unrestricted Funds standing at £38,592, an increase of £1,057 since the beginning of the year. Christian Giving was down £3,988 ; Gift Aid Tax Rebate was down £1,189 ; and Hall Revenue was down £1,893. Revenue from Wedding and Funeral Fees totalling £2,143 was virtually the same as the previous year. The Parish Share was paid in full before the end of the year for the third year in succession. However, the Parish Share for 2018 will rise by £4,796 (6%) to £81,311 increasing our contribution by nearly £400 per month. The General Running Costs fell by £676 and even greater benefit came from a fall of £6,297 in our Repairs, Maintenance and Improvement costs, reflecting the drive by our Church Wardens to suppress expenditure in order to improve financial viability. Sunday Collections increased by £2,086 to reached a total of £13,531 for our chosen charities. The single CCLA Investment resulted in the Endowment Fund realising an impressive growth of 9% during 2017.</p> <p>At the end of his presentation the Treasurer invited questions on the full set of Annual Accounts, which had been on display for inspection at in the Church and the Hall during the previous week. One was raised concerning the Endowment Fund. The Treasurer explained that the Fund was established from the sale of a plot of land at the far end of the allotments for housing development. The proceeds of the sale belonged to the Diocese, but our Church is entitled to the benefit of the interest accrued from the CCLA Investment.</p> <p>The Annual Report and the Accounts for 2017 were unanimously accepted and approved.</p> <p>James thanked all for responding to last year's plea for an increase in giving and said the figures showed real generosity as although the number of donors had declined, those who gave raised their giving. With the Parish Share going up by 6% to help the Diocese with their "budget for growth" to fund initiatives to enable the church to grow.</p> <p>James also highlighted that this would be John's last year as Treasurer so asked for prayers for a new one to step forward, along with a new Churchwarden.</p>
7.	<p>Appointment of an Independent Examiner for St George's Accounts for 2018</p> <p>Clare Steel proposed, and John Page seconded that Lentells Ltd should be appointed as the Independent Examiner of the Church's accounts in 2018. This was</p>

	unanimously agreed.
8.	<p>Electoral Roll</p> <p>The revised Electoral Roll for 2016 was received. It was noted that the number on this was 151 with 3 additions and 8 subtractions from it during the last year. To ensure a degree of confidentiality, a summary of this was displayed in the porch. Anyone wishing to see the full details could arrange to view a copy of the full Electoral Roll held in the Church Office.</p> <p>James expressed thanks to Laurie Jeffery for updating and maintaining the Electoral Roll.</p>
9.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Copies of the following reports were available at the back of the Church for all to read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchwardens' Report: Premises, Goods and Ornaments • St George's Christian Concerns Group • Mothers' Union • Sunday School • Wilton Brownies • Bell Ringers • 1st Taunton (Wilton) Scout Group • Praise and Play <p>The reports were received and approved.</p> <p>James thanked all those who had produced reports.</p>
10.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no A.O.B</p>
11.	<p>The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and support, and closed the meeting at 11.50am.</p>

James Clapham, Chairman
9th May 2018