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**Attendance:** The Vicar, the PCC and 65 parishioners on the electoral roll.

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1. **Welcome:** Andrew thanked those attending.
  2. **Election of Churchwardens:** 2 nominations: Susan Holmes (proposed by Sue Rudge & seconded by Julie Sharp) and Richard Bell (proposed by Brian Rudge and seconded by Sue Rudge). Since they were the only nominations and none were permitted to be taken from the floor, they were duly elected. The Vicar thanked them for all they do for us and looked forward to another 12 months of duty.
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**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

1. **Welcome:** Vicar Andrew opened with a prayer.
  2. **Apologies:** David & Mary Bainbridge, Paul & Tessa Cobb, Gordan & Katherine Land, Elizabeth Vaughan.
  3. **Minutes of previous meeting, 29th April 2018.** Minutes were accepted and signed.
  4. **Electoral Roll:** 155 members; 24 added, 36 removed. Starts afresh every 5 years.
  5. **Church Representation:** 3 positions were vacant. Brian Rudge, Mary Williams and Nigel Jones have come off. Many thanks to all three. Nominations: Richard Ackroyd, Denver Keegan and Paul Cobb. There being no other nominations, all 3 duly were elected to the PCC.
  6. **Safeguarding.** Pat Scott, Safeguarding Officer, described the safeguarding booklet. Copies will be sent to all PCC members. She asked all members and trustees to keep up to date. The Vicar advised that we are working closely with Eastleach and Southrop on this matter.
  7. **Report on Deanery Synod:** Our 3 representatives are Rob Phipps, Vicky Jones and David Corris. No questions.
  8. **PCC Proceedings:** No questions
  9. **Churchwarden's Report:** Anne Crowe (organist) apologised, the organ had not been maintained and had not been tuned last year. Sheila Mouna complained that the main doors were hard to open. Richard Bell replied that he would see what he could do.
  10. **PCC Finance Report:** David Corris explained his charts that were shown on the screen. Income had increased a little over the year. The vast majority came from regular giving. He promoted the Parish Giving scheme. The major outgoing was the Parish Share, paid to the Diocese for vicars' salaries/pensions etc. 10% of unrestricted income went to missionary societies including the Kirks in Chile. Pat Magill asked where Gift Aided income raised by Restoration and Maintenance Appeal events went. Paul Larsen replied that gifts from the various events all go to the R&M fund. Provided the Treasurer knows which fund the money is for, the monies will go to that fund.  
  
Anne Crowe questioned the £30 spent on the organ. Paul Larsen replied that for brevity, retuning the piano comes under organ expenses.  
  
Vicar Andrew reported the retirement of Paul Larsen after having been in post for 32 years. Andrew handed a gift voucher to Paul and Linda and thanked them. Paul thanked the church and his wife for her support. Andrew led a prayer for both.
  11. **Vicar's Report:** No questions.
  12. **Other Reports – Reordering:** The Vicar thanked Nigel Jones for his work. He gave an update. The consultation document had resulted in 120 replies. A summary is on the church's website. There is an ongoing discussion with Diocese Church Building officers. Two key statements are being prepared: Statement of Need (covers the needs of the church over the next 100 years) and Statement of Significance (what we have, valuable artefacts etc. The archaeologist report is due in May. An architect should be appointed in the next few months. A further consultations with parishioners and the wider community will then take place.
  13. **Financial Presentation:** No questions or comments on the other reports.
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- 14. Appointment of Sidesmen:** The following had acted as Sidesmen/Stewards: Ollwyn Hawkins, Brian Rudge, Dacre Watson, Dave Gurnett, David Turtle, David Williams, David White, Denis Toomer, Denver Keegan, Gill Turtle, Helen Jones, Jean Brown, Maurine Baxter, Barbara Mcnaught, Melanie Pitts, Michael York, Neil Cotton, Nigel Jones, Peter Magill, Richard Bell, Sheila Bennett, Shirley Bell, Sue Holmes, Sue Rudge. These names were accepted.
- 15. Notification of Authorised Communion Distributors:** Cecile Joseph, Christine Vagnolini, Denver Keegan, Elizabeth Vaughan, Gillian Kirk, Jan Taylor, Lynda Larsen, Mary Colley, Paul Cobb, Rob Phipps, Sandra Hoaksey. All were received.
- 16. Appointment of Independent Examiner.** Mike Bennett was thanked and had agreed to continue, subject to confirmation.
- 17. Proposed amendment of Local Rule:** The Vicar described a proposal to change the local rule whereby a PCC member must stand down for at least 1 year after having served for 3 years, to a rule of standing down for the same length of time but after having served two 3-year periods. Anne Crowe suggested that to encourage new people, to avoid stagnation, that the current rule be changed only if in there are insufficient new people presenting themselves for election. Support for the 6-year period came from the floor. Rob Phipps described the history of the local rule. Changes agreed this year could not come into effect until after the next APCM (after April 2020) The number and breakdown of the PCC was described by the Vicar. Anne Crewe argued that we ought to have 12 members of the laity on the PCC and that it was important that processes be followed strictly correctly, especially in the context of the Reordering. The Vicar did not see any reason from making the PCC any larger. Rob Phipps proposed that the numbers on the PCC be clarified at the next APCM. The change was proposed by Pat Magill, seconded by Vick Jones; 42 in favour, 3 against, 6 abstentions. The motion was carried. In 12 months time, the rule comes into effect that a PCC member must stand down for at least 1 year after having served two 3-yearly terms.
- 18. Any Other Business:**
- Anne Crowe thanked Mary Bainbridge for her bible study group but queried why the study books had not been written by Anglicans, or recommend by Bishops or Archbishops, or those with theological backgrounds and asked why could not mainstream Anglican texts be used. Vicar Andrew replied that he was happy with the current selection of course material. The choice, however, was not set in stone.
- Dacre Watson thanked Nigel Jones for his Reordering report and asked when a full written report of the questions and answers would be produced and could it be available 2 weeks before the next meeting. NJ replied that owing to the complexity of the procedures, time-scales were fluid but once he has the outline proposal from the architect the report would be published. He could not provide a date.
- Susan Holmes wanted to thank God for all He had done in our church this year and Andrew for his leadership, ministry, support, care, with the difficult things he had had to do and for the inspirational things he had done. She also thanked Kate, his wife.
- Andrew thanked everyone and ended with meeting with the Grace.
- 19. The meeting closed at 12.15**