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Attendance: The Vicar, the PCC and an uncounted number of parishioners on the electoral roll.

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1. **Welcome:** Andrew thanked those attending.
 2. **Election of Churchwardens:** Susan Holmes and Richard Bell were re-elected unopposed for another 12 months of duty.
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1. **Welcome:** Vicar Andrew opened with a prayer.
2. **Apologies:** Chris & Christine Vagnolini, Dacre Watson, Kenneth Usher, Leslie Puzzle, Maureen Baxter and Pat Scott.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting, 18th October 2019.** The Minutes were accepted and signed.
4. **Electoral Roll:** 152 members; 4 added, 7 removed.
5. **Church Representation:** 1 position is vacant. Nigel Jones has been nominated. Proposed by David Corris and seconded by Elizabeth Bond. There being no other nominations, he was elected to the PCC.
6. **Safeguarding.** (See Annual Report). On behalf of Pat Scott, Susan Holmes described how the PCC keeps up to date and their training. The Vicar, recommended as a source of information, the notice board and the church's website and thanked Pat for her hard work.
7. **Report on Deanery Synod:** (See Annual Report) The Vicar requested any questions on the report to be addressed to the Synod members who were present, there; there were none.

Three Synod representatives positions on the PCC were due for election: Vicky Jones, David Corris and David Williams. All had been proposed, seconded and elected and were congratulated by the parishioners. The Vicar explained that it will not be an easy time this year for the Deanery Synod and asked us to pray for them.
8. **Report of PCC Proceedings:** No questions.
9. **Churchwarden's Report:** (See Annual Report) Re-ordering was raised and Richard Bell gave an overview of progress and planned announcements and described why the church's 5-year structural and fabric inspection has been brought forward from next year. The Vicar described the Archdeacon's visit in April next year for the launch of the appeal.
10. **PCC Finance Report:** (See Annual Report) David Williams explained his pie charts that were shown on the screen. In brief, Parish Giving provided 61%; Collections, down this year because of Covid, 9%; Gifts & Donations 7%; plus other sources including rent from the Parish's property. The largest outgoing was the Parish Contribution to the Dioceses, 60%. Administration and Church running costs came second followed by Deanery Contribution which supports the Children's Worker, Chris Saunders.

A 5-year income pie-chart was displayed. Income has increased slightly from £110,000 to £115,000 over the period but expenditure has risen from £98,000 to £126,000. Since the year end, the PCC had requested additional donations and people had responded well. A Giving weekend to boost income for the church will be organised sometime next year for funds for running and maintaining the church and for the Missionary Society.

There were no questions. The Vicar explained that 10% of our income was given to the 'World Church'.
11. **Vicar's Report:** (See Annual Report) To a question from Mike Ward on the lack of children being confirmed in the church, the Vicar explained that confirmations were made on a Deanery basis, for adults and children. There were none in 2019 or this year but some children should be ready next year. He asked those present who were not confirmed to consider attending a course next year.

To a question from Andrew Kirk, on the re-ordering of services, the Vicar described the change to the number of traditional liturgical communions and the increase of informal services. The PCC had decided unanimously to introduce more variety to the 10:00 o'clock service, to reach out to a wider audience. The charges will be reviewed no later than the end of 2021. The traditional 8 o'clock and 6 o'clock services will not be affected.



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Rachel Chamberlayne questioned the evidence on the success of informal services. Later, David Corris provided one source, albeit from city centre churches, of increases in church attendance.

There were several similar comments from a few other parishioners supporting a wish for no change. The importance and contribution of the choristers was also raised.

The Vicar reiterated his awareness of the differences of opinion and confirmed that the situation would be assessed late in 2021.

12. Other Reports (See Annual Report) No questions.

13. Appointment of Sidesmen: The list was announced: Barbara McNaught, Brian Rudge, Dacre Watson, David Turtle, David Williams, Dora Gurnett, Gill Turtle, Helen Jones, Jean Brown, Jill Turtle, Mary Williams, Maureen Baxter, Mary Williams, Melanie Pitts, Michael Yorke, Neil Cotton, Nigel Jones, Paul Cobb, Peter Magill, Rachel Puzzle, Richard Bell, Sheila Bennett, Shirley Bell, Brian Rudge, Sue Rudge & Susan Holmes. These names were accepted.

14. Notification of Authorised Communion Distributors: The list was announced: Christine Vagnolini, Denver Keegan, Elizabeth Vaughan, Gillian Kirk, Jan Taylor, Lynda Larsen, Mary Colley, Paul Cobb & Sandra Hoaksey. All were received.

15. Appointment of Independent Examiner. Mike Bennett had stepped down but David White had volunteered to take over. Proposed by David Williams, seconded by Gordan Land. Carried unopposed.

16. Any Other Business. The Vicar announced the appointment next year of a curate Gareth Griffith, a 41 year-old former lecturer in English at Bristol University, with wife Sonia, daughter Myfanwy and son Vaughan.

17. Blessing: Given by the Vicar.

The meeting closed at 11:37

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PCC - 18th October 2019

The chairman welcomed the new member, Nigel Jones. Richard Bell was re-elected unanimously as deputy Chairman as was Vicky Jones as Secretary.

Dates for the next meeting will be provided by VJ.