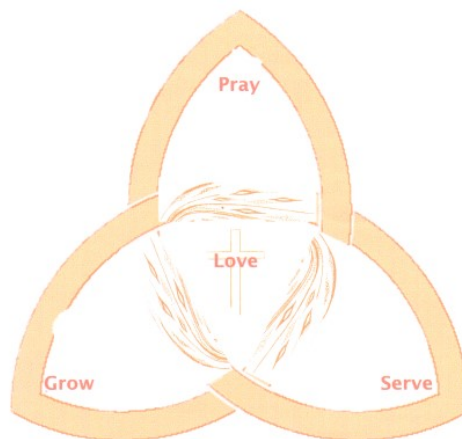


Year End Minutes Accounts and Reports

St Helens Church Trowell

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

April 3rd 2019



St Helen's Church, Trowell

Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting Wednesday 3rd April 2019, 7.30pm in Church

Agendas

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

1. Welcome & prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last years meeting of 18th April 2018
4. Matters Arising
5. Election of Church Wardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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11th December at Trowell)
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**Annual General Meeting of Parishioners and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
St Helen's Trowell**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Church on Wednesday 18 April 2018.

Chair Rev Andy Lord

Present

Dora Attenborrow, Sue Baxter, Christine Bradshaw, Dave Cook, Marlene Cook, Ken Elmer, Sue Elmer, Mel Ennis, Roy Hadfield, Joy Hatton, Eva Hubbard, Margaret Humphries, Debbie Lord, Julie McWilliam, Billy Nelson, Joan Nelson, Dave Sherrard, Rita Sherrard, Graham Savage, Kirsten Whitehead, David Wright and Janet Wright.

1. Welcome and Prayers

Andy Lord opened the meeting with a reading from Acts 2 followed by prayers.

2. Apologies

David Morley, Grace Morley, Nicky Bevan, Wendy Thornhill

3. Minutes of last year's meeting – 26 April 2017

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

None

Election of Churchwardens

One nomination has been received – Dave Sherrard, proposed by Dora Attenborrow, seconded by Roy Hadfield. Andy confirmed as elected and that there would be Archdeacon's visitation to formally install David as a Churchwarden.

Andy reminded everyone that there can be two churchwardens and this is a legal appointment. .

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies

Nicky Bevan, David Morley, Grace Morley, Wendy Thornhill

2. Minutes of last year's meeting – 26 April 2017

Andy advised that a question had been raised before the meeting about the content of minutes. Andy had confirmed that the reports which were submitted sat alongside the minutes so only additional reports/comments were added to the minutes.

These were accepted and signed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Reports

The following reports were submitted with copies available prior to the meeting.

Associate Minister's Report

No report submitted. Now that Brenda has retired, Andy advised that he had not expected a report to be submitted although she has submitted reports in the past. Mel said that she has had an email from Brenda expressing thanks for her retirement gifts.

Churchwarden's Report

No report prepared as there are no churchwardens.

Electoral Roll Report

There are now 51 on the roll, an increase of 3 on the previous year, and this has been displayed in Church.

Sue Baxter raised a query as to whether the role was correct that was displayed as there were a couple of deceased people showing. There are two that need removing in this respect – Madge Chappell and Vera Bladon. **Action to be taken by Paul Humphries.** A further query was raised by David Wright in that Karen Morley had asked to go on but had been advised that the list was closed. Andy confirmed that she can be added on at any time during the year. The list has to be closed a month before the APCM but then reopens once this has taken place. Andy confirmed that Paul Humphries will be stepping down as Electoral Roll Officer. Andy expressed thanks to Paul for undertaking this role for the last few years.

Sides People Report

The following people share this role:

Vera Bannister, Clarice & Colin, Marlene Cook, Sue Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julie Lunn, Stephen Northeast, Rita Sherrard, Dave Sherrard, Pat Wilson

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

David Wright firstly confirmed that page 10 in the reports is in fact last years and should not have been included in the reports.

David commented that this year was quite an exceptional year in view of the renewal fund and swapping monies between accounts during the works. Whilst we look healthy at the minute, there are still monies to be allocated which had been held back in case of any cashflow problem. David confirmed that he doesn't foresee any major cashflow problems as far as the renewal fund is concerned. David advised we have just about broke even on the general account but figures can't readily be compared to previous years.

Andy thanked David for his efforts over the last year with the added work of the building project.

David confirmed the current state of the Renewal Fund – there is £13,500 with everything paid up. There is a further VAT claim of £6,265 to be submitted which will take three months to arrive. This brings the total to £13,793. We have ongoing pledges including Gift Aid and some pledges will continue to be received until December which are expected to be around £2,000. There is further ongoing fundraising through Coffeepot, lunches etc. There will be around £10,000 to pay out to Charity money plus an interest free loan of around £4,500 to pay back. Even after this, we should have around £10,000 as a start for our next phase.

Andy also thanked everyone else for their continued support.

Andy proposed that the accounts be accepted and approved. Ken Elmer seconded. Two copies were signed as required.

Unanimous approval.

David Wright advised that he feels he will not be able to carry out the role of treasurer for very much longer. He asked if we could have someone as a deputy to do specific things such as Gift Aid. David advised if he had a deputy, he would consider doing the role for a further year after doing the accounts for this current year.

Renewal Project Report

Andy confirmed that Saunders who did the work should be coming to complete the floor issues in the next couple of days. We are also waiting for the altar rail kneeler. David Morley is going to chase this up. David Wright advised that the new heating system is costing less to run and he believes this will be quite a significant amount.

Nottingham North Deanery Synod Report

Mel advised that this report is put together by members of the Synod.

Kirsten Whitehead asked how things are fed back from the meetings as she felt we, as a congregation, don't have much information. Andy confirmed that at the PCC meetings there are benefice Deanery updates. Mel confirmed that events are forwarded to go into the notices as appropriate. She also advised that a lot of information is asked as to what the parishes are doing rather than messages out to the parishes. Andy said over the last year, more has been fed into the Bishop's vision which hasn't necessarily been fed into church life as it has been things that we are doing anyway. Debbie advised there is a calendar that comes out weekly from Jubilee House about events. It may be an idea to link this onto the church website. Andy also advised that he tends to work more with the PCC's over issues/things that come out of Deanery. Mel also drew attention to monthly prayer meeting which is at Christ Church, Cinderhill – 1st Tuesday of the month.

Kidz, Families and Youth Work:

Happening

Flava

Light Night

3rd Sunday - Village Breakfast and All Age Service

No reports submitted.

Julie McWilliam confirmed that the children's work has been going well being particularly busy with 11-14 group. Julie advised that prayer would be welcome for the under 11's as they are struggling for staff and it is difficult to do work with two age groups with minimum staff. Debbie Lord reported that the school had been into Church on Maundy Thursday and all of them, less one group, had been able to fit into Church following the refurbishment which is the first time they have been able to do this. The school have also been keen to join in other things at Church. Andy advised that we are continuing to develop 3rd Sunday. Julie also advised that we may need to look to do things differently as sometimes Sunday is the only time that a family can be together which prevents them attending church.

Church Hall and Cottage

David Wright commented that there was mention in the report that it costs the Church £2,000 a year to maintain the Church Hall and believes this may have been taken from last year's accounts. David advised that we have just about broke even this year for the first time in a long time. Ken advised that it is worth noting that work is going to be undertaken by the Parish Council on the Parish Hall so additional people may be looking to use the Church Hall. This is believed to be starting next summer with work undertaken mainly over the summer. Andy also reminded everyone that the Church is also now available for bookings.

Bellringing

Tuesday Evening Group

Andy said it had been good to see the group at Lent and Frontline courses over the year.

Coffee Pot and Village Dining

Janet advised that Coffee Pot has now moved into Church and hopefully we will see more people visiting during the summer month.

David Wright said we need to give particular thanks to Rob and Julie McWilliam who do a lot of the work and also finance a lot of it.

Wednesday Church

David Wright commented on the loss of some members over the last year - Madge Chappell and Rita and Arthur Plowman. This has meant numbers are down a little. Andy said that it was good that members share the leading of the sessions and they too have found this very worthwhile. Andy reminded everyone that for some people, Wednesday Church is their Church life and they are part of St Helen's.

Worship Group

No report submitted.

Report was submitted at the meeting. Kirsten advised that Luke considers St Helen's to be his fellowship church and he always asks before he returns whether we would like him to help out with music at the services when he is in Nottingham.

Debbie advised that she had received various comments and feedback re last Sunday's service and asked people to speak to her if they wish to be included in helping for forthcoming services whether it be cutting out things or prayer. There will be a further planning meeting regarding 3rd Sunday.

Mother's Union

Andy asked if there were any other reports.

Joy commented about the half days of prayer that it seemed to be the same people who are there each time. Andy advised the next three half days of prayer are at St Helen's between 4pm and 10pm.

Rector's Report

This was handed out at the meeting.

Debbie Lord advised that she has lots of booklets giving information and ideas about how to pray in different ways. There is also to be a Taize event on Saturday 12 May from 7pm which the worship group are organising. The music that will be used at that service has been put on the website.

Andy commented that we are struggling now with service patterns across the parishes as several people have stepped down due to personal and family illnesses and retirements. Andy and Roy Hadfield are also going to a meeting tomorrow night about Reader training as Roy is looking into this. Andy also said that we would not be able to function without the help of Billy. Paul Whitehead will also be doing more services on the coming rota to ensure we can sustain the current pattern of services. Andy said that whilst we have challenges, we should remember we have a huge amount of gifts. Andy thanked everyone for their support and encouragement.

5. Elections

Members of Deanery Synod

There was one nomination – Mel Ennis. Andy proposed that this be accepted and Mel was duly elected.

PCC

This is made up of Clergy, Wardens, Deanery Synod Rep plus up to 9 PCC members.

Proposed The following people had been proposed and nominated:

Dora Attenborrow, Ken Elmer, Roy Hadfield, Joy Hatton, David Morley and David Wright.

Dora Attenborrow proposed that Rita Sherrard be nominated to PCC. Andy confirmed that these were duly elected.

Andy added that people can be co-opted on during the year.

6. Appointments

Deputy Church Wardens

The following people had been proposed and nominated:

Ken Elmer, Graham Savage, and Janet Wright. Andy asked if everyone was in favour of this.

Unanimously agreed. Andy advised that Joy Hatton is stepping down having been a deputy warden the last few years.

David Cook continues to help out in the evenings.

Sidespeople

The following people currently share the role – Vera Bannister, Clarice and Colin, Marlene Cook, Sue Elmer, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Stephen Northeast, Dave Sherrard, Rita Sherrard, Pat Wilson. There was a proposal for Peggy Savage to be added to the rota by Joy Hatton. Andy proposed that these people be accepted to the role.

Unanimously agreed.

Independent Examiner of Accounts

David Wright proposed Gary Stevenson continue in this role.

Unanimously agreed.

7. Any other business

No other business

8. Dates

APCM 10 April 2019

PCC 20 June 2018 as St Helen's Church.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Reports

Report not available, it is to be produced at the meeting.

Trowell, Awsworth & Cossall

Rector's Report 2018-19

*Rev Dr Andy Lord,
Rector of Trowell with Awsworth & Cossall*

Churchwarden's Report

Not really anything to report! There appears to have been a number of issues over the last year that I, as churchwarden, should have been consulted on but which were dealt with by various means without my involvement. So any report on these matters should I feel, come from whoever dealt with them at the time.

David Sherrard



Renewal Report – 2018-19

The renewal project was completed well last year, although the finances have taken time to process over this coming year. As David Wright has written:

It is worth reporting that the overall cost of the renewal project was in the region of £140,000 with approximately £70,000 having been raised within the church. As our church is a listed building, we were able to reclaim most of the VAT paid out to contractors. This has enabled us to set aside an agreed tithe of £7,000 available for distribution to local charities. In March 2019, there is now well over £4,000 left in the account which will lead us towards the next phase of the work. May we extend grateful thanks to all whose efforts and generosity made this project possible. The Lord has blessed that generosity abundantly.

Looking forwards, the next project is to work on the electrics and lighting and the money that is continuing to be raised will go towards these. We will look at improving the lighting in the chancel area which is in need of some more urgent improvement.

It has been exciting to be part of a renewal project that has seen a renewal in our buildings, the generosity of our lives with Jesus, and in our sense of community and reaching out to others. The Lord has richly honoured the sacrificial giving of money, time, gifts and wisdom.

Andy Lord, Rector

Electoral Roll Report 2018-19

There are 52 people on the Electoral Roll in the fresh revision this year.

This is an increase of 1 over last year, with some no longer on the Roll.

*Andy Lord
(in the absence of an Electoral Roll Officer)*

Sides People 2018-19

Currently the following people share this role:

Vera Bannister, Clarice & Colin, Dave Sherrard, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Marlene Cook, Pat Wilson, Rita Sherrard, Stephen Northeast, Sue Elmer, Peggy Savage.

Ken Elmer

Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2016–17

Please see separate document, [St Helens Church Accounts 2018.pdf](#)
David Wright (hon. treasurer to the PCC)

Magazine Editor's Report

The magazine continues as always, although in somewhat depleted numbers. It appears to be better supported in the 3 villages than in the churches themselves. The magazine suffered an enormous loss with the passing of our great friend Ken Wood who was to many, thought to be the "Star of the Show". He certainly had a large and far reaching "Fan Club". He will be a hard act to follow. But if anyone would like to emulate Ken and produce a humorous article for the amusement of the readership, then I'm waiting to hear from you.

David Sherrard

Nottingham North Deanery Synod Report for Jan - Dec 2018

Deanery Synod has met three times during 2018.

On 13 February 2018 we went to St Martin's Sherwood where we thought about "doing a new thing" and heard from Revd Lydia Cartwright about the Church at Montrose Court and from Nigel Webster who spoke about the potential of building a new worshipping community around a foodbank or other social outreach.

On 21 June we went to Bestwood Park Church. We concentrated on Thy Kingdom Come and our vision for our churches over the next two years.

On 7 November we went to St Helen's Trowell. We were joined by Dean Nicola who shared about the Minster. We also made the decision to combine Synod with our Treasurers and Incumbents meeting. Greg Cowley, the Deanery Treasurer, gave information about the new share formula which has resulted in a reduction in the amount of share being requested from our Deanery.

In 2018 we allocated parish share in full and operated a pledge system for our giving. The amount given has increased and parishes are thanked for their commitment to paying parish share. We are hopeful that in 2019 we will be able to pay over 100% of the share requested from us!

Colin Slater, our General Synod link, has also visited us to report on business at Synod.

It has been an exciting time for our Deanery with Revd Rich Atkinson joining us at Aspley and beginning to implement the vision for the churches at Aspley, Bilborough, Strelley, Cinderhill and Basford funded by the Diocesan Strategic Development Funding bid. These plans will continue to be developed and implemented during 2019. He has been joined by a new team at Aspley including Revd James Moring who started his curacy at Stapleford and will be joined in January by Revd Peter Shaw who will be based at St John's Bilborough.

We also welcomed Revd Nikki Bates as vicar of Bestwood Emmanuel, St Mark's and the Church at Rise Park.

Prayer has continued to play an important part in Deanery events. Our monthly prayer meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month at Christ Church Cinderhill, provide a valuable opportunity to give and receive prayer for each other in our different parishes, praying for God to strengthen us and all that is happening on the ground for the growth of the churches and His kingdom.

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Kids, Family and Youth Work



**Kids, Families and Youth work
at St. Helens, Trowell
2018-2019**



We ran two groups. The happening (11-14) and Flava (8-11) until September when a lot of our older age group left making numbers low in one group so in September we combined the two groups and in January we relaunch the group with the name chosen by children.

The MiX meets every other week during term time we meet in the church hall, we have a theme most weeks with bible teaching through games and activities for about 10 minutes. The rest of the time is filled with chat, snack bar and lots of football as always.



Now in it's seventh year this years theme was "You are a shining star" looking out even through God can feel big, God knows every stars name and we are special to him and he cares and loves us.

On the 31st of October children and parents were invited in from the street to have a hot chocolate and cake.

The church had been covered in lights and they were greeted with a warm welcome and invited to join in with all the activities.

This years event although well attended on the night the planning before hand was done by one person in previous year it had been spread between a team.

We hope to be able get a team together this year to be able to run the event.



We continue to run outreach services.

St Helens Trowell, hosts every month a family and all age event.

One month is our Village breakfast, the other is a family and all age service in church.

Village Breakfast

Our Café style church, runs every other month in the church hall, giving a great opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbours for a free breakfast with a visitor friendly bible based, thought of the day. Over the last year, we have seen a steady number of regular congregation and visitors and continue to serve eggs, bacon and sausage Cobs.

We also serve continental options, fresh fruit, the odd bowl of porridge and great Coffee.
We continue praying and adapting this event to keep it focused on God and outreaching into the community.

Family and All Age Service

Our 10:30 morning service every other 3rd Sunday using the scripture union all age liturgy and explore together resources as a theme mixing children's worship, all age activities, up beat worship and bible talk for all ages.

We have tried different layouts and formats for this service thanks to the reordered church building. This gives us different opportunities and ways to share the bible.

David and Grace

Church Hall and Cottage 2018-19.

The church hall has again been a busy place this past year, particularly so with the Village Parish Hall going through major modernisation works, and an associated increase in their rental charges. Some groups have transferred their meetings to the Church Hall, mostly on a temporary basis

Work to improve the hall has included:

Painting and decorating.

Replacing nine of the double glazed window units (This will appear on next years financial accounts).

This hall represents a significant contribution we make to the life of the village and also supports the mission of St Helen's. We have been blessed in use of the Hall for regular Lunches that have both benefitted the Renewal Project financially but also brought people together in community. The Village Breakfast continues to be an attractive Sunday morning option attracting a good number of people who do not otherwise come to services. The Mix youth group use the Hall for reaching out to children and families. The car park is also used for the school run as it is encouraged for parents and guardians rather than parking near the school. The Cottage continues to function as a store room and office space. The fabric of the Cottage is not great, particularly at the back, and so could not be used for other things but is helpful as it is.

We are very grateful for the work of David Wright and the caretaker. Geoff was doing this job at the very beginning of 2018, when he retired and the job was taken on by Roy Hadfield for most of this year, and the caretakers' job is now done by Doug Noon.

Ken Elmer (on behalf of the church hall committee).

Bell Ringing 2018-19

In January we returned to ring at St Helen's Trowell after three months of ringing at St Helen's Stapleford, during the renewal of our Church building. We took part in the 'big clean' and also rang for the Dedication Service by Bishop Tony. It was quite an emotional experience ringing for the service.

Early on in the year we commenced a recruitment drive for new ringers ready for the ringing on Armistice Day. This year was to be very special as it would be marking 100 years since World War One ended. The intention being to recruit 1400 new ringers, around Great Britain, to represent the 1400 ringers killed during the conflict. We recruited a few new ringers but sadly they decided ringing was not for them so we were unable to add to the number of new recruits during 2018.

We have a very healthy number of ringers – 8 regular ringers in total. Guild fees have been paid by the individual ringers.

During the year we again welcomed visiting ringers to our tower.

We have joined other towers at functions and meetings. We entered the Crawford Cup held at Bramcote and held our position from last year. We are planning to improve our position in 2019. We also rang for St George's Day and Armistice Day. All ringers were given a certificate for ringing for the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One.

We rang for the funeral of Jane Simms. Many years ago Jane was a ringer at St. Helen's. Jane's family very much appreciated the ringing.

We continue to receive training from Tom and Christine Langton and Mike Semken continues to carry out our maintenance work, free of charge. We are very fortunate to have this fantastic help from these people.

We finished the year off with our Christmas meal and we were pleased to be joined again by the ringers from St Helen's at Stapleford.

Christine Bradshaw

Coffee Pot



Coffee Pot has continued to be held each month in the Church. We continue to have around 25 people coming on a regular basis including some "non church" people who welcome the opportunity to drop in each month for drinks, cake and a chat. The small team of people regularly help out at this and we thank them for their kitchen duties and provision of cakes each month. £478 has been raised over the last year and this continues to be given to the Renewal Fund. Thank you to everyone who comes along for their continued support.

Sue, Janet and team



Village Dining

Village Dining has continued over the last year and whilst the numbers have dropped for some events, around 30 – 40 people usually attend and those people have appreciated the meal and social aspect of these. Last year's meals included a summer lunch consisting of a quiche lunch and our Advent Lunch which was a full Christmas Dinner. These meals have continued to take place in the Church Hall. This year, we were also able to have some Village Dining events in the Church, making use of the new space. These have included the Pudding Party, an afternoon tea and our Harvest Bring and Share Lunch. These meals have continued to provide food and fellowship and it has been good to welcome people from the village community and beyond to these. A small team has enabled these to happen - Rob and Julie who always provide and cook the main course with Janet and Sue usually doing puddings. Thank you, too, to all our waiters and waitresses and people who volunteer to clear tables, wash up and help at these. A total of £714 was raised during the last year from these. We have a varied programme again this year and look forward to welcoming people again.

Janet, Julie M & Sue B

(Original) Tuesday Evening Home Group

The last year was another successful year for the group.

We met throughout the year most weeks when we continued to encourage each other with our bible studies. We also supported the other study groups in the church during Lent and the Frontline group which was held at Awwsworth.

The popularity of the group with over 15 people attending has meant that we have been able to divide into three groups with new people taking leadership.

This has allowed other people to join as well so helping to grow the fellowship within the church where we can continue to support each other.

Janet Wright

Tuesday Morning every other week Home Group

We are only four up to now but we are enjoying the Bible study course we have started, it is very interesting and we have already learned new things, our time together is very informal and we have tea and biscuits!!!

Joy - Christine - Frank - Hilary

Monday Evening every other week Home Group

Monday's home group is hosted by David and Grace Morley in Trowell. A small group of 6 attend and have been meeting alternate weeks. Along with other home groups they have been studying the bible course and so

far have enjoyed discussing the Old Testament, how we relate to our God through the bible and understand and know him better. It's a relaxed environment where people pray, worship and study the bible and do life together.

Grace Morley

(New) Tuesday Evening Home Group

This home group is hosted on alternate weeks by Ken and Sue Elmer, or Roy Hadfield. At the moment we either meet at Sue and Ken's or in church. A group of 7 attend. Like the other groups, we have been following the bible course and so far have been discussing the Old Testament, how we relate to our God through the bible and understand and know him better.

Sue Elmer

Worship Home Group

Report not yet received: Friday, 29 March 2019

Wednesday Church 2018-19

Wednesday church is thriving with an average of 16 people each week, we are still taking it in turns , those who want to, to give a short talk to make people think, and share their thoughts, we are all getting to know each other and finding it more easy to share which I'm sure is helpful especially in difficult situations. We haven't had any visiting speakers for a long time now, so if anyone in our congregations would like to come and share we would be very pleased to welcome you. Our monthly communion service is a special time and again is open to everyone.

Janet Joan and Joy.

Mothers Union 2018-19

Mothers Union is still going well with 20 or so folks coming each meeting, we are pleased to say we didn't lose anyone last year although there has been some health issues ,which is expected seeing as we are all the wrong side of seventy!!

When we meet we have a great time together, our programme is varied hoping to suit everyone with something if possible, we had a quiet afternoon at cinderhill sharing with the members there, we had an outing to the Moravian church in Ockbrook,we did some exercises exploring disabilities, we had a super strawberry tea in church where we invited guests, a speaker came from Rainbows hospice to tell us about the

work they do for children and their families in difficult times, we had some entertainment and finished the year off with Christmas lunch at the cornmill .

Sent from my iPad This year we began with a sing-a - long when David Wright bought his organ and we sang a lovely variety of songs , had our AGM and Andy came and showed us some slides and told us about his trip to the Holy Land, in April Joan Whysall is bringing us an Easter reflection in church. We would like to say a big thank you to all who bring in some of the members who otherwise wouldn't be able to come also to all those who are tea and speaker hostesses each month, looking forward to the rest of this year , we keep hoping for new members so think about it !!

Joy Hatton, Joan and Irene.

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Dated Friday, 29 March 2019