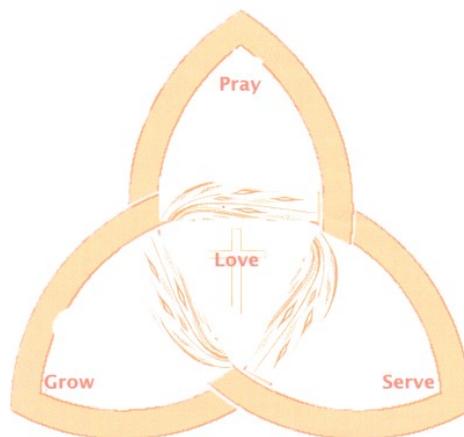


Year End Minutes Accounts and Reports

St Helens Church Trowell

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

April 21st 2021



**Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 21ST APRIL 2021, 7.30pm in Church and Online**

Agenda

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Chair David Morley

Present

1. Welcome & prayers:
2. Apologies:
3. Election of Church Wardens:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of last year's meeting of 14TH OCT 2020:
 3. Matters arising:
 4. Reports – including Wardens/Fabric, Renewal Report, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll, Sidespeople, Financial, magazine Editor's report, Deanery Synod, Home Groups, Children & Young People's Ministry, Coffee Pot & Village Dining, Home Groups, Mother's Union, Wednesday Church, All-Age/Third Sundays/school links
 5. Elections
 - a) member of deanery synod
 - b) members of the PCC, 9 members in addition to Deanery Synod member, wardens and clergy.
 6. Appointments
 - a) Deputy Church Wardens
 - b) Sidespeople
 - c) independent examiner of the accounts:
 7. Any other business:
 8. Date of next meetings:
APCM (20TH April 2020)
PCC (12TH April Trowell & Online)
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St Helen's Church, Trowell

Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting Wednesday 14th October 2020, 7.30pm in Church and Online

Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Chair David Morley

Present

4. Welcome & prayers: included current Covid19 guidance for meetings in church.
Present: David Morley (DM/chair); Julian Ennis (JE), Mel Ennis (ME), Pat Wilson (PW), Kirsten Whitehead (KW), Paul Whitehead (PW2) Karen Morley (KM), Julie McWilliam (JM), Rob McWilliam (RM), Ken Elmer (KE), Sue Elmer (SE), Christine , Grace Morley (GM), Dave Dennis (DD), Nerys Fowler (NF), David Sherrard (DS), Rita Sherrard (RS), Rev Billy Nelson (BN), Dora Attenbarrow (DA), David Wright (DW), Janet Wright (JW), Sue Baxter (SB).
5. Apologies: none received
6. Minutes of last year's meeting of 3rd April 2019: some corrections made to initials of individuals; accepted and signed.
7. Matters Arising: none noted
8. Election of Church Wardens: Ken Elmer, proposed by David Morley and seconded by David Wright; David Sherrard, proposed by Rita Sherrard and seconded by Dora Attenbarrow.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5. Apologies: none received.
6. Minutes of last year's meeting of 18th April 2018: some corrections made to initials of individuals; accepted and signed.
7. Matters arising: none noted.
8. Reports – including Wardens/Fabric, Renewal Report, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll, Sidespeople, Financial, magazine Editor's report, Deanery Synod, Home Groups, Children & Young People's Ministry, Coffee Pot & Village Dining, Home Groups, Mother's Union, Wednesday Church, All-Age/Third Sundays/school links, electoral roll Numbers for 2020 is 52 which is down 1 person from last year.

In addition to the Treasurer's Report, DW reported verbally on the changes in income and expenditure in light of the church closure and restricted use during Covid19 period, including the church hall income and maintenance of the rectory during the interregnum. If current giving continues, St Helen's should end the year with a predicted small margin.

JW proposed that a letter should be sent to the Trowell Pre-School owners, recognising the contribution to the community over a number of years. This will be agreed and auctioned at the next PCC meeting.

DM Commented that the online services are take up by 25 households over the week.

Covid19 related regulations continue to restrict the regular services in church and are changing regularly making planning difficult.

Worship – ME thanked everyone involved in producing online services and contributing to choosing music each week. Also thank you for to CE for the signed worship songs.

5. Elections

a) member of deanery synod: Melanie Ennis will continue as elected last year.

b) members of the PCC, 9 members in addition to Deanery Synod member and wardens - DM, DD, KM, JMc, RS, NF, DA, JE, DW.

6. Appointments

a) Deputy Church Wardens – JW, GS, JE.

b) Sidespeople – KM, JH, GS,

c) Independent examiner of the accounts: previous independent examiner has now retired and has not recommended a successor and so the diocese will be asked for recommendations; agreed by all present.

David Morley thanked David Wright for his past 10 plus years of service as treasurer.

Nerys Fowler will take over the role as treasurer, proposed by Dora Attenbarrow and seconded by David Wright,

9. Any other business:

10. Date of next meetings:

APCM (21st April 2020)

PCC (28th Oct then 9th December at Trowell & Online)

Reports

Please note that largely because the last Annual meeting was so recent, and due to the shutdown because of the Coronavirus Epidemic, there is very little for the various organisations to report on so there are much fewer individual reports than usual in the text that follows.

Churchwarden's Report

Due to the restrictions imposed on us by the Coronavirus, we decided in January to close the buildings for public access again. Services are continuing, and being broadcast online through YouTube at <https://www.trowellchurch.com/hybrid> . This was originally intended to be a hybrid provision whereby people could either attend the church service in the building, or watch and join in online through the YouTube communications. We have been able to reenable public access to St Helens from Easter Sunday the 4th of April, and go back to having the hybrid services.

Most building maintenance has been completed, including the fire extinguishers, clock, electrical and gas installation checks. The burglar alarm system controller failed in December, and the whole system was replaced in January.

We did succeed in collecting for the Great Notts Toy Appeal and refugees and framework in a socially distanced way. At Christmas we managed to have a Midnight Communion inside and a Carol Service outside, which was very popular indeed.

A full Quinquennial inspection of St Helen's was carried out by the architects Mark Goodwill-Hodgson Ltd on the 3rd June 2020. A considerable amount of work on the building will be required including scaffolding up the tower, but very little can be done at the moment. We are beginning to plan how e can begin to do this work.

Electoral Roll Report 2019-20

This has already been displayed in the church building.

Names on Roll 54

This is an increase of five from the previous year

Sides People 2019-20

Currently the following people share this role:

Clarice & Colin, Dave Sherrard, Graham Savage, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Marlene Cook, Pat Wilson, Nerys Fowler, Rita Sherrard, Stephen Northeast, Sue Elmer, Dave Dennis, David Wright.

Ken Elmer

Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2019-20 please see separate document, **St Helens Church Accounts 2020**

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 2020

The year 2020 was a year like no other, affecting global humanity as never before. At the first lockdown in March, the world suddenly stopped. This caused many inconveniences and difficulties at all levels from international to personal. In our otherwise high speed and busy lives, it left an atmosphere of calm and stillness within a situation over which no power on earth had any control. I felt that there was a lesson to be learned. Beyond the shock and panic, and in the face of adversity, humanity was given the opportunity to "Be still and know that I am God".

Only six months after the promise project of 2019, the General Purposes Account balance was looking very healthy. And would carry us forward well beyond 2020 without major finance problems. However, with the implementation of Covid 19 lockdown in March 2020, it was suddenly necessary to calculate guaranteed income against anticipated expenses to find out how long we could survive with no income from external services. The answer was one year in "strict survival mode", which has proved to be approximately correct. Without a "loan" from the Renewal Account, the General Purposes bank account could hit zero in the next month. Typically, our total annual turnover would be in the region of £73,000, but for 2020 it is only £54,598. However, It is of special note that we were still able to pay 100% of our allotted parish share of £28,272. This should stand us in good stead for the provision of a new rector.

Whilst the General purposes account was dwindling away due to lockdown restrictions, there was considerable unexpected activity in the Renewal account. A grant was received from the diocese for the installation of on-line streaming, together with other gifts and two very substantial legacies. These and further significant movement in early 2021 will allow us to continue with essential work on the church building.

Administration of the church finances was reviewed in late 2020. During the 11 years of my duty, the job has grown in terms of the amount of recording required by law and the HMRC intervention into what is now officially termed "taxable triviality payments". It therefore makes good sense at this stage to divide the job into 3 duties to be performed by a team of 3 persons, thus significantly reducing the individual administrative load. We now have Nerys Dennis as Treasurer, Christine Bradshaw as Gift Aid Secretary and myself as Payroll Administrator.

Many thanks are due for all the support and goodwill I have been surrounded with, during the last 11 years as treasurer. I am confident of that support and goodwill for the new team.

8th March 2021

David Wright (hon. treasurer to the PCC)

Nottingham North Deanery APCM Report for Jan – Dec 2020

Due to the unprecedented year, we only held one Deanery Synod during 2020 and this was on 13th February at St Leonard's in Wollaton. We were joined by Revd James Halstead who shared about "Whole Life Discipleship" and the opportunities for thinking about this further and training in the Diocese. We also gave out a small gift to every parish to thank them for their generous giving in 2019.

As always, we welcomed some new people and said some fond farewells. We said goodbye to Lydia Cartwright at Stapleford and welcomed Jess Savill, Anna Clarke and Lydia Corbett to the Woven group of churches.

Our Deanery Prayer meetings have also continued on the first Tuesday of each month at Christ Church Cinderhill.

We would like to thank you all for your generous and faithful giving during 2020. We may not have achieved payment of the full 100% of our parish share allocation but 93.1% in these difficult circumstances was fantastic!

We are looking forward to 2021 and hope to have the opportunity to meet again in person.

Kirsty Cowley
Deanery Administrator

Special Work during Lockdown

Weekly Email

Since March 2020 we have been sending out a weekly email to as many people as possible which has grown to 47 emails sent out weekly with 89% of people engaging with every email though out the week.

Live Streaming

Since September 27th 2020 we have live-streamed our services each week with 21 people/households watching live with an average of 30 unique views over the week. We intend to keep live stream even as restrictions lift as we have seen people connect with the church without visiting the building and we hope and pray that they will join us when they feel it is safe to do so.

Christingle @ Home Boxes

At Advent we offered free boxes to go along with our Christingle Service which enabled us to make a Christingle together and have a talk from the Archbishop of Canterbury as we used the resources provided by the church of England, we delivered boxes to 14 families with over 38 children and Adults.

Carol Singing

Dave Dennis and Mel Ennis organised a community outdoor Carol service working with all the changing Covid restrictions we had 38 people in the churchyard singing carols and Dave shared a short all age talk.

Holy Week @ Home Boxes

We offered Boxes for families and Adults to resource them to connect with God throughout Holy Week. The Family boxes included a wooden figure that each day was used to help to tell the Easter story and give them something to think or pray about. The Adult boxes had a Bible Study for each day of holy week. We delivered 14 Boxes serving over 30 people.

Homegroup United

All those part of a Home Group are invited to join us on Zoom to study the bible together and share how it affects our lives. We have just finished the #LiveLent resources over Lent which has been very good and focused on evangelism

Light Night @ Home boxes

These boxes were delivered to a number of congregation families in October 2020 as well as families for outreach with refreshment packages, a QR link to a video of games and bible based activities created with The Morley kids, with the theme of salt and light, bags of popcorn, glow stick games, and chocolate, hot chocolate kits, as they are always a famous hosting element of the evening when Light Night is held in church, from the good uptake of @ home boxes and the positive feedback we were encouraged that this a safe outreach and faith encouraging tool to continue using again. There were 10 deliveries made with 1-5 children within a household/bubble.

Many Thanks
David Morley

Church Hall and Cottage 2019-20.

The church hall has again been a really quiet place this past year.

There was a roof leak into the cottage which was quickly repaired and a water tank ball cock valve failure as well as a minor leak from the old hall heating system which have been stopped but a more permanent repair will soon happen.

After the issue with mouse infestation the building is still being checked by the pest control operative periodically and any future activity will be dealt with confidentially by him but without the intervention of Environmental Health.

We are very grateful for the work of David Wright, David Sherrard and the caretaker, Doug Noon. Both of whom have gone beyond their duties.

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

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