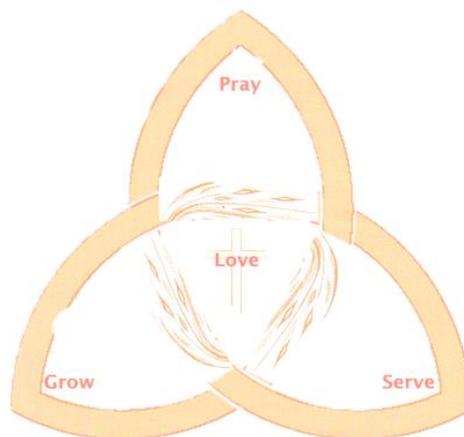


Year End Minutes Accounts and Reports

St Helens Church Trowell

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

April 20th 2022



St Helen's Church, Trowell

Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Wednesday 20TH APRIL 2022, 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 19TH April 2021:
 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 (19TH April 2020)
PCC (4TH May Trowell)
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St Helen's Church, Trowell

Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 21ST APRIL 2021, 7.30pm in Church and Online

Minutes

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Chair David Morley

Present: David morley (DM), Mel Ennis (ME), Julian Ennis (JE), Pat Wilson (PW), Christine, Kirsten Whitehead (KW), Julie McWilliam (JMc), Eva Hubbard (EH), Karen Morley (KM), Rev Paul Whitehead (PW2), Craig Elmer (CE), Ken Elmer (KE), Sue Elmer (SE), Joy Hatton (JH) Sue Baxter (SB), Barry Thornhill (BT), Wendy Thornhill (WT), Billy Nelson (BN), David Wright (DW), Janet Wright (JW), Rob McWilliam (RMc), Dave Dennis (DD), Nerys Dennis (ND), Dora Attenbarrow (DA), Graham Savage (GS), David Sherrard (DS).

4. Welcome & prayers: DM
5. Apologies: none received
6. Election of Church Wardens: Proposals from Ken Elmer and Julian Ennis, duly elected. **Check if nominations and seconds need recording**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5. Apologies: none received
6. Minutes of last year's meeting of 14TH OCT 2020: JH added to those present and also elected to PCC.
7. Matters arising: DW asked if a letter of thanks was sent to Trowell Pre-School on their closure last year. To be on the next PCC agenda if not sent.
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

- a. KW added that, in addition to the Wardens' report on the Quinquennial report and subsequent work, some gutter has dropped off and will need replacing. Some bequests have been received but are mostly dedicated for Renewal project.

David Cook has asked that all changes to the heating system thermostat/timer be through him rather than changes be made by individuals.

- b. Electoral roll has increased by 5.
- c. DM – sidespeople will be elected by the PCC in future.
- d. DW – in addition to the account report, the general finances are low and it is increasingly important to receive the envelope giving. £5000 has been temporarily transferred/loaned from the renewal account to allow cashflow. NE – thanked DW for his comprehensive handover and for his past work. Bank account and signatory changes are still to be done. Thought needs to be given by the PCC regarding how to recoup the losses of the last year, especially Church Hall income. DM added that the use of the Church Hall to resource the community is equally important to consider.

5. Elections

a) member of deanery synod: Mel Ennis will continue as elected for 3 years in 2020; Dave Dennis proposed by JW and seconded by JW – duly elected.

b) members of the PCC, 9 members in addition to Deanery Synod member, wardens and clergy – DD (Deanery Synod), ND, JH, DW, DM, JE (warden), ME (Deanery Synod), CE, KM, KE (warden).

6. Appointments

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

b) Sidespeople – to be elected by PCC.

c) independent examiner of the accounts – tbc by ND, and agreed at the first PCC meeting.

9. Any other business:

- a. expressed thanks to DM and all involved in the technology installed and used to provide services online in the last year.
- b. KE - News of new incumbent...the archdeacon has asked for the Parish Profile to have some additions/changes before the post is advertised, and so the benefice committee are meeting next week to discuss this and submit the expanded profile.

10. Date of next meetings:

APCM (20th April 2022)

PCC (12th May 2021)

Reports

Churchwarden's Report 2021-2022

We have yet another very busy year, working with the archdeacon's office to advertise and hopefully fill the rectors post while keeping up with repairs and other maintenance tasks, dealing with Covid19 and keeping services going.

Most building maintenance has been completed, including the clock, alarm and lightening conductor checks.

Much gratitude is due to the Deputy Wardens and treasurer without whose assistance we would find the tasks much more difficult.

Rectors Position

The last Rector, Revd Andy Lord left the Benefice in July 2019, and the Diocese decided to change the position to 'Priest-in-charge of the Transformational Change Appointment (time limited interim)' in line with new Church of England practices. There were no applicants during the first round of advertising. Then, In October 2021, the Diocese agreed to remove the time limited requirement, but due to a clerical error the advertising still retained that wording until the end of January 2022. The parish Representatives are meeting with Archdeacon Phil Williams on the 19th of April 2022.

Vandalism

On the 7th October 2022, we suffered quite considerable damage to the glass door, all the lights around the church, the lightening conductor and the memorial garden. Thanks to support from the police, the insurance company and local tradespeople, all the repairs were completed quite quickly. One side effect is that we now have modern, efficient lighting outside the church building.

Quinquennial including Tower work

The last Quinquennial inspection was carried out in June 2020 and the report called for some significant work to be carried out, but most of the work was significantly delayed because of the covid pandemic.

Notable items are;

Leaking guttering and downpipes, these had since got much worse and gratitude is due to David Wright for arranging and managing the replacement of all the guttering and related ironmongery for the chancel along with repairs to damaged or loose tiles on the roofs.

Broken or cracked window panes. These have all been attended to, along with repairs and new cords for the opening windows which has enabled the regular opening of windows for improved ventilation during services.

The tower south west corner, buttresses were shifting to one side at higher levels. On further investigation we also identified work required on long standing cracks up the inside of the spiral stair case. We are awaiting a full job schedule of works from our architect, but the cost is likely to be over £12,000.

Ken Elmer
Julian Ennis
Church Wardens

Electoral Roll Report 2021-22

This has already been displayed in the church building.

Names on Roll 48
This is a reduction of one from the previous year

Julian Ennis
Electoral Roll Officer

Sides People 2021-2022

Currently the following people share this role:

Vera Bannister, Colin Stevens, Dave Sherrard, Joy Hatton, Julia Lunn, Marlene Cook, Pat Wilson, Rita Sherrard, Sue Elmer.

Ken Elmer

Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2020-2021

please see separate document, St Helens Church Accounts 2021

David Wright (hon. treasurer to the PCC)

Nottingham North Deanery Synod Report for Jan - Dec 2021

During 2021, as a result of COVID restrictions, we had a mix of in person, online and hybrid Synods.

Our first Synod, the first of this triennium, was online on 21st January. We admitted churchwardens and prayed and worshipped together. It was also Peter Huxtable's last Synod as Area Dean and Anne Walters' last Synod as Lay Chair.

At this Synod we also appointed our Deanery Leadership Team for the triennium:

- Ex-officio: Tim Pullen (Area Dean) and Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator)
- Lay Chairs: Sue Dunster (The Church on Rise Park) and John Cartwright (Woven St Margaret)
- Deanery Treasurer: Greg Cowley (Bestwood St Mark)
- DLT Members: Peter Shaw (Woven St John) and Anne Walters (Wollaton, St Leonard)

We held a hybrid Synod on 21st July with some members meeting at Aspley, St Margaret's and others via YouTube. Our theme was missional opportunities for our parishes and we were joined by the following speakers:

- Chris Easton (Pioneer Minister at Bestwood Park Church – Bestop Kitchen)
- Lyn Kent (Operations Manager Woven Group – Debt advice)
- Simon Gledhill (Licensed Lay Minister Broxtowe, St Martha – Foodbank)
- Sarah Fegredow (Renew Easter Regional Co-ordinator – Wellbeing)

Our final Synod of the year was held on 29th September at Stapleford, St Helen and we met wholly in person. During the evening we spent time sharing the challenges and opportunities in our parishes and praying for each other. We were also able to give Anne Walters a present to thank her for her many years as Lay Chair.

Our Deanery Prayer meetings have also continued on the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

We also had some other changes in leadership in the Deanery. Whilst Peter Huxtable stood down as Area Dean we were pleased he remained in the Deanery as Mission Associate at St Martha's, Broxtowe and Anne Walters also remained on the DLT after stepping down as Lay Chair. We said a fond farewell to David Gray following his retirement and to Sue Dunster who stepped down as Lay Chair at the end of December. We would like to thank you all for your generous and faithful giving during 2021. We may not have achieved payment of the full 100% of our parish share allocation but 95.8% in these difficult circumstances was fantastic! A special thank you to those parishes that paid over their allocation.

In 2022, we are looking forward to meeting and praying together in person!

Rev'd Canon Tim Pullen
Area Dean

John Cartwright
Lay Chair



Kids, Families and Youth work

at St. Helens, Trowell

2021-2022



Our all age services have be able to become more interactive as restrictions eased.
Our services in church have taken lots of different formats
depending on who was leading the service.

We started Village breakfast up outside on a very sunny Sunday morning and as restrictions lifted
we have moved back in to the church hall.

The McWilliam family have been a massive part of the village breakfast,
We would like to say a big thankyou to them as they step back
as Julie continues her treatment and we keep praying for her and the family.



Our theme this year was
Don't hide your light let it shine, Focusing on Matthew 5:15

We had a mix of ages from babies to Adults enjoying the safe space away from trick and
treating, with fun crafts and prayer challenges.

We have offered the help Awwsworth run an event next time using the resources we have built
up over the last 10 years.



We have now started a lay lead event which explores different styles of worship and ways of connecting with God. We have explored themes including Hymns(old and new), Celtic, New wine and New song.

We haven't advertised this event outside of the church but hopefully now this event is on every 4th Sunday evening we can start to advertise more.



David and Grace

Church Hall and Cottage 2021-2022.

The church hall has been a relatively quiet place this past year. This is largely due to the loss of the regular playgroup booking, and others that have reduced their usage of the hall.

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 and the caretaker, Doug Noon. Both of whom have gone well beyond their duties.

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

Bell Ringing 2021-2022

This is the first report since the 2019 report, as the bells lay silent from March 2020 until April 2021, due to the Covid pandemic. The ringers did, however, meet up outside as and when the Covid rules allowed which gave some sort of continuity for the team.

During 2021 we rang for weddings and funerals. In April we rang to commemorate the life of HRH Prince Phillip, the husband of our Queen, and also for his funeral. July saw us ring in recognition of the 73rd anniversary of our NHS and to recognise the NHS being awarded the George Cross by our Queen in October. We rang for Remembrance Day in November and Christmas Day in December.

I am very pleased to report that the number of ringers we have has again increased. We now have 10 ringers.

Mike Semken has stepped in to continue training for the ringers, as Tom and Christine Langton ceased training during Covid. This new arrangement is working very well and it's a pleasure to see ringers thriving again.

Mike Semken also continues to carry out any maintenance work required for the bells. He again has done this free of charge.

We were able to join, with St. Helen's Stapleford ringers, in December for our Christmas meal bringing some form of normality to our diaries. During the year many bell ringing gatherings were cancelled.

Hopefully 2022 will enable us to participate in further activities with other towers.

Christine Bradshaw

Coffee Pot 2021-2022

After 18 months of various lockdowns, it was fantastic to be able to resume Coffeepot in October.

Sadly, during that 18 months, we lost our friend, June, who was always around to chat and help serve each month.

We were able to welcome many people from the church as well as village residents and we had around 30 people at the first one, with most people attending for the whole duration. It was good to catch up with some people that we had not seen since the first lockdown of March 2020.

We have continued to have good attendances with an average of 25 people visiting each month.

Janet Wright, Sue Baxter

Wednesday Church 2021-2022

Wednesday church started up again in September and we have managed to meet all through the winter months. We have had a few health problems within the group especially with the covid pandemic but thankfully everyone seems to have recovered.

With around 16 meeting on a regular basis we are able to support each other with friendship and prayer. A group of us take it in turns to lead the meeting and we have covered a number of subjects.

We are often pleased to welcome visitors during the morning and were especially pleased when a singing group visited and gave us an impromptu performance.

Our weekly donations have allowed us to send £500 to the Ukrainian appeal.

.Janet Joan and Joy.

Mission and Ministry meetings

This group is set up to pray and seek God's plan for our church and is open to all church members.

Each time we meet we about the future of St.Helens, discussing new ideas, looking at every part of the life of the church, considering what we could be adapting or adding to our ministry and how we can contribute to the benefice.

The meeting includes discussions and prayer, and considers all generations, the life of the church, how we support the local and wider community, and how we reach out to others and also join with our friends at St Peter's and St Catherine's.

Ideas are passed to the planning team for prayer and consideration and for trial events to be resourced and added to the notices, church calendar and website. Some are passed to the PCC and church wardens for further discussion.

We warmly invite all who are interested, not just leaders, but people with ideas and people who are willing to pray in support of others. All are very welcome to join us and to contribute to the life of the church and its future.

Mission and Ministry group aim to meet roughly four times a year.

Home Groups

Understandably, Home Groups did not meet during the time of Covid restrictions.

In Autumn 2021, Home Group hosts met to consider the groups meeting again and to look at possible study resources.

Since then the Tuesday evening group have been able to meet regularly and group members have recently joined others in attending the Lent Study at St. Peter's, Awwsworth.

Alpha

A group of twelve, including leaders, have been meeting regularly from New Year until Easter. Most had attended Alpha before but all agree that their faith has grown and deepened, especially following the 'Holy Spirit Day' which was held at the Old School Hall in Cossall.

Two members of the group are now preparing for confirmation later this year.

Reports submitted by Mel Ennis.

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Dated 19 April 2022