

Members present.

Phil Harrison Churchwarden.

Colin Russell Treasurer

Margaret Ridley Lay chairman and Secretary

Linda Barnard.

Fred Watson.

Barbara Black.

Smith

Mhoira Brewer

Megan Dugdale

Paul Chisnell.

Karen Kindley

Ian Stobart

Martin Everett

Barry Wadley-

Members absent

Mark Wilcox Churchwarden

1 The meeting opened at 7:35 pm following a prayer by Linda Barnard, Lay preacher

2 Apologies for absence from Mark Wilcox churchwarden

3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of November 2021 were approved with one amendment to item 10 to correct to state that there are now only about 160 shares issued.

A vote of thanks was given to Martin Everett for organising the erection and decorating of the Christmas tree in the church

4 Under matters arising Colin confirmed that Dawn remained happy to administer the 100 club but impressed that it needed to be promoted. Mention has been made in newsletters but there has been no response and no one has come forward to offer to promote the club. There was then a discussion as to how the club could be promoted. When initially the draw took place at the end of the service there had been some dissent and disapproval. Mhoira suggested that it could help promotion to make the draw at the end of the service when people were having refreshments once that fellowship has been reinstated

Phil raised the matter of their needing to be appointed a safeguarding officer. An approach will be made to Gail Geary.

This then led onto a discussion as to when the Sunday school would recommence. It had been suspended when the leaders had felt uncomfortable because of Covid. Karen commented that as children were now being vaccinated it could be that parents would feel more relaxed about them attending junior church and she will speak to those who were on the rota to sound them out about recommencing and will report back to the next meeting fixed for the 21st of March. Consideration will also be given to reinstating the Mather and Toddler weekday service led by Louise's curate Hannah

On the matter of separate thimbles being made available for the serving of the communion wine, Linda confirmed that this was often raised but was against canon law.

5. There was no Deanery Synod report as the next meeting does not take place until the 9th of February

6 The final draft accounts issued to the PCC at lunchtime today were approved and Colin will now submit them for independent examination. The PCC gave its thanks to Colin for an

excellent set of accounts

7 In his report as Churchwarden Phil raised Mark Wilcox's position who whilst churchwarden, remains a member of the PCC but his two months notice of resignation will certainly be effective by the end of January 2021. Unless co-opted onto the committee he will no longer be a member of the PCC and therefore a second representative needs to be appointed with Phil for the purpose of the appointment of the incumbent. Moira proposed and Linda seconded Margaret Lay Chair and the PCC voted unanimously her appointment

Father Stephen would like mention to the congregation of the current position reached regarding the appointment of a new incumbent. It was felt better that it was stated at this coming Sunday's services rather than put in the newsletter and Phil will make an announcement at the 10 am and 6:30 pm services and Margaret at the 8 am service

8 The electoral roll will be updated in preparation for the APC meeting in April. A form can be handed out at the end of services to new attendees and in particular those from Holy Trinity Church. They have made it clear that their attendance is temporary and will cease when a new incumbent is appointed whenever that might be. Linda Barnard was of the view that you could be on more than one electoral roll and this is important also from the point of view of the stewardship letter that we would wish to send out and certainly wish to hand to them also.

Phil will now draft the stewardship letter when it was confirmed that it was usually drafted and approved at the January PCC meeting. Karen will speak to Dawn as to the format of the folder containing the addresses for envelopes to save them having to be hand written.

Phil again made the point that there is an urgency in seeking to appoint a second churchwarden. Linda Barnard commented that there were a number of parishes in the deanery where there was only one churchwarden currently appointed. Phil's concern is if he had an accident et cetera that there should be someone else there as churchwarden.

There was then a discussion as to what could be done on the anniversary of the Queens Ascension in view of our being a royal patronage. Margaret to draft a notice to go in the newsletter reference same and for it to coincide with refreshments being reinstated with perhaps as well as coffee bubbly being served and a toast being made to the Queen.

Moira confirmed that Thorpe Dean Schools affiliation with the church ended on the 15th of January 2022 and it was agreed that Barbara would remove reference to same on the website and the matter would be left in abeyance until the new incumbent was in post

Barbara has continued correspondence with the Swedish parish with whom exchanges have been made and to now find themselves in the same position as us in being without an incumbent

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm with the closing prayer from Linda Barnard, lay preacher.