

The Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Nunthorpe-in-Cleveland

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 in St. Mary's Church Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: : Rev'd Tessa Stephens, Edith Dobson, Brian Dinsdale, Linda Smith, , Gary Cox, Ivan and Joan Lake, David & Christine Young, Janet Hinton, David Whilde, Graham Hassall, , Liz Taylorson, David Cook, Pat Bingham, Alma Nicholson Martin Alderson, Angus Levie, Ray Burton, Gill Wherritt and Janet Barker. Suzanne Cox joined the APCM towards the end.

The meeting was chaired by Rev'd Tessa Stephens.

Apologies: Sylvia Toresen, Barry & Shirley Glover, Suzanne Cox, Graham Hinton, Brian Dobson, Chris Hassall, Carol Keen, Julie Williams, Richard Besford, Basil Eddershaw and Janet Jameson

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023 (published).

Christine Young proposed that these minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Graham Hassall. All were in favour. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

- 1. Matters arising from the Minutes:** None
- 2. Report on finance and adoption of accounts (published).**

Brian Dinsdale started by presenting the accounts for 2023. The PCC approved these accounts on 22nd February 2024. These have been examined and inspected independently by Fred Hutchinson.

Brian Dinsdale used the following chart to put 2023 results into context.

Activity	2020 £	2021 £	2022 £	2023 £
Giving by parishioners	49,525	53,839	55,087	54,445
Wedding/Funeral Fees	7,598	10,812	12,600	13,750
Social events	4,421	4,552	5,820	6,472
Church Hall	7,599	8,952	17,151	23,260
Other	9,694	7,230	6,730	12,208
Total Income	78,837	85,385	97,388	110,135
Freewill Offer	55,000	55,000	56,000	55,000
Other expenditure	33,278	34,022	40,303	52,422
Total Expenditure	88,278	89,022	96,303	107,422
Net Position	(9,441)	(3,637)	1,085	2,713

In 2023 we made a small surplus of £2,700. This is a good result following the £1,000 last year and prior year losses of £4,000 and £9,000 respectively. It is pleasing that the income is once again exceeding the expenditure.

Giving from Parishioners was slightly down on last year and was assisted by a one off legacy receipt of £3,000.

In 2022 we had 57 regular givers via standing order

In 2023 we had 52 regular givers via standing order

In 2024 this fell again to 47 regular givers via standing order.

This is a worrying trend.

BD thanked the Pram Service for their regular giving income and the Social Events team for raising £6472, a large proportion coming from cake sales!

BD noted that while in 2023 Wedding and Funeral income was robust – 16 weddings in 2023, only 5 have been booked so far for 2024, raising some concern.

The outstanding success in 2023 was the income raised through Church Hall bookings which at £23,000 was the highest that we have seen, the previous highest was 2022 at £17,000.

Prior to Covid we were achieving around £12,000. We have seen a stepped change; many thanks to Liz Taylorson, for whom we are very grateful.

Our power costs were assisted by significant refunds from our suppliers following contractual issues which also enhanced our income.

Overall, at £110,000 income was much greater than last year (£97,000).

On the cost side we held our Freewill Offer at £55,000, however we are under pressure to increase this as Nunthorpe is seen within the Diocese to be a wealthy Parish.

Ripon Road cost around £6,000 to bring it back to a rental property, and has now been successfully let.

Our reserves are where we want them to be. The Capital Reserve in particular is at a level to enable repairs to our now old boiler systems in both the Hall and the Church.

To conclude BD was looking forward despite many changes on a line by line basis to a similar outcome in 2024 to 2023 ie a small surplus.

Thanks were expressed to Brian for making the accounts understandable, and for his continued efforts to steward our finances.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Janet Hinton and seconded by David Whilde. All were in agreement.

3. **Electoral Roll report:** Christne Young presented the report noting there were now 113 on the roll (last year 107, of which 95 are residents and 18 are non-residents).
4. **Churchwardens' report on the fabric, terrier and inventory of the Church –**
The inventory verification files were produced by David Young and Janet Barker in February. The formal Terrier and inventory were presented for inspection along with the Church Log Book, which shows all significant maintenance activities and also the book of supporting information. This is kept in the safe at Church and has an electronic back-up.

It was noted that the major changes were the creation of a Nursery area in Church and the relocation of the Office in the Hall.

The Archdeacons inspection in 2023 went very smoothly and raised no issues, in fact our Parish was complimented.

The replacement boiler will be installed in the Church Narthex over the next few days and the Yew Hedge was planted in the Millennium Garden today.

Thanks were offered to both David and Janet for all their work in this area.

- 5. Deanery Synod report (published).** No additional comments were made to the published report, though Christine Young expressed her pleasure that the meeting had improved and become much more useful to those attending.

6. Written reports -

The various written reports from Fabric Team, Mothers' Union, Pram Service, The Children's Society, St. Mary's Ladies' Luncheon Club, The Players, The Website, Nunthorpe News, Deanery Synod, Social and Events Team, Safeguarding, St. Mary's Knitting Group, Church Hall Bookings, Churches Together in Marton & Nunthorpe, Youth Activities, St. Mary's Flower Team, St. Mary's Church Choir, were as printed in the Year Book.

Tessa Stephens recognised Liz Taylorson for all her work in pulling the report together, and hoped that everyone had enjoyed reading it.

Ivan Lake asked when the Electoral Roll needed to be restated. This needs to happen in 2025, when the roll is recreated from scratch.

- 7. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives** – We currently have three places available. Christine Young and Linda Smith have 2 further years to serve leaving one place available. Richard Besford was proposed by Suzanne Cox and Christine Young and was duly elected to Deanery Synod and will serve for 3 years.

8. Election of Parochial Church Council Representatives –

There are 5 spaces on PCC available. Standing for re-election are Brian Dinsdale and David Cook. Ivan Lake is not applying for re-election.

Thanks were expressed to Ivan for his service to the Church through PCC.

Brian Dinsdale was proposed by David Young and Christine Young
David Cook was proposed by Martin Alderson and David Whilde

There being excess vacancies on the PCC, it was not required to vote them on. These were duly appointed under Church Representation Rule M9(3).

- 9. Appointment of Sidesmen** - David Young read out the list as follows:

Mrs. Pat Bingham

Mr. Ray Burton

Mrs. Alison Colombi, Mr Bill Colombi
Mrs. Edith Dobson
Mr. Barry Glover, Mrs. Shirley Glover,
Mr. Tony Grierson
Mrs Julia Hutchinson
Mrs. Carol Keen
Mrs Sylvia King
Mr Ivan Lake, Mrs Joan Lake
Mrs. Carol Levie, Mr. Edmund Levie
Mrs. Alma Nicholson
Mrs Julie Williams
Mrs. Christine Young
These were accepted by the meeting.

10. Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Brian Dinsdale that the independent examiner be Mr. F. Hutchinson. This was seconded by Gary Cox and was accepted by the meeting. We thank Fred for his kindness and support for doing this free of charge to the parish.

12. Vicar's Address

Reverend Tessa reflected upon the year and noted that it was a privilege to serve as our Vicar, and that 2023 had been a busy year with lots of weddings. That we had said goodbye to Laura Wild and reinvigorated Café Church which was picking up again after covid.

We celebrated The Kings Coronation and created a bee friendly flower garden in memory.

At Christmas we saw more people attending the services than in previous years.

Tessa thanked everybody for their participation in our Church family and went on to specifically thank a number of people for all their hard work and contributions to the Parish, namely:

- a. David Young and Janet Barker for their service as Churchwardens
- b. Lisa Opala, John Blakesley and Janet Hinton for all they have done for the life of our church in the last year.
- c. The Assistant Wardens
- d. Current serving PCC members for what they have done over the year.
- e. Edith Dobson for her work with the Mothers Union, Pram Service and Baptisms
- f. And not forgetting the leaders of the groups and organisations of the church, who were thanked for playing their part in the life and community of Nunthorpe. Namely
Flower Team for making the Church so beautiful
Grass cutting Team
Choir and organist
Servers and Crucifers
Eucharistic Ministers
Coffee Makers
Bell Ringers
Sidespersons
SET team and all their support workers
Those who helped at Childrens Events

Bill Columbi for all his unseen work on the website.

- g. And finally to everyone else without whom we would not have a Church Community

13. Any Other Business

Angus Levie reminded the meeting that it would be the Diamond Jubilee of St Mary's in two years time and that we needed to start to think about how we could mark the occasion. A special service led by a Bishop or an Archdeacon was raised.

Any ideas should be fed into the PCC.

Graham Hassall asked that thanks be minuted for Tessa and Lisa for their ongoing pastoral care and spiritual leadership for the Church Community.

The meeting then closed with The Grace.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Gary Cox

2nd April 2024