

St Andrew and St Peter, Toller Porcorum

Minutes of Vestry, Annual Parochial Church and PCC Meetings held on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church.

Present: Rev'd David Baldwin, Judy Miller, Jo Stephenson, Thelma Billen, Mike Boardman, Dorothy Boardman, David Wallbridge, Keith Miller, Rachel Miller, David Ennals.

Vestry Meeting

1. Rev David Baldwin (Rector) welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.
2. Apologies: none.
3. Minutes from meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 were approved as an accurate record.
4. Matters arising: none.
5. Election of Churchwardens: Jo Stephenson; one vacancy.
6. Commonplace Book: now superseded by Toller Times.
7. Any other business: none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes from APCM April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 were approved as an accurate record.
2. Matter arising: none.
3. Report by Electoral Roll Officer: 28 on roll down from 35.
4. PCC Annual Report: submitted and was written by MB.
5. Financial Report: report submitted at the last PCC meeting which was approved and accepted then. MB produced an update of latest figures. Proposed DW; seconded KM.
6. Deanery Synod Report: report submitted to Secretary by DW.
7. Team Council Report: report submitted to Secretary by DW.
8. The Clergy Report: Rector was addressing the problems of understaffing in the benefice. He highlighted that in the 1960s there were 8 Priests in Charge, and 6 Vicars. As late as 1973 Melplash and Mapperton had their own Vicars. He stated that today's structure cannot be upheld, worsened by 3 churches having no Churchwardens, and 1 church having no PCC. In 1994 the Rector had 2 Team Vicars and 7 Retired Priests.

Attendances: only 8am Holy Communion at Beaminster had seen an increase in size of congregation at normal' services. But Messy Church was the best attended, recent service had 90 attending with 43 children. Broadwindsor After School Club was also encouraging with 18-24 children and usually 12 parents attending. Other growth spots were: Tea Church at Broadwindsor (usually 23); Coffee,

Chat and Worship at the 10.15 Solway Ash service, and approximately 250 children joined in with the Holiday Clubs.

The Rector expressed his gratitude to JS as Churchwarden; MB as Treasurer, especially the worth of his detailed reports; KM for bearing such a burden with the building problems; DW & TB for attending deanery Synod and Team Council; DE for minutes and agendas.

9. Election of PCC members: KH, TB, DW, DE, JM.

10. Election for Team Council: TC & DW.

11. Election of Sidesmen/women: current list to be used again.

12. Any other business: DE requested that any reports to be included with these minutes are to be emailed to him.

#### Parochial Church Council Meeting

1. Election of Lay Chair: David Ennals.

2. Election of Secretary: Judy Miller.

3. Election of Minutes Secretary: David Ennals.

4. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer: Keith Miller.

5. Update on tower and roof repairs: report given by Keith Miller to update, but matters ongoing.

6. Appointment of Trustees on Village Hall: Judy Miller.

7. Ash tree on verge by lamp post: the PCC approved the felling of the lamp post obstructing tree branch!

David Ennals.