

St Andrew and St Peter, Toller Porcorum

Minutes of Vestry, Annual Parochial Church and PCC Meetings held at 1830 hours on Thursday
May 6th in the Church.

Present: Rev'd David Baldwin, Judy Miller, Thelma Billen, Mike Boardman, Dorothy Boardman, David Wallbridge, Paul Leppitt, David Ennals.

Vestry Meeting

1. Rev David Baldwin (Rector) welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.
2. Apologies: Keith Miller, Jenny Wardle, Rachel Miller.
3. Minutes from meeting held on September 3rd 2019 were approved as an accurate record.
4. Matters arising: none.
5. Election of Churchwarden: David Ennals.
6. Any other business: none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes from APCM September 3rd 2019 were approved as an accurate record.
2. Matter arising: none.
3. Report by Electoral Roll Officer: 31 recorded, (which means up to 6 PCC members).
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. Proposed: DW, seconded: JM.
6. Deanery Synod Report: submitted by DW.
7. Team Council Report: unable to meet.
8. The Clergy Report: The Rector and Vicar had submitted a detailed report, but some highlights are included here as follows: 2 churches have no Churchwarden, and the Rector is exploring how the PCCs or Church committees can be brought together. He commented how the work done by Rev'd Tim Byles by increasing the number of parishes eg Seaborough, Drimpton and Hooke (the latter originally within Toller Porcorum Parish) had in fact exacerbated the problems of posts within PCCs etc not being filled. The Rector was addressing the problems of understaffing in the benefice as well. He highlighted that in the 1960s there were 8 Priests in Charge, and 6 Vicars. In 1994 the Rector had 2 Team Vicars and 7 Retired Priests. DE asked whether there had been

any increase in congregation numbers – the Rector said there is good evidence to show that with fewer services per church per month, the number of attendees were in fact higher! Nationally, about 30% of attendees before lockdown have had no further involvement with the church. The Rector said that this was the case with his own congregations but he could not say that it was as high as 30%.

The Rector expressed his gratitude to DE as Churchwarden; JM as Secretary, MB as Treasurer, especially the worth of his detailed reports; KM for bearing such a burden with the building problems; DW for attending Deanery Synod; special thanks were expressed to Jane Ennals for all her efforts with fundraising, including Rachel Miller who is our 'Raffle Queen'. DE expressed his sincere gratitude to DW for his long serving support in terms of keeping the church functioning safely under Covid regulations, cleaning and overseeing the inventory.

The Team Vicar had commented within the Clergy Report the following avenues for worship & prayer through: pre-recorded services, collective worship via YouTube, live streamed Messy Church, Summer holiday activities in a bag, Outdoor carol and Christingle services, online community on Facebook and an online Holy Week; prayer and Bible study by Zoom.

9. Election of PCC members: KM, TB, DW, JW, JM

10. Election for Team Council: DE.

11. Election of Sidesmen: DE & DW to continue to rotate.

12. Any other business: DE requested for people to come forward who would like to read lessons. He will ask at the next service for volunteers!!

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. Election of Treasurer: Mike Boardman.

5. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer: Keith Miller.

5. Update on tower and roof repairs: completed as regards the work authorised by the PCC. DW wished to thank Keith for helping him clear up all the debris and detritus from the rooks.

6. Appointment of Trustees on Village Hall: Thelma Billen & Judy Miller.

7. A.O.B. TB raised the issue that an altar veil is missing.

8. Date of next meeting: Thursday July 1st 6.30pm.

Meetings closed 2010 hours.

David Ennals.