

**The United Benefice of St. Mary's Goudhurst
with Christ Church Kilndown**

MINUTES of the Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings of St. Mary's held on Sunday 24th April 2016 at 12.00.noon in St. Mary's Church.

Annual Vestry Meeting

1. Rev. Hugh Nelson welcomed parishioners and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Rev. Craig Huxley.

3. **Election of Churchwardens**

Angela Pakenham-Walsh and Tim Wormington had served their term in office and were thanked by Hugh for all their work. Hugh reported that we would thank them both properly at our Sunday service on 8th May.

Alison Williams was proposed by Barney Mayhew and seconded by Sue Donkin and Simon Taurins was proposed by Donald Sargeant and seconded by Rebecca Addis. These proposals were agreed unanimously.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 19.4.15. having been agreed as an accurate record at the P.C.C, meeting held on 20.5.15. were taken as read and placed on the table for inspection if required.

2. **Election of Parochial Church Councillors**

P.C.C. members who had served a three-year term were, James Wickham, Richard Vinton, Emma Sibree and Simon Taurins. Emma did not wish to be re-elected.

Catherine Lloyd was proposed by Claire Cooke and seconded by William Addis. Kathryn Ogden was proposed by David Donkin, and seconded by Alison Williams.

Angela Pakenham-Walsh was proposed by James Wickham and seconded by Jill Dunstall.

Richard Vinton was proposed by A. Davis and seconded by James Wickham.

James Wickham was proposed by Jill Dunstall and seconded by Angela Pakenham-Walsh.

These proposals were unanimously agreed.

Becky Addis, as Parish Administrator, will attend P.C.C. meetings when required, and Kevan Draper will attend as Families Minister.

3. **Election of Deanery Synod Members**

Hugh reported that Jane Wickham was willing to serve another year.

Angela Pakenham-Walsh volunteered to be a deanery synod member and this was agreed unanimously.

4. **Election of Sidespersons**

The sidespersons were re-elected unanimously en block. Those prepared to serve were, Sharon Bushrod, Tom Crookall, James Cooke, Alastair Cooke, Ana

Draper, Sue Donkin, David Donkin, Anthony Farnfield, Penny Ferdinando, Antony Harris, Richard Hillier, Rose Mbikusita-Lewaruka, Bryan Mason, John McCaig, Janet Mitchell, Robin Mitchell, David Nichol, Terence Pakenham-Walsh, Emma Sibree, Doreen Warner, Gill Wallis-Hoskins, Alan Wickham, James Wickham and Mike Warr.

5. To receive the number on the Electoral Roll

Hugh reported that the number of people on the Electoral Roll is 179, which is 15 up from last year.

6. Financial Report and Balance Sheet

David Lodge presented the Accounts, and explained the figures to us. He reported that we need to increase our income by 7%.

David was asked if we should be increasing our Charity Giving and David replied that the P.C.C. would look into this, with the aim of giving 10% of our income.

The Accounts for 2015 showed an income of £5,000 over expenditure.

He thanked John McCaig, Becky Addis and Anthony Farnfield for their assistance.

Thanks were given to David for taking on the position of treasurer.

7. To appoint Independent Examiner

David Lodge proposed John Tapper be appointed, and this was agreed unanimously.

8. Questions and Comments arising from the Book of Reports

The Report Book had been available on the previous Sunday.

There were no questions.

9. Any Other Business

David Nichol reported that the Friends of St. Mary's are in need of a permanent treasurer, due to Andy Payne moving from the district. Membership stands at 144 and more would be welcome. The annual fee is £10 per annum.

10. Future Planning

Hugh then presented his report, as detailed in the Book of Reports.

Looking ahead there are two key areas we will focus on, Children, young families and Love much, love well.

Suggestions from the floor were, teenage camps and getting the children to connect with older people.

The meeting closed at approximately 1.00.p.m.