

The Parish Church of St James, Malden

Meeting of Parishioners Sunday 15th May 2021 in Church and by Zoom at 11.00 am

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
 2. Apologies for Absence
 3. Approval of 2021 Minutes
 4. Election of Churchwardens
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Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Minutes of APCM held on 16th May 2021
2. Matters Arising
3. Appointment of Tellers and Counters
4. Appointment of Deanery Synod Members
5. Introduction of Prospective Members of PCC
6. Appointment of PCC Members
7. Electoral Roll Report
8. Proceedings of PCC and Activities of the Parish
9. Matters Arising from Activities of the Parish
10. Financial Statements
11. Appointment of Independent Examiner
12. Churchwardens Report
13. Deanery Synod report
14. Safeguarding Report
15. Vicar's Report
16. The Blessing

Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday 16th May 2021

1. The Revd Katie Thomas welcomed and gave thanks to all for attending both in Church and via Zoom as Covid sensitivities continued.
The opening prayer was taken from the Book of Common Prayer.
2. Apologies were received from: Mrs G Sinclair.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners** held on 6th September 2020 were accepted as a correct record, confirmed and signed.
4. **Election of Churchwardens.**
Mthr Katie thanked Messrs Nigel Ransom and Chris Feltham for the excellent job they had done as Churchwardens in the past year
They had expressed a willingness to continue in office and, having been duly proposed and seconded and in the absence of any other nominations, they were duly elected.
Chris Feltham thanked Mthr Katie for guiding us through some challenging times, for which she was grateful.

Chairman of the Meeting

Date

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Sunday 16th May 2020

The Annual Reports had been circulated in a booklet `A Year in the Life of the Parish: 2021 prior to the meeting and were taken as read. Comments, explanations and responses have been minuted.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners** held on 6th September 2020 were accepted as a true record, confirmed and signed.
2. **Matters Arising:**
None raised.
3. **Appointment of Independent Tellers and Counters:** None were required.

4. **Appointment to Deanery Synod:** The current representatives, Mrs Serena Josolyne, Mr Trevor Deadman, Mrs D Schuldt and Mrs C Gilonis signified a willingness to continue their term, so no elections were required. Mthr Katie thanked them both for continuing in this role.
It was reported that the meetings in the past year had been held via Zoom resulting in improved attendance.
5. **Introduction and Appointment of PCC:** Grateful thanks were extended to Alison Brennan for her service as she stood down from the PCC after three years in office. Messrs Taylor and Morris and Mrs Gibbens stood for re-election and Miss Sophie Anderson had agreed to stand; there being no other nominations, they were duly elected.
Sophie was welcomed to the PCC, more especially as she provides a younger voice. Mthr Katie thanked the PCC for their commitment and dedication and Peter Morris was thanked for the terrific job he was doing with the website and that his support was much appreciated.
6. **Electoral Roll:** There were 139 on the Roll at the beginning of the year; in the interim two members had died whilst three new members have been added. The number has therefore increased by one to 140.
7. **Report on Activities of the PCC**
The full report is in 'A Year in the Life of the Parish 2020'.
8. **Matters Arising from the Activities of the Parish**
Thanks went to those servers who felt able to continue during the year and to Trevor Deadman for assisting in the absence of a Sacristan. An appeal was made for someone to take the position.
9. **Financial Statements and Approval of Accounts**
John Taylor outlined the key points contained in the report. Covid restrictions had a severe impact on Church finances and heartfelt thanks were extended to all those who kept going and for the donations given. There was an increase of £2700 in voluntary donations.
The Hall income was significantly down but, despite all this, we were able to pay the Parish Fund in full.
Rev Katie Thomas thanked John Taylor for his sterling work and asked that those present express their thanks in the usual manner.
10. **Appointment of Independent Examiner.** A vote of thanks was given to Peter Chugg and it was unanimously agreed that he should continue to be the Examiner for 2021.
11. **Churchwardens Report**
The full report which is contained in 'A Year in the life of the Parish'.

Mthr Katie re-iterated her enormous thanks to the Churchwardens for their incredible hard work during the year asked that those present express their thanks in the usual manner.

12. Deanery Synod Report

A record of activities is in A Year in the Life of the Parish.

13. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Child Protection Officer

A full report is in A Year in the Life of the Parish. There is a continuous system of safeguarding, including regular meetings, which of necessity are confidential.

14. Vicar's Report

Mthr Katie had given her report as her sermon during the morning service (attached to minutes). She said that she had plans/ideas in mind for the coming year and thanked everyone for being here and returning to Church and for those online who were still with us.

She reported that Jason Edge was standing down as Music Director on 31st July for personal reasons. Those present wished him all the best for the future.

At a subsequent Standing Committee, Mthr Katie was sincerely thanked for all she had done in what had been a tough year. Apologies were given for not doing so at the APCM.

Mthr Katie closed the meeting with a prayer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

Chairman of the Meeting.

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