

St James', the Parish Church of Hemingford Grey

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 21st October 2020 7.30pm
(Meeting on Zoom)

The meeting was led by Rev. Peter Cunliffe (henceforth referred to as Peter). The meeting opened with a welcome, singing "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" and prayer.

Vestry Meeting to Appoint the Churchwardens

1. Mike Pinnock agreed to serve as Churchwarden for another year. There was only one other nomination – Ian Sinkinson.
Mike Pinnock and Ian Sinkinson were duly appointed as Churchwardens.
Peter thanked Mike for his hard work during the last 18 months.

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2. **Apologies for Absence:**
4 Apologies were received
71 Attendees were at the meeting

A register of those in attendance and those who gave apologies is retained on record.
3. **Minutes of the last APCM**
The minutes of the last APCM were accepted as correct and signed by Peter.
Thank you to Mandy Latimer for taking the minutes of our last APCM
4. **Matters Arising**
None
5. **Electoral Roll Report**
The electoral roll stands at 168
6. **Finance Report**
Copies of the accounts were made available, prior to the meeting, for the year ended 31st December 2019. Peter thanked all those who give faithfully throughout the year, and continue to do so during these challenging times. Currently our finances are good with continued and support to our mission partners. Diocesan Finances – parishes continue to pay their cost of ministry the only current downfall has been in the diocesan finances, with investment income currently down by £1 million. Peter requested that any questions with regards to finance be directed to the Churchwardens who will respond to

their finance related questions. Thank you to Karen Timmins our Accounts Manager and Tim Drye in his role as Treasurer. Ed Nevill has offered to serve as our treasurer following approval from the PCC.

7. **Appointment of the independent examiner**

It was agreed that Tacconi and Green accountants of St Ives, should be re-appointed as independent examiners of the church accounts for 2020.

8. **Introduction of those standing for election to the PCC**

There were 5 nominations for PCC posts; Mark Enzer, Liz Pinnock, Stanley Trencher and Allen Foster were duly nominated for a period of 2 and half years to the PCC. and Tim Wetherfield, offered to take up a casual vacancy. Thank you to those standing down this time – Susan Cook, Rebecca Austin and Clive Joseph, their faithful service and commitment is appreciated

9. **Introduction of those standing for election to the Deanery Synod**

Ian Sinkinson and Alison Craven as the only nominees were appointed to the Deanery Synod.

10. **Vicar's Address**

Peter encouraged everyone to read from 1 John and consider in our daily prayers how we might be more like Jesus each day. We should think about new ways to reach out to our neighbours, how can we support and encourage our village and its residents. Mince pies will be given out to coffee shop customers with a Christmas message. Peter asked for prayer for Ben as he thinks of new ways to connect with families and prayer for himself as he aims to produce a Christmas message for the village on social media to encourage villagers to reach out to God. Cynthia Read thanked Peter and Rosie for all that they have done, and are doing, during this difficult time; Zoom Church has been done with commitment and energy for which we are grateful. Thank you to Tim Drye for his work throughout the year. Thank you to Trish Latimer LLM and Ruth Terrell ALM who have stood down this year. Thanks to Rachel Winton for her administration and coffee shop work and the Parish Lunch team who have delivered meals around the village. Thank you to all those who play a part in the lives of St James' Church.

11. **Prayer**

The meeting concluded with a time of open prayer and a closing hymn – "Great is Thy Faithfulness"