

DRAFT MINUTES-

PARISH OF PRESTON PLUCKNETT ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING –

10.30am Sunday 21st April 2024 in St Peter's Church, chaired by Rev David Keen, 22 members attended.

1. Opening prayer- led by Rev. David Keen
2. Apologies for Absence- Caroline Turner, Rosemary Keynes
3. Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2023 were approved unanimously.
4. Presentation of Electoral Roll by Margaret Hamilton- As of April 2024 St Peter's now has 42 parishioners and 2 retired clergy on the electoral roll.
5. Presentation of Log Book and Inventory by Ian Croxford, Church Warden- no changes were reported.
6. Election of Church Wardens- Caroline Turner is standing down after serving as Church Warden for 5 years. She was thanked in absentia for all her work for the church, she will continue to serve on St Peter's Committee. Ian Croxford was nominated for re-election as church warden before the meeting by Kristina Baker, seconded by Tracey Taylor, and was elected unanimously. There being no other nominees, Rev David Keen asked for volunteers to form a team of assistant church wardens- Susan McFadden, Alannah Boyt, Lucy Daniels, Dawn Dexter, Deidre Trott and Kristina Baker were all willing to help.
7. Election of Members to Deanery Synod (1 current vacancy) - Margaret Hamilton was thanked for her long service representing St Peter's at the Deanery Synod (11 years), she is standing down. Rhoda Wilson will continue and Eileen Bangay was willing to stand, she will need transport to attend meetings. Thanks were expressed to both.
8. Vote for Mission Partners (1 votes per person)- 4 local Christian charities were nominated, St Peter's votes will be combined with those from St James and our fourth mission partner will be announced in due course- Open Doors, Compassion UK and Prison Fellowship will all continue to be parish mission partners for now.
9. Election of representatives to St Peters' Committee- this is a subcommittee of the PCC. Patricia Quigley and Tracey Taylor are standing down and were thanked for their service. Rev David Keen chairs the meetings, Ian Croxford as Church Warden and Frances Croxford as treasurer are members, Rhoda Wilson and now Eileen Bangay as Deanery Synod reps are members, Susan McFadden as assistant safeguarding officer and PCC rep and Phillida Patman and Kristina Baker as PCC reps are also members. Hugh McFadden, Margaret Hamilton and Caroline Turner will continue as members of St Peter's Committee.

10. The Annual Report of the proceedings of the Church Council, a legal requirement, and St Peter's Annual Report on groups were previously circulated and were available at the meeting in printed form. Rev. David Keen and Ruth Glendinning our youth worker highlighted some aspects of our church life, in particular the movement of God among the young people of Yeovil and the need for more adult helpers for the various groups, thus freeing up the trained youth workers for their roles.

11. Finance- our treasurer Frances Croxford presented the annual report and accounts, both previously circulated and available at the meeting in printed form.

a) The Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Church was considered.

b) The Accounts of the Church Council for the year ending 31st December 2023 were discussed, this included the overall complete Parish statement of financial activities on p 14, broken down in various ways, and also included the accounts of St Peter's Community Centre in the interests of transparency. The financial situation of St Peter's is satisfactory. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Stephen Baker, seconded by Alannah Boyt, and they were accepted unanimously. Thanks were expressed to Frances for all her work.

c) Appointment of Independent Examiner- Chalmers and Co. were proposed by Frances Croxford, seconded by Rev David Keen and were approved unanimously.

12. Vicar's remarks- Rev David Keen reminded us that he has been working in this parish for 18 years. St Peter's is living up to its aim to 'Love God and love Westfield' in three main ways- in prayer, hospitality and welcome (as Jesus would) and in availability. We were challenged to pray for THREE new adults and THREE children to join each of our churches this year. We were reminded that St Peter's Community Centre will be 5 years old on the 5th of October this year and is reaching up to 500 people each week, that we need to pray for more contacts to become converts, and especially for our children and young people. More children's work funding is needed, and this will be the beneficiary of this year's Gift Day. There are over 2500 children under 18 in our parish, and most conversions happen under this age. Rev Keen also reminded us to pray for Associate Vicar applications, and for relationships with other churches- the Mar Thoma Syrian church will be using St James' church building initially every other month, and we are already collaborating with the Baptist Church in the coffee mornings and outreach to the new Augusta estate. There will also be a joint meeting to 'Pray for Yeovil' on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 pm at St James, during the national 'Thy Kingdom Come' week.

13. There being no other business, the meeting closed with a time of open prayer and the Grace. We then held a brief meeting of St Peter's Committee before dispersing.

DRAFT NOTES St Peter's Committee 21/04/2024 after the AGM:

Rev David Keen welcomed and thanked the committee members:

Ian Croxford (Church Warden)

Frances Croxford (Treasurer)

Rhoda Wilson (Deanery Synod rep)

Eileen Bangay (Deanery Synod rep)

Susan McFadden (assistant safeguarding officer and PCC rep)

Phillida Patman (PCC rep and represents St Peter's on the Community Centre Management Committee)

Kristina Baker (PCC rep and verger)

Hugh McFadden, Margaret Hamilton and Caroline Turner (members).

He informed us that Jackie Parsons from St James was willing to be Secretary of the PCC and would be co-opted, Jackie Perryman was willing to continue as Safeguarding Officer, Graeme Matthews from St James was taking over as Health and Safety Officer, and Ian Croxford will act as deputy chair for the St Peter's Committee. Thanks were expressed to all of them. We also thank Tracey Taylor and Trish Quigley who are stepping down from the committee.

We briefly confirmed future dates:

'Meet and Greet' for the shortlisted Associate Vicar candidates, Monday 13th May. 4.30 till 6pm, Kingfisher School, PCC and church committee members invited. (Prayers for Wider Westfield starts at 6.30 that same evening at St Peter's)

7.30pm Monday July 15th, Sept 16th and Nov 18th 2024 are St Peter's committee dates

Saturday Oct 19th 2024 is our Parish Away Day in Cerne Abbas.

The PCC away day is on May 18th, 10am-4pm in Street Mission Church, all church committee members invited.

The next PCC meeting is on October 17th 2024.

Deanery Synod meetings: Tuesday 25th June and Tuesday 15th October.

Archdeacons Visitation at which Church Wardens are sworn in: Wed 5th June, Norton sub Hamdon