

# St Peter's Hilton

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***Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020***

*Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting*



# Vision Statement

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## St Peter's, Hilton

### Our Vision Statement is...

*Our vision is that within the next five years we shall:*

- 1. Have a congregation growing in numbers and spirituality;*
- 2. Have a building that can be used by the community; and*
- 3. Be working with Christians of all denominations.*

**PARISH OF ST. PETER, HILTON**

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
To be held on Village Hall Field  
at 10.30am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**A G E N D A**

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
2. Election of two Churchwardens to serve one year.
3. Date, time and place of the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

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**PARISH OF ST. PETER, HILTON**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
To be held on Village Hall Field immediately after the  
Annual Meeting of Parishioners  
on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**A G E N D A**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019
3. Presentation of Electoral Roll
4. Election of Parochial Representatives of the laity to serve on the Parochial Church Council
5. Election of:  
PCC Secretary  
Treasurer
6. Election of Deanery Synod Representative
7. Reports
8. Appointment of:
  - a. Electoral Roll Officer
  - b. Sidespersons
  - c. Independent Examiner/Auditor
9. Date, time and place of next APCM

# APCM Minutes 2019

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH, HILTON

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

held at 22 Fir Tree Close, Hilton on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.15 pm

**Present: Present:** Revd. Vivienne Hatton (Chair), Mrs Barbara Sowerby (Vice Chair), Mr Graham Bond, Mrs Sylvia Booth, Mrs Ann Devlin, Mrs Mollie Lordon, Miss Heather McIvor, Mrs Angela Sayer, Mrs Gill Sheret (Secretary), Mr Trevor Turner

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr Geoffrey Sayer and Miss Debbie-Rae Sayer.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

It was proposed by Mrs Sowerby and seconded by Mrs Sayer that the Minutes be approved. All in favour.

#### 3 PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Mrs Sheret reported that a new roll had been prepared, in accordance with Church of England rules, and that the number of names on the roll was now 21.

#### 4 ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAITY TO SERVE ON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Revd Hatton explained that PCC members are normally elected for 3 years and that the PCC meets 4 times a year, discussing such matters as the church building, the Mission Action Plan, services – general and special – such as Christmas and Easter. We would normally meet in someone's house.

It was agreed that Mrs Sheret, Mrs Sayer, Mr Turner and the two Churchwardens, Mrs Sowerby and Mrs Hamlin, would be the representatives of the laity to serve on the Parochial Church Council.

It was proposed by Mrs Sowerby and seconded by Mrs Sayer that Mrs Sheret be re-appointed as PCC Secretary. All in favour.

#### 5 ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Hamlin agreed to continue as the Deanery Synod Representative

#### 6 REPORTS

These were taken as read, with the exception of the Churchwardens' Report which Mrs Sowerby commented on as follows:-

Regarding the Gravestones, Church rules have now changed and if we find a wobbly gravestone we have to put a notice on it and inform the owners that it is dangerous. If the owners do not take action, we have to apply for a Faculty to deal with it. A discussion took place on this but we were governed by the Diocese and they would instruct us. Revd Hatton could give authority on the action to take.

Mrs Sowerby also reported that the pewter had been taken out of the safe and had been placed on the top shelf in front of the wedding kneeler. It had been valued and is worth £200 so it had been decided not to keep it in the safe but to display it.

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF:**

### **a. Electoral Roll Officer**

It was proposed by Miss McIvor and seconded by Mrs Sayer that Mrs Sheret be re-appointed as Electoral Roll Officer. All in favour.

### **b. Sidespersons**

It was proposed by Mr Bond and seconded by Mrs Lordon that the persons on the Sidespersons Roll be re-appointed. All in favour.

### **c. Independent Examiner/Auditor**

It was proposed by Mrs Sheret and seconded by Mrs Sowerby that Mr B Jones be re-appointed. All in favour.

## **8 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr Turner, Treasurer, drew attention to the comments from the auditor – that our expenditure exceeded income. At the moment we were on the plus side as we had just received a tax refund which amounted to £1,178, but we must try to increase our income. A discussion took place on how we raised funds at the moment and what we could do in the future and Revd Hatton went on to discuss the Parish Share and what it costs for the ministry of St Peter's Church.

## **9 CONSULTATION**

Revd Hatton introduced this item by stating that in 2014 we did some work and set up our Vision Statement. As a result the church is becoming more of a community building and it was generally felt that people were much more aware of the church and its place in the village. As already mentioned the weekly drop-in (during term time) was very popular and growing in numbers even in the coldest months of the year. There was much to be positive about, although we would need to keep a watchful eye on our finances.

## **10 ELECTION OF PCC SECRETARY, TREASURER AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was realised that the above elections had been missed off the Agenda so these were proposed as follows:-

**PCC SECRETARY** – it was proposed by Mrs Sayer and seconded by Mrs Sowerby that Mrs Sheret be appointed. All in favour.

**TREASURER** – it was proposed by Mrs Sayer and seconded by Mrs Sheret that Mr Turner be appointed. All in favour.

VICE-CHAIRMAN – it was proposed by Mrs Sheret and seconded by Mr Turner that Mrs Sowerby be appointed. All in favour.

## **11 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT APCM**

This would be agreed nearer the date of the next APCM.

The meeting closed with prayers at 8.35 pm.

## **Vicar's Remarks**

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Our previous vicar, the Revd V Hatton left the Plurality of Brookfield and Stainton with Hilton in November 2019 to take up the post of Parish Priest in the Hereford Diocese.

At the time of preparing the 2019 annual report for the 2020 AGM, the Bishop of Whitby, Bishop Paul Ferguson, announced that the Revd Claire Todd had been appointed Priest in Charge of the Plurality. It is expected that she will be collated and inducted at a service to be arranged in October 2020.

## **Church Warden's Report**

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### **BUILDING**

Castlemartin Builders replaced guttering and down pipes as required and painted it all including the church gate. They re-pointed the outside of the church where necessary. Following our application for funds towards this we were granted the full amount from the Community Windfarm Fund.

### **HEATER**

Geoff Morrow replaced and positioned the storage heater at the back of the church

### **CHURCHYARD**

Andy Kewley continues to keep the grass cut and regularly checks the gravestones laying them down when he considers them to be unsafe.

### **FUND RAISING**

Gift Day showed a good response from the village.  
The money raised from the Fete was down on other years.

### **ART EXHIBITION**

Held over one weekend only but raffle of Malcolm Sowerby's painting boosted funds.

### **POP IN**

An average of eight people regularly come to the Wednesday Pop In from 10.00 am until 11.00am.

### **PLURALITY**

A Plurality Service on the first Sunday of each month which rotated round the three churches proved to be most successful with each church providing refreshments. Two Plurality PCC meetings were held.

## **SERVICES**

A Pet Service was held just outside the North door. There were about eight dogs and their owners - of course the donkeys had to join in as they did at the Remembrance Service by the War memorial. The Service of Hope and Remembrance was less well attended but the Carol Service followed by refreshments in the Village Hall made up for it. There was one Baptism and one burial.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all Sides-people for their duties.

Thank you for all floral decorations. Thank you to the Welsh family for decorating the church for Easter. Thank you Christine Davis for Christmas decorations. Thank you Dorothy Watson for the lovely 'door plantings'.

Thank you to Sylvia Neave for donating the beautiful china nativity figures and wreathes at Easter and Christmas.

Thank you Dr. Noel Harker for our monthly Morning Praise.

Thank you Colin Mason for supplying our music.

Thank you Brian Booth for maintaining the fence and notice board and keeping us in wooden crosses.

Thank you Judy Swinbank for taking out the bin.

And a big "Thank you" to Revd Vivienne Hatton for being our Vicar and helping us with an exciting Mission Action Plan achieving which has helped the church to be more of a part of the community.

We wish her well in her new Benefice.

## **Electoral Roll**

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### **ST PETER'S CHURCH, HILTON – ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Electoral Roll has been revised and now contains 20 names.

G Sheret  
Electoral Roll Officer  
23rd March 2020

## **Deanery Synod Report**

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### **Stokesley Deanery Synod Representatives' Report**

The Deanery Synod met three times in 2019

#### **11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Faceby**

The Guest Speakers were the members of the Diocesan "Generous Giving Team", Jo Beacroft-Mitchell, Sammi Tooze and David Smallwood. The Team gave an outline of their responsibilities and indicated that they would be happy to meet with Parishes to explore finance matters such as: advising on the Generous Giving Programme; support to PCCs on encouraging (and writing policies for) legacies and reserves; helping Churches to talk and preach about money, moving from a "transactional culture" to a "generous giving culture" in the context of discipleship; vision planning and helping Parishes articulate their

vision, to enable regular givers to understand what they are contributing to; and leading a facilitated discussion based on the "Giving for Life" questionnaire at PCCs.

There was a reminder to Synod Reps that in 2019 a completely new Electoral Roll will be required in each Parish in the run-up to the 2019 APCM.

It was reported that Rt Revd David Wilbourne, Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, had agreed to present the 2019 Deanery Lent Services; Bishop David's theme for the talks would be "Upping our Game, setting out four tools to help us "fish for Christ".

### **19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Great Ayton**

The Guest Speakers were Revd Dr John Lee, Multiply (20s-40s) Team Leader and Dr Ben Walker, Multiply Associate Team Leader, who talked about the Multiply Project which aims to reach those in the 20s-40s age group who do not come to Church (it seems that out of the approx 27,000 people worship in Churches in York Diocese only about 10% are in the 20-50 age group). This work includes managing the Diocesan "Growth Fund" which makes grants to enable lay people to lead the creation of New Worshipping Communities. At the time of the Synod meeting there 13 (out of the planned 14) Multiply Ministers in post across the Diocese including our own Revd Nik Stevenson who is based at St Francis, Ingleby Barwick. The Multiply programme has a broad vision to tell the Jesus story in a way that people can relate to. Churches are being challenged to do something new, try new initiatives, and to take risks

Synod discussed the process for electing the new Archbishop of York who will succeed Archbishop Sentamu when he retires on Trinity Sunday 2020. Revd Paul Hutchinson, Vicar of Stokesley and member of the Diocesan "Vacancy in See Committee", outlined the process. The 28 lay and ordained members of the Committee have elected six of their number to serve on the Commission that will recommend a name to the Prime Minister, to pass to HM The Queen who will make the appointment of the 98<sup>th</sup> Archbishop.

### **15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Hilton**

The Guest Speaker was the Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, former Suffragan Bishop of Southampton in the Diocese of Winchester, and now Dean of York Minster. Following his introduction by the Area Dean, Dean Jonathan informed Synod of his background and family life. The theme for his presentation was based on the Diocesan strategy of Reach, Grow and Sustain. He indicated that he was very excited to be part of this process and encouraged by the events across the Diocese in implementing this strategy. Dean Jonathan asked Synod representatives to discuss in groups what have been the most significant changes they have experienced since their teens; and then asked what had been the major events in their lives. These two questions produced lively discussions with several people prepared to feedback on their experiences. Dean Jonathan summed up his presentation by assuring Synod there are many gaps in our faith communities but there were no reasons to 'beat ourselves up' over some perceived failings. The developments underway in the Diocese, particularly with the 'Multiply Team' now in place gave us all good cause for great optimism for the future.

There was discussion: of the changes taking place in the Deanery with vacancies occurring at Stokesley with Seamer as well as in our Plurality; about the plans for the Northern Bishops' "Come and See Mission" to the Diocese and what events might be held in the Deanery facilitated by Bishop Pete Wilcox of Sheffield and his team; and of the Deanery Financial Adviser's report that as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 all Churches with an income above £5,000 pa will need to Register with the Charity Commission (at present



Churches with income less than £100,000 pa have “Excepted Status” and so are not required to Register with the CC).

*Bob Ardley, Deanery Synod Rep (on behalf of Sally Hamlin)*

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## Filling Station

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

### **HILTON FILLING STATION REPORT 2019**

Original Host Team members remaining are: Bob & Julia Ardley, Graham & Carolyn Bond, Angela Sayer and (Barbara Sowerby who helps with catering).

All host team members are growing in confidence to deliver a stream of inspirational speakers and the most enthusiastic worship leaders we can book. Each Filling Station event is preceded with a dedicated prayer session which not only invites the Holy Spirit and God’s welcome presence but also serves to be an encouragement to each member and the guests who join us in our prayer circle. Also following each event we hold a review session to discuss how the meeting went, what we can do to improve things going forward and plan the programme. Numbers of visitors attending average 16 per event and donations taken about £25 00 per event. A gift of £20.00 is offered to each visiting speaker to cover their expenses and show our appreciation of their contribution.

A trained Prayer Ministry Team is present at every event and has been called upon at very apt and sensitive times in peoples’ lives.

During 2019, eleven events were held. We decided to have an August summer break. Our July event was held outside to provide a BBQ and was very informal and sociable.

Hilton Filling Station host team are very grateful to Hilton Village Hall Committee for allowing use of the Village Hall at a subsidized rate. The Hall is always clean and warm and with our makeover is very special to our desired outreach. We all think we are meeting a need for this type of worship in this rural village so we are happy to carry on for a further six months then reappraise the situation.

Angela Sayer 13th February 2020

# Financial Reports

## St. Peters Hilton

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (as at 31.12.2019)

	2019	2019	2019
RECEIPTS	totals	restricted	unrestricted
Planned Gift Aid	3,668.00	0.00	3,668.00
Tax Refund	1,464.84	0.00	1,464.84
One-off Gift Aid	85.00	0.00	85.00
Cash collections	1,411.38	161.14	1,250.24
Donations	270.00	0.00	270.00
Fund-raising	2,736.90	0.00	2,736.90
Diocesan Fees	199.00	199.00	0.00
PCC Fees	772.00	0.00	772.00
Filling Stations	252.60	252.60	0.00
Grants	3,340.00	0.00	3,340.00
Bank interest	57.03	0.00	57.03
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,256.75</b>	<b>612.74</b>	<b>13,644.01</b>
PAYMENTS	totals	restricted	unrestricted
Charities & Mission	161.14	161.14	0.00
Mission costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parish Share	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00
Expenses of Incumbent	75.22	0.00	75.22
Parsonage House	74.14	0.00	74.14
Expenses of assistant staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heat and light	1,255.72	0.00	1,255.72
Insurance	666.80	0.00	666.80
Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church maintenance	4,354.59	0.00	4,354.59
Upkeep of church services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upkeep of churchyard (grass cutting)	675.00	0.00	675.00
Churchyard maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees to Diocese	199.00	199.00	0.00
Filling Stations	333.96	333.96	0.00
Church Administration	436.90	0.00	436.90
Other expenses	171.33	0.00	171.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,603.80</b>	<b>694.10</b>	<b>14,909.70</b>

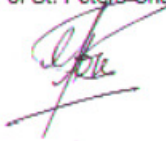
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### ASSET RECONCILIATION

OPENING BALANCES (31.12.2018)			
Current Account	5,829.92		
Add cash not banked	25.00		
Less payments not cleared	-477.88		
Church Board of Finance (deposit a/c)	7,587.40	£12,964.44	
ADD receipts	14,256.75		
LESS payments	-15,603.80	-£1,347.05	
		£11,617.39	
CLOSING BALANCES			
Current Account	4,525.12		
Add cash not banked			
Less payments not cleared	-552.16	3,972.96	
Church Board of Finance		7,644.43	
Total Assets		£11,617.39	

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and in my opinion the account has been properly prepared from the books and the records of the Parochial Church Council of St. Peters Church, Hilton and found to be in accordance therewith.

Signed



Examiner *BRIAN JONES*

Date *11/2/20*

## HILTON PCC ACCOUNTS 2019

- The maintenance and accuracy of the PCC accounts is again in exceptional order and thanks are due to Trevor for his conscientious stewardship.
- The overall financial picture is much as anticipated with another excess of expenditure over income of £1347 (£913 in 2018) reducing assets to £11617 (£12964).
- Income, after deducing the grant of £3340 from the Windfarm Community Fund, is £10917 and almost identical to 2018 - ie static. Admittedly, the grant was to cover specific repair work but without it there would be a large deficit this year. I am confident that the grant would be properly authorised by the Windfarm fund committee but I am not as confident that the transaction is totally justified in that it covers repairs and maintenance rather than new beneficial additions and does not benefit the whole of the village. This, of course is a matter for the Windfarm fund but the point is that I would not think that any large and necessary remedial expenditure would be met again from this source in future and again points to the increasing fragility of the church's finances.
- Extracting the (presumed one off) grant of £3340 from expenditure lines, reduces total expenditure to £12264 - an increase of £517 over 2018, which reflects generally good housekeeping, especially with the cost of £790 for new heating equipment. An increased Parish Share of £402 to £7200 ( up 6%) is however disappointing given the circumstances of Hilton church and prevailing inflation rate of 2%>2.5%.
- Filling Stations, as a subsidiary activity to the main church, has proved again to be a net cost this year with income at £253 against costs of £334 (ie a loss of £81).
- Many of my comments last year concerning income and expenditure trends, Parish Share and prognosis into the future are still apposite and worth revisiting, especially as the point has been reached where assets are now less than one year's expenditure on present trend.

Brian Jones  
Auditor