

St Peter's Hilton

Monday 12th April 2021

Report for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Vision Statement

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.*

AGM/APCM Agenda

PARISH OF ST. PETER, HILTON

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

To be held via Zoom
Monday 12th April 2021
Commencing at 10.00 am

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on Thursday 10th September 2020.
2. Election of two Churchwardens to serve one year.
3. Date, time and place of the next Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HILTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

held
on Thursday 10th September 2020
at 10.30 am

Present: Mrs Angela Sayer (Chairman), Mr Graham Bond, Mrs Glynis Daniels, Mrs Sally Hamlin, Mrs Mollie Lordon, Mrs G Sheret (Secretary) and Mrs Barbara Sowerby

Apologies: These were received from Mr Trevor Turner

1. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2019

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

2. ELECTION OF TWO CHURCHWARDENS TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR

Mrs Sowerby and Mrs Hamlin were nominated and were prepared to serve. Mrs Sowerby was nominated by Mrs Sheret and seconded by Mrs Sayer and Mrs Hamlin was nominated by Mrs Lordon and seconded by Mrs Daniels. All in favour.

3. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

To be decided later in the year.

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PARISH OF ST. PETER, HILTON

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

To be held via Zoom immediately after the

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

On Monday 12th April 2021

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the APCM held on Thursday 10th September 2020
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:
 - (i) Financial Report
 - (ii) Churchwardens' Report
 - (iii) Deanery Synod Report
 - (iv) PCC Secretary's Report
 - (v) Filling Station Report
8. Appointment of:
 - a. Electoral Roll Officer
 - b. Sidespersons
 - c. Independent Examiner/Auditor
9. Date, time and place of next APCM

APCM Minutes 2020

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HILTON

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

held on the Village Hall Field, Hilton

on Thursday 10th September 2020

immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Present: Mrs Angela Sayer (Chairman), Mr Graham Bond, Mrs Glynis Daniels, Mrs Sally Hamlin, Mrs Mollie Lordon, Mrs G Sheret (Secretary) and Mrs Barbara Sowerby

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4. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2019

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

5. PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Mrs Sheret reported that the Electoral Roll now numbered 20, Miss Heather McIvor having moved away from the area in 2019.

6. ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAITY TO SERVE ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Mr Turner and Mrs Sayer were proposed to serve as Parochial Representatives on the Parochial Church Council. Mr Turner was nominated by Mrs Sowerby and seconded by Mr Bond and Mrs Sayer was nominated by Mrs Hamlin and seconded by Mrs Lordon. All in favour.

7. ELECTION OF PCC SECRETARY

Mrs Sheret was proposed to serve as PCC Secretary. She was nominated by Mrs Hamlin and seconded by Mrs Sowerby. All in favour.

8. ELECTION OF TREASURER

Mr Turner was proposed to serve as Treasurer. He was nominated by Mrs Hamlin and seconded by Mrs Sayer. All in favour.

9. ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Hamlin was proposed to serve as Deanery Synod representative. She was nominated by Mrs Sheret and seconded by Mrs Sowerby. All in favour.

10. REPORTS

The reports had been prepared in advance and distributed. The Deanery Synod report had been prepared by Mr Bob Ardley from Stainton on behalf of Mrs Hamlin. The reports were discussed in turn and comments made. With regard to the Financial Report, and in Mr Turner's absence, Mrs Hamlin commented on our monthly outgoings amounting to £500 per month and the fact that our regular church services had not taken place since March and that Fund Raising had ceased. An autumn fund raising drive was planned which included the sale of Christmas Cards and the raffle of a luxury Christmas hamper. It was unlikely that the originally planned Craft Fair to be held in the Village Hall would now take place.

Mrs Lordon proposed a vote of thanks for the reports.

11. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER/SIDESPERSONS/INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

- (a) Mrs. Sheret was willing to continue to serve as Electoral Roll Officer and was re-appointed.
- (b) Sidespersons – would continue in their roles.
- (c) Independent Examiner – Mr. Brian Jones was willing to continue in this role and was re-appointed.

All in favour.

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT APCM.

This would be agreed at a future date.

The meeting closed with The Grace at 12 noon.

Church Warden's Report

BUILDING

External building work recommended by the Quinquennial : external pointing, replacement of guttering where necessary and repainting of that and the gate; was carried out by Alan Ryder of Castlemartin Builders. Hilton Windfarm Committee funded the work.

HEATER

Replacement storage heater was fitted by Geoff Morrow (electrician) on the south wall beside the door away from the rainwater that comes down the bell ropes.

CHURCHYARD

Andy Kewley continues to keep the grass cut and regularly checked the gravestones laying them down if he considers them unsafe. The Windmill fund committee and Parish Council paid for all grass cutting in 2020. Letters of thanks have been sent to both.

Rod and Sally Hamlin have undertaken to carry out regular checks of the gravestones. Dorothy Watson continues to position colourful planters either side of the North door.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

We closed the church on 16th March 2020 when the whole country went into the first lockdown and have not reopened.

Village Lunch, Christians in Hilton, Filling Station and the Wednesday coffee morning were all cancelled and have not restarted.

The Village Fete was cancelled.

We made up for some of the shortfall by making and selling masks, raffling a luxury hamper and selling Christmas cards. We also received some substantial donations.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Chris Davis prepared primulas in tea cups to be given as gifts to mothers. The Service was cancelled because of the first lockdown so the gifts were not used. We hope to give them in 2022!

CHRISTMAS 2020

A walk was created beginning at the village hall (where Santa could be seen surrounded by presents inside) through the village field and up into the church yard with branches lit with led lights. The Nativity scene was set up outside the church lit up by torches. The church door was open with Christmas music playing inside. Revd. Todd greeted the families and the children were invited to take a Christingle.

Jenni and Matt organised a village Christmas light competition and donated £90.00 to the church from money raised.

ALTAR

We were told that we would need a Faculty to remove the present altar and to replace it with the one from Hemlington. The process began but came to a halt due to the pandemic.

Arrangements for the Hemlington one to be delivered halted when no one could carry out the physical work. We believe the Hemlington one is in storage in Middlesbrough.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This was held on September 10th 2020 outside the village hall.

REV CLAIRE TODD

Rev Claire Todd was inducted as Priest in Charge of our Benefice on October 20th 2020 in St. Margaret's Church, Brookfield. Mrs. Gill Sheret and Mrs. Angels Sayer represented Hilton. Unfortunately, no one else from Hilton felt able to attend because they were isolating due to the Pandemic.

As the church remains closed Rev Claire Todd has not been able to conduct any Services in Hilton but attended the Christmas walk and organised Morning Prayer followed by a PCC Meeting on Zoom on December 3rd 2020. We look forward to our future together.

SERVICES

The last Service to be held in the church was on 15th March 2020.

Burial

There was one churchyard burial conducted by Rev John Ford

Internment of Ashes

There were three Services for the interment of ashes all conducted by Rev John Ford.

THANK YOU

Thank you all sides people.

Thank you Colin Mason for preparing the music.

Thank you Dorothy Watson for the lovely planters outside the church door and for generally 'keeping an eye' on the churchyard.

Thank you Judy Swinbank for putting out and returning the bin.

Thank you Brian Jones for auditing our accounts.

Thank you Brian Booth for more beautiful crosses for use in the graveyard.

Thank you Rod Hamlin for the lights the Sparkly Walk at Christmas.

Thank you to all the people who support the church in so many different ways.

Electoral Roll

ST PETER'S CHURCH, HILTON - ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll has been revised and now contains 21 names.

G Sheret
Electoral Roll Officer

Deanery Synod Report

Meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2020 at Worsall Village Hall

Presentation by Revd. Nik Stevenson

Nik is based in the Parish of St Francis, Ingleby Barwick and is available to help all Parishes in our Deanery. His role is to identify the Groups of people the church does not reach at present. He shared a handout, 'Approaches to Creating New Worshipping Communities' and reminded everyone of his availability in terms of folk reach out to 20s to 40s in their area.

Freewill Offers

Deanery offers total £549,938 which is less than the last 3 years offers, and £7,398 less than last year (1.33% decrease).

Charity Commission Registration

As from 31st March 2021 all churches with an income above £5000 will need to register as separate charities with the Charity Commission.

Come and See Mission

The team are organising a programme of events.

Deanery Lent Services

Programme of events available

Corona Virus Pandemic

There were no further meetings of Deanery Synod.

PCC Report

The following served on the PCC as Trustees during the year 2020 :-

Revd Claire Todd	From 20 th October 2020
Mrs A Sayer	Chairman from January to 20 th October 2020
Mrs B Sowerby	Churchwarden and Vice Chairman
Mrs S Hamlin	Churchwarden & Deanery Synod Representative
Mrs G Sheret	Hon Secretary

The PCC met on four occasions in 2020 on the following dates: 27th January, 2nd March, 14th August (Village Hall field) and 3rd December (via Zoom)

Gill Sheret, PCC Secretary

12th March 2021

Hilton Filling Station Report

Original Host Team members remaining are: Bob & Julia Ardley, Graham & Carolyn Bond, Angela Sayer and Barbara Sowerby (who helps with catering). Two new members were keen to join our team and were informally interviewed over a lovely meal, courtesy of Bob and Julia in their home.

Part of the Filling Station aim is to inspire people that God can use the ordinary among us to do extraordinary things. We did have a good programme of events and inspirational speakers booked going forward and hoped to be able to carry on with the help of two new members.

Unfortunately, during 2020, only three events were held successfully due to a global pandemic and tight restrictions put in place during the whole year from March 23rd 2020 up until present day.

The three events were held on 7th January, 4th February and 3rd March as we always hold the event on the first Tuesday in the month commencing 7.30 pm. Our January Filling Station event featured Julia Ardly with Jez Fletcher contributing to the worship. In February we welcomed Ray Morris as Speaker with Evie Alberti for the music element.

Every Filling Station event is followed by a review meeting and at one such meeting it was agreed by all that the Host Team would cover the whole of the March event and this was deemed a success even though we didn't have live music. The decision also meant that we could keep all of the donations towards holding future events, with no speaker expense.

Hilton Filling Station is in 'standby mode' and remains in our prayers.

Angela Sayer

14 March 2021

Accounts

HILTON PCC ACCOUNTS 2020

- Once again the maintenance, accuracy and presentation of the PCC accounts is exemplary thanks to the due diligence of Trevor's stewardship as Honorary Treasurer.
- The overall financial situation remains much as expected although with a surplus of income over expenditure this year of £1029 (loss £1347), total cash assets have increased to £12647 (£11617).
- As we all know the majority of the year 2020 has been disastrous on many levels and in a business context, survival has been the name of the game for many. The Church both nationally and locally has not been exempt from the effects of the Covid. crisis and regrettably the trends seen over the last nine months of 2020 are likely to continue well into 2021.
- Excluding the large one off grant of £3340 in 2019, income actually increased modestly in 2020. However, the worrying trend of reducing key lines continues and the seemingly satisfactory position has been masked by significant donations of £1334 this year together with fund raising which has been quite exceptional in the circumstances.
- Total covenanted giving has steadily been eroded from over £4000 pa five years ago to just over £3000 in 2020 (with the consequent reduction in tax refunds). Natural drift is likely to reduce this further going forward unless new or upgraded covenants can be obtained. One off gifts and cash collections have fallen from c£1500 last year to c£300 in 2020 and whilst the reason is obvious due to the closure of the church for the majority of the year, this unfortunate circumstance is unlikely to improve much, if any, at least in the first half of 2021.
- Whilst expenditure is generally well controlled and the reduction in electricity bills (c450) due to the lack of services was welcome, it is likely that with the normal and inevitable inflationary rises etc. and probable increased clergy costs next year, there will be added strain on housekeeping.
- My comments regarding the implications of Covid. both for 2020 and 2021 will come as no surprise and while St. Peter's has survived another year, the underlying financial position continues to be weak for reasons that have been well stated and understood for some years. In simple terms, it is clear that the church needs increased revenue on a sustained basis for it to continue into the future on the present lines. Whether it is possible or feasible to grow covenanted giving and increase fund raising (notwithstanding present valiant efforts) remains a question to ponder.

Brian Jones
Auditor

Trevor - On a technical note, and I appreciate this has been a very difficult period for everyone involved in running the church, it is not fully clear whether there is a true audit trail for some expenditure lines - specifically, whether second signatories are on cheque authorisations or alternatively, invoices are countersigned for approval. I raise the point for future reference only and am quite content that all expenditure this year is authentic. BJ

**St. Peter's Church
Hilton**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (as at 31.12.2020)

	2020	2020	2020
	totals	restricted	unrestricted
RECEIPTS			
Planned Gift Aid	3,030.00	0.00	3,030.00
Tax Refund	1,588.22	0.00	1,588.22
One-off Gift Aid	125.00	0.00	125.00
Cash collections	187.65	0.00	187.65
Donations	1,604.00	0.00	1,604.00
Fund-raising	2,895.00	0.00	2,895.00
Diocesan Fees	234.00	234.00	0.00
PCC Fees	686.00	0.00	686.00
Filling Stations	84.00	84.00	0.00
Grants	675.00	0.00	675.00
Bank interest	32.47	0.00	32.47
Other	450.00	0.00	450.00
Total	11,591.34	318.00	11,273.34
PAYMENTS	totals	restricted	unrestricted
Charities & Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parish Share	7,320.00	0.00	7,320.00
Expenses of Incumbent	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parsonage House	36.63	0.00	36.63
Expenses of assistant staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heat and light	797.77	0.00	797.77
Insurance	681.45	0.00	681.45
Cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church maintenance	156.68	0.00	156.68
Upkeep of church services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upkeep of churchyard (grass cutting)	720.00	0.00	720.00
Churchyard maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees to Diocese	234.00	234.00	0.00
Filling Stations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Administration	505.10	0.00	505.10
Other expenses	110.00	0.00	110.00
Total	10,561.63	234.00	10,327.63

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Hilton**

ASSET RECONCILIATION

OPENING BALANCES (31.12.2019)		
Current Account	4,525.12	
Add cash not banked		
Less payments not cleared	-552.16	
Church Board of Finance (deposit a/c)	7,644.43	£11,617.39
ADD receipts	11,591.34	
LESS payments	-10,561.63	£1,029.71
		£12,647.10
CLOSING BALANCES		
Current Account	4,786.20	
Add cash not banked	184.00	
Less payments not cleared	0.00	4,970.20
Church Board of Finance		7,676.90
Total Assets		£12,647.10

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year 31st December 2020 and in my opinion the account has been properly prepared from the books and the records of the Parochial Church Council of St. Peter's Church, Hilton and found to be in accordance therewith.

Signed



Examiner *BRIAN JONES*

Date *5/2/21*