

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH OF UP HOLLAND AND DALTON ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT ST THOMAS THE MARTYR ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2021**

Members who were present and apologies for absence are as listed in the annual meeting for Parishioners.

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It was proposed by Rev Chris Dunbar and seconded by Val Garner that the minutes of the above meeting having been circulated and read be accepted as a correct record. ALL IN FAVOUR

ELECTION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following people were elected as members of the Parochial Church Council:

From St Michael & All Angels Church, Dalton

David Hutton; Eve Barr; Sylvia Samples; Linda Ray; Gaynor Goodson

From St Thomas the Martyr Church, Up Holland

Elisabeth Heyes; Helen Foster; Martin Starkey; David Wright; Dorothy Smith

From Christ the Servant Church, Digmoor

Beryl Trainor; Dave Fendle; Phyllis Collins; Alison Woods; Val Garner

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

PAUL ROTHWELL was proposed as the Independent examiner. ALL IN FAVOUR

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report had been made available online for 3 weeks before the Annual Meeting and printed copies also made available in each church. The meeting worked through the report page by page. Explanations, clarity and further information was provided when asked. The financial part of the Report was also worked through and questions answered by the Treasurer, Mrs Barbara Roughley and The Revd. Paul Lock.

It was proposed by Phyllis Collins and seconded by Neil Girvin that the Annual Report and Accounts be accepted. ALL IN FAVOUR.

Thanks were expressed to Barbara Roughley for producing the accounts from 1 April 2020 to 31st December 2020 and also to Alaric Hicks and David Durham for producing the accounts within the Report for the period 1st January 2020 to 31st March 2020 for all their hard work.

During questions the matter about the future of Christ the Servant building was raised. The meeting heard about the poor state of the roof and also the failure of the damp course below the floor. The Revd Paul Lock explained that a number of conversations have taken place to help work out what options there are for the future. He suggested that the building was no longer fit for purpose and that the future for the worshipping community would no longer include the current building. He also said that the commitment to maintain and increase the Christian presence in Digmoor and all other areas of the parish remained a priority and that with the right vision and plans we would receive the help and encouragement we needed.

Report from the Clergy

Rev Paul Lock thanked everyone – churchwardens who have served since the last Annual Meeting; and also Alaric, Sally and many of the team from St Michael's who have been taking on the role of assisting in the absence of elected churchwardens there. Parochial Church Council members for all

their work and commitment. Thanks were offered to those who are stepping down as members of the PCC, including: Harry Lees; Mark and Janice Bainbridge and Jackie Jolley. Thanks also to Barbara Roughely for serving as treasurer and for all the hard work she has put into amalgamating the accounts and helping us to better understand where we are financially as a new parish. Thanks to Dorothy Smith who is stepping down as PCC Secretary and for her faithful service to the parish as PCC Secretary for 34 years (Dorothy was presented with some flowers in appreciation of her service and commitment); Stuart and Ian Cleverdon for all they have done to film and edit online worship throughout the pandemic and for all their help and commitment in so many other ways with the Website, Social Media and our sound systems; Thanks also to Nick Daunt; Paul Givens; Revds Peter Bradley; Ruth Byworth; Christine Warrilow; who have helped out with the services and with so much pastoral work and spiritual development. Thanks to Paul Givens for his work with the Website, Social Media and developing the use of IT and Internet to help promote and support our work and witness.

Thanks to Helen Foster and Jill Sinnott for their involvement and leadership at the Hub and thanks to those who work hard to re-order the Church. Thanks to Michael and Dennis for all they did on the re-ordering work. Special thanks to The Ven. Peter Bradley for Chairing the Development Group.

Rev Paul said he was grateful to the gardening group who have kept the graveyard tidy and well-ordered at St Thomas the Martyr Church; All those who have kept the foodbank and open table open every day during the Covid crisis. Thanks to the people who have been maintaining the graveyard and grounds at St Michael's Church, Dalton. Thanks also to all who have offered to serve as sidespeople and welcomers when our churches have been open for worship. Thanks to everyone including the ones who have not been named who have contributed to the work and worship of the churches. A huge thank you, also, to all those who have continued to support the parish and churches financially during the pandemic – their generosity has enabled us to pay all our running costs, including parish share, which means we have ensured that the church has been able to bear witness and serve during these difficult months.

It was stressed that we need to keep our focus on what we will be doing and to grow in strength. We need to continue to pray to God for a bigger church and to be focussed and committed to reach out to touch the hearts of all the people in the Parish.

Rev Paul Lock explained that in a few weeks' time we will be sharing four videos and a booklet over four days which will focus on helping us to consider how we might start making those steps to achieve our vision of sharing the Good News of Jesus with all those in the communities we are called to serve. We were reminded of Bishop Paul's vision to do all that we can to become churches which are fit for mission in the post-Brexit and post-Covid world. The Revd Paul also shared with the meeting some thoughts from the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell – who is calling us to be simpler, bolder and humbler in our work as Christ's disciples. Everyone was asked to think about how we can introduce more people to God and deepen our discipleship.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed this part of the meeting.