

St Michael's Church

Chesterton



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

2019

Agenda for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursday 11th April 2019 @ 10am

Annual Parish Meeting

- Election of the Churchwarden(s).

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

- Apologies for Absence
- Minutes of the 2018 meeting
- Matters Arising
- The Annual Reports
 1. The Rector's Report.
 2. Report on the Electoral Roll
 3. Financial Statement for the year ending 31.12.2018
 4. A report on the fabric of the church
 5. The Deanery Synod Report.
 6. Report on the church's activities.

Elections and Appointments

- PCC committee members.
- Sidemen
- The Independent Examiner
- Deanery Synod Member

Any other business

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Appointments

1. PCC Secretary
2. Treasurer
3. Electoral Roll Officer

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHESTERTON

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018 AT 10.00AM AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The Reverend Malcolm Ingham welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading.

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

The election of Churchwardens commenced. Mr John McKee was proposed by Mr Colin Marshall and seconded by Mr Brian Wright.

Mr John McKee was duly elected.

The meeting was then closed.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHESTERTON

MINUTES OF THE APCM HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018
AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHESTERTON

PRESENT

Chairman: The Reverend Malcolm Ingham

Churchwarden: Mr John McKee

Mrs Jean Hillier, Mrs Audrey Wright, Mr Brian Wright, Mrs D Kotowska, Mrs Helen McKee,

Mr Jim Jones, Mrs Marion Marshall, Mr Colin Marshall.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the 2017 meeting were read and approved, proposed by Mr B Wright, seconded by Mrs J Hillier and passed unanimously.

Rector's Report

The Reverend M Ingham gave the Annual Report, a copy of which is attached.

Electoral Roll

Mrs Dorothy Kotowska reported that there were 33 names on the Electoral Roll.

Financial statement

The Financial Statement for 2017 was given by the Treasurer, Mr J McKee, details of which are within the Annual report.

Fabric and Buildings

Mr J McKee reported that there are no structural issues with the church building.

During 2018 the following works would be carried out:

1. Repair of the electrics.
2. Replacing the heating system.

3. Repair of the Font.
4. Repositioning of the Font.

Deanery Synod

Mrs J Hillier gave a report, a copy of which is within the Annual Report.

Report on the Church's Activities.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following were elected as members of the PCC for the coming year.

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Jim Jones	Jean Hillier	Roger Austin
Dorothy Kotowska	Janet Austin	Marion Marshall
Colin Marshall	Arthur Guest	Brian Wright
Marion Marshall	Arthur Guest	Brian Wright
Helen McKee	Jim Jones	John McKee
Brian Wright	Helen McKee	Jim Jones
Audrey Wright	Roger Austin	Janet Austin

Mr Richard Hillier and Mr Roger Austin agreed to continue as Sidemen.

The Independent Examiner continues to be Mr Michael Cox, proposed by Mr J McKee and seconded by Mr B Wright.

The Deanery Synod representative continues to be Mrs J Hillier, proposed by Mr R Austin and seconded by Mr J Jones and passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHESTERTON

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 19 April 2018

Present

Chairman: The Reverend Malcolm Ingham

Churchwarden: Mr J McKee

Mrs D Kotowska, Mr J Jones, Mrs M Marshall, Mr C Marshall, Mrs J Hillier, Mrs A Wright, Mr B Wright, Mrs H McKee.

Election of Committee Officers

1. PCC Secretary

Mrs J Hillier proposed Mrs H McKee to be secretary, this was seconded by Mrs D Kotowska and passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer

Mrs J Hillier proposed Mr J McKee to be Treasurer, this was seconded by Mr J Jones and passed unanimously.

3. Electoral Roll Officer

Mrs J Hillier proposed Mrs D Kotowska, this was seconded by Mrs A. Wright and passed unanimously.

4. Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Mr John McKee and seconded by Mr Brian Wright that Mr Michael Cox continue as the Independent Financial Examiner. This motion was passed unanimously

Repair and Movement of the Font

The repair and moving of the font was briefly discussed but a decision was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting then closed with a prayer.

Annual Reports for 2018

Rector's Report 2018 by the Reverend Malcolm Ingham

2018 was a year of hot and cold – highs and lows.

St. Michael's had electrical work carried out and the heating replaced, something that means that although the church building can't quite be described as "toastie" we should be fairly OK if the Beast from the East that hit in early spring should ever return.

St. Michael's once again ran a series of successful coffee mornings and also experimented with a new (non-Prayer Book) Harvest Festival service which was put together by members of the congregation. Just to restore equilibrium the Prayer Book Society were invited to hold one of their services at St. Michael's and although poorly attended by PBS members it was an interesting and positive exercise for us.

St. Andrew's enjoyed a Big Brekkie in support of Christian Aid and also a Coffee Morning supporting the Leprosy Mission during the Heritage Open Days as well as having our brains boggled at the Big Quiz for Tear Fund. On the other hand, the Fellowship meal at The Cuckoo simply involved good food and good fellowship and no tasking questions other than who paid for what.

A few of the Men attended the London Men's Convention and some of our women likewise went to the Winter Glory day.

Sadly, not everything was a sunny as the weather was during the holidays. Although there was a lot of discussion about our support for Hope into Action and we were visited a number of times by Rachel Patterson from the charity our support for a house never materialised after a PCC vote not to proceed. Likewise, there were no takers for the Christianity Explored course last year and after the summer we had to put Tiddlywinks, our preschool group, on hold because of a lack of helpers.

We also need to remember with thanks the life of Yvonne Wright who has gone to be with her Lord. Yvonne did much for our churches as well as being a kind and loving friend to so many people and she is sorely missed.

Last year in our services we looked at Jesus' "I am" sayings, Galatians, what the various things we call events round Easter actually mean, we finished off our series on Acts, delved into the Psalms, explored the hope we have in heaven and investigated some of the reasons why Jesus came at Christmas. In addition, St. Andrew's PCC looked at who and what we are as a church and reached the following conclusion, that we are; Learning, Loving and Living for Christ.

Now, we just have to apply that in 2019.

Report on the Fabric and Buildings by the Churchwarden, Mr John McKee

Heating and Lighting

The 2017 Quinquennial Inspection highlighted areas that required work to ensure that the church fabric remained sound.

The specific area that required work was the electrical system which had failed the maintenance checks on the wiring and heating.

As this remedial work involved replacing cabling and heaters the PCC decided to replace the current heating system with a modern system which would make the church more comfortable in the winter.

During 2018 the remedial work involved:

1. The removal of the current overhead heaters.
2. The 4 rear overhead heaters being replaced by halogen heaters.
3. The removal of the current pew heaters.
4. The pew heaters being replaced by new more efficient heaters.
5. All current cabling not meeting the requirements of the current electrical regulations was removed, upgraded and/or replaced.

The replacing of the heaters within the church has been completed and the electrical wiring renewed and replaced where necessary.

Repair and Repositioning of the Font

During the year it was noticed that the Font was not set into the floor of the church and could be moved easily. The recess was 1cm deep and the font was free standing without any means of support. The base of the font also had been damaged with corners being knocked off further reducing the stability of the font.

As part of the repair the Font had the existing base removed and a new base was fitted.

Rather than replace the Font in the same position it was decided by the PCC that the Font could be moved to a more prominent position.

The chosen position was opposite the entrance door under the window in the north aisle. A faculty to repair the Font and to move the Font was applied for and obtained. The Font is now in its new position and is firmly positioned.

One of the positive consequences of the repositioning of the font is that we now have more usable space at the rear of the church. This creates a larger more usable space that will allow more and larger community functions to take place.

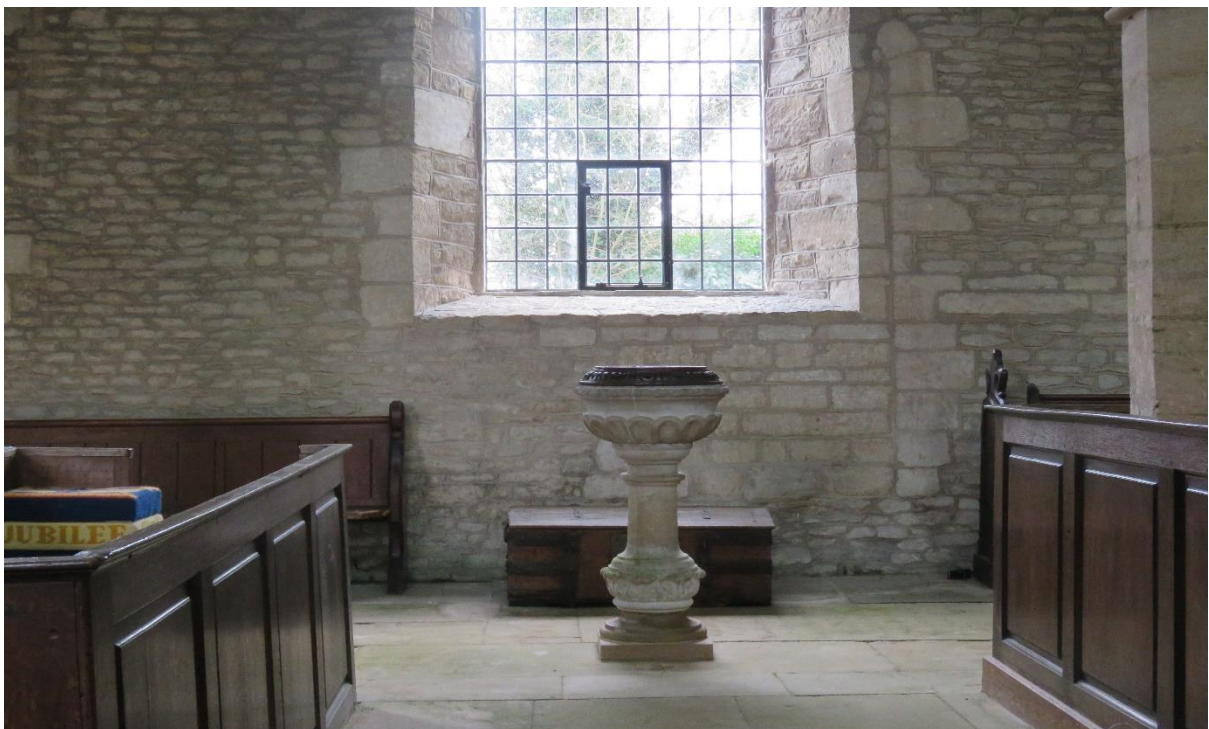
The view of the Font from the entrance door



This photograph shows the final position of the font. The view is from the entrance door with the font in front of the window in the north aisle.

The photograph also highlights the new overhead heaters and the new lighting system.

Views from the entrance door with the font in front of the window in the north aisle.



Electrics and Lighting

The electrical cabling supplying power to the heaters and lighting has been totally replaced and meets all current standards. The lighting has been improved by replacing the bulbs with modern low power LED bulbs.

An interesting situation arose when the flooring was lifted to allow the new cabling which connected the front Pew heaters was replaced. The lifting of the stone flooring showed no sign of any damp and in places the original floor would be seen.

Photograph of the Nave with the floor lifted.



Photograph of the North Aisle with the floor lifted.



Heating System

During 2018 we had the old Pew heaters removed and replaced with more modern and efficient Pew heaters. These were fitted to the front Pew's only as fitting to the rear Pew's would have resulted in a major removal of the floor.

To compensate the old overhead heaters were removed and at the rear of the church 2 halogen heaters were fitted on each side of the church. The difference that these heaters have made can be said to be "warming".

To improve the heating in the chancel 2 new Halogen heaters have been installed replacing the old bar heaters.

Charitable Giving

Over 10% of our income is used for Charitable purposes. During 2018 we supported the following charities:

- The Mothers Union
- Specific donations being used to support Mothers Union activities in Africa
- The Women's Refuges in Peterborough and Huntingdon.
- The Sue Ryder hospice received all fresh food from the Harvest Festival.
- Time Stop received all tinned and boxed food from the Harvest Festival.
- The Children's Society. Donations are made through the collecting box which is always at the rear of the church

In addition to the above we continued to support the Peterborough Food Bank. During 2018 St Michael's donated over 89 kilograms of food. These donations created enough food to provide food boxes for 9 families.

Church Finances by the treasurer, Mr John McKee.

The church accounts have been passed by the Independent Examiner. The accounts show that the church is in a reasonable financial position. A copy is available from the treasurer.

2018 was a challenging year as the church upgraded the heating system, the electrics and repaired the fund. Taking this into account the church is still in a strong financial position with the final financial position being similar to 2017.

Going forward the PCC will monitor both the church's income and expenditure to ensure that income matches or is greater than expenditure.

Church Activities by Mrs Jean Hillier

Lent lunch

In March we hosted a lent lunch as part of the series of lent lunches throughout the Ortons. Our talk was about the way music can bring us together in Christ. The lunch was well attended, there being approximately 30 people. It appeared to be enjoyed by providers and recipients. Donations were made and these were given to Mothers' Union projects in Africa.

Coffee Mornings

Each month between May and September we held a coffee morning on behalf of Women's Aid in Peterborough and Cambridge. We raised £ 520 which the church made up to £600 and so £300 was sent to each establishment. Another reason for the Coffee mornings was to give local people somewhere to meet and talk. This seemed to be appreciated. The coffee and cakes were free and people made a donation on the way out. Our numbers were quite low at the beginning but by September there was a real buzz in the church during the Coffee morning. We had a visit by people who used to live in Chesterton and attend the church.

Photographs showing available space used for community functions.





U3A visit

We had a visit from a U3A group. We provided tea and a talk. The people seemed very appreciative and we were given a donation of £ 80.10 for the church.

PBS visit

In September we hosted an Evening Service on behalf of the Prayer Book Society. Unfortunately, this was poorly attended although those who did come enjoyed the experience.

Harvest Supper

After the Harvest Festival Service, we had a Bring and Share supper. It went well and is worth trying again.

Yaxley Deanery Synod by the Deanery Synod Representative, Mrs Jean Hillier.

In the year 2018 we spent the whole year awaiting the production of a draft Pastoral plan. This was complicated by the fact that some of the people on the committee wished to rename the deanery. The names "South Nene", "Norman Cross" and ? .

At the moment the parishes are still waiting for their draft so that any comments can be made and taken to the next Synod meeting, next year.

The first meeting of the year was at St. Peter's Church, Yaxley. There was a talk by the Rev. Olivia Coles about following up and working with families of those who had been baptised.

Two baptism ALM's were licensed for Christchurch; Sarah Berenznyckyj and Debby Thorn.

One children and families ALM was licensed for Stanground; Kate Ferris.

Ideas for the Pastoral plan were;

Liaison with Secondary schools, a Deanery Youth worker, Renaming the Deanery and realigning some church groups.

The second meeting was on the 17th September at All Saints Church, Elton, when there was a talk on ALM training. Debbie Hill explained about the ALM courses being run this year. One was in Wisbech and the other in March. However, it was advised that people should do a discipleship course first and one was to be run locally by Rev. Richard Gibbs and Rev. Imogen Falvey.

News: Jon Randall had been appointed to St. Barnabas Church in Huntingdon and would be Licensed on 30th September.

The third meeting was at St. Margaret's Fletton on 26th November. There was no talk but the Deanery Pastoral plan draft was produced and we were promised that it would be distributed to the parishes for discussion and comment before the next meeting.

After protestations, Chesterton had been put with Alwalton to join with Christchurch in the long term.

News: Rev. Imogen Falvey has been appointed to the Orton parish and would be licensed on 17th December at St. Mary's Orton Waterville.

The Rural Dean and Lay chair wanted to arrange to meet other groups in the parish e.g. Churchwardens, treasurers and ALM's.

Pastoral plan enclosed.

Electoral Roll Report by the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Dorothy Kotowska

A new electoral roll has been prepared and will come into force in April 2019. There are 35 names on the roll.

The previous roll had 33 names; 2 names have been removed and 4 new names have been added.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in the preparation of the new roll, especially Malcolm, John and Helen and Jean.