

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held at
St John the Baptist Church, Bishopsteignton at
7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 3rd April 2019**

Present: Rev'd Roderick Withnell (Chair) and 22 parishoners.

1. Apologies for absence. Mrs Liz Fuell, Mrs Sue Nickels, Mrs Rosy Plumb, Dr Ruth Sewell.
2. Minutes of the APCM held on 25th April 2018 (previously circulated). It was proposed by Mr Gibson, seconded by Mrs Corlett, that these should be agreed as a correct record. They were signed by Rev'd Withnell.
3. Report of the Church Electoral Roll Officer. Dr Avery detailed the changes to the Roll which had been made during the year. He reported that, following the creation of a new Roll, the number currently stood at 87.

4. Elections:

Mrs Elizabeth McNamara and Mrs Patricia Morris were unanimously re-elected as Deanery Synod Representatives.

Mrs Belinda Woolen, nominated by Dr Avery and seconded by Mrs Corlett, was unanimously elected as a member of the Parochial Church Council. There remains one vacancy on the PCC.

The following were unanimously elected as Sidesmen:

Mrs Helen Boyd, Mr Ian Boyd, Mr Tony Corlett, Mr Bob Fuell, Mr Brian Horseman, Mr Geoff Howarth, Mrs Diane Hutchings, Mr Keith Hutchings, Mr Roger Langley, Mrs Judith Mudie, Mrs Shirley Norris, Mrs Janet Paget, Mrs Margaret Rawlings, Mrs Mary Sanders.

5. Report of the Parochial Church Council. This is as recorded in the booklet of Reports available before and at the meeting (henceforward referred to as APCM booklet).
6. Churchwardens' Report. This is as recorded in the APCM booklet. The Rev'd Withnell thanked the churchwardens for their hard work and dedication during 2018.
7. Church Maintenance Committee Report. This is as recorded in the APCM booklet. Sir Andrew and his team were thanked for their considerable hard work over the year.
8. Deanery Synod Report. This is as recorded in the APCM booklet.
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts. Mrs Springfield Lambert had indicated her willingness to continue and was elected unanimously.

10. Reports from church organisations. Reports from the Bellringers, Bishopsteignton United Charities, Choir, Parish Chronicle Editor, Church Cleaning Team, Church Flower Team, Social and Fundraising Committee and the Welcome Pack Team are all as recorded in the APCM booklet.

It was proposed from the Chair that all the reports listed above should be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

11. Team Rector's Report. The Team Rector reported in the absence of a Team Vicar. The Rev'd Withnell, whose written report is in the APCM booklet, highlighted the huge contribution of many people during the period before a new Team Vicar is appointed, and mentioned especially Dr Ruth Sewell and also the retired clergy who had helped with services at a particularly difficult time.

12. Annual Report of the PCC. This is as recorded in the APCM booklet.

13. Treasurer's Report and Accounts. The Report and Annual Accounts, the latter signed off by the Independent Examiner of Accounts, are recorded in the APCM booklet. In introducing the report, Mr Plumb highlighted the fact that the financial viability of the church currently depends on bequests, which are by their nature unpredictable.

14. Comments or items for clarification from the floor. There were none.

15. The meeting closed with The Grace at 7.55 p.m