St Nicholas Church, Durham

Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 25th April 2022 at 7:30pm (also via Zoom)

Present: Wardens and members of St Nicholas Church Electoral Roll; approximately 44 people.

Opening prayer: Rev Richard Briggs

Apologies for absence: Arun Arora, Vicky and Steve Cave, Lydia Cave, Alex Cave, Janet and George McHugh, Philip Brooks, Jane and Marc Ghosh, Helen and Paul Sewell, Panda Watson, Abby and Andrew Corbin, Paul Whipple, Jamie Harrison, Chris Stokes, Tim Biddlecombe, Paul Heslop, Ajay Tharakan, Colin Cuthill, Sarah and Phil Alsop, Stephanie Trigger, Marilyn Poole, Andy Freer, Sara Jackson.

**MEETING OF PARISHONERS**

Election of Church Wardens: Mary Anne Freer and Alan Smith, currently Churchwardens, were proposed to continue in their roles. Passed unanimously. RB thanked both for their excellent service to St. Nic’s.

**APCM**

Approval of the minutes of the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting Accepted subject to an amendment indicating a question asked during the vicar’s report.

Matters arising: No matters arising.

Electoral Roll report: Kate Dawson, Electoral Roll Officer, submitted the report.

The Electoral Roll of 2021 stood at 198. The electoral role now stands at 204.

Elections to Deanery Synod: There are no elections this year.

Elections to the Parochial Church Council: Phil Dawson, Jane Ghosh and Elaine Duddy wish to be re-elected. Formally received. One nomination has been received from Samuel Chapman.

In the absence of need for elections, all were appointed to PCC.

RB thanked PCC for their work.

Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021

The Treasurer presented the financial report. See report.

The Treasurer reported that a successful Gift Day allowed for maintenance and missional work.

A question was asked about parish share: this has been budgeted at £100K for this year as maintenance costs were unusually high.

Acceptance of the accounts proposed by AHS, seconded by MAF: accepted by a majority.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: Jane Ashcroft (Jane Ashcroft Accountancy, Barnard Castle) proposed as the independent examiner for this year.

AL proposed, SC seconded: approved by a majority.

Appointment of Stewards: It was noted that the Appointment of Stewards is officially delegated to the Churchwardens. Passed.

Vicar’s report: RB presented the report alongside the ministry reports. Received with thanks.

Any other business: Comments were offered about an ongoing pastoral matter and a request made to meet with the PCC. RB noted this to take to PCC.

RB closed with a blessing. Meeting closed at 8.27pm