

Parish of Brinsley with Underwood

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (APM)

To be held at St Michaels and All Angels, Underwood on Sunday 9th May 2021 after the 10:30 morning service and on ZOOM web conference

1. Opening prayer
2. Apologies sent; Liz and John Roworth
Present; Rev David Stevenson, Andrew Palmer, Karen and David Hammond, Sarah Harker, Jane and Peter Fletcher, Mary and Stewart Sipson-Eyre, Hazel Heath, Christine Smith, Christine Buxton, Gayna Hall, Paul and Rachel Lake, Yvonne Derbyshire. Present online by zoom Bob Tyers, Nicky Smith, Penny Fell and Chad Tesoriere
3. Minutes of the APM 2020, accepted by the meeting, proposed by David Hammond, seconded by Mary Simpson-Eyre. ATPA and Abstention Sarah Harker
4. Matters arising; no matters arising.
5. Election of Church Wardens

St James the Great, Brinsley

Peter Fletcher Proposed by Andrew Fell, seconded by Val Wakeling
Christine Smith Proposed by David Hammond, seconded by Mary Simpson-Eyre

St Michael and All Angels, Underwood

Mary Simpson-Eyre Proposed by Sarah Harker, seconded by Gayna Hall
Gayna Hall Proposed by Andrew Fell, Penny Fell

Rev David declared all duly elected and thanked everyone for their willingness to stand and for all the hard work they put into the churches.

Note: Mary Simpson-Eyre and Gayna Hall gave notice that they will not stand as church wardens in 2022.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

To be held at St Michaels and All Angels, Underwood on Sunday 9th May 2021 immediately following the APM and on ZOOM web conference

1. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020, accepted by the meeting, proposed by Christine Smith, seconded by Peter Fletcher. ATPA and Abstention Sarah Harker
2. Matters arising; no matters arising
3. Treasurer's report
4. Financial Review

Unrestricted funds

Receipts of unrestricted funds totalled £53018, a fall of £8000 from 2019 due to the effects of the pandemic. Our collections were down by around £5000 and room hire by £5000. Magazine income was down by £800 and receipts from the cafes by £2000. We were unable to hold any fundraising events; but received £291 from the Historic Churches Trust following Ride and Stride.

We did however receive increases in planned giving of around £600 and in sundry donations of around £3300 largely due to generous one-off donations through give.net, donations of officer's fees and expenses, and those given in memory of loved ones.

Receipts that were maintained were Gift Aid reclaims of £4436 and fees of £12336. The house on Main Road continued to be let and provided a gross income of £6300. We also collected over £1100 for charities: Seed Bible Mission, Great Notts Toy Appeal, Ride and Stride, Royal British legion and Framework.

Payments from unrestricted funds amounted to £57172. We met our Parish Share of £30768, an increase of £1464 on the previous year. Maintenance of both churches increased by around £1000. Despite not being able to use the buildings normally, the normal programme of servicing and inspections continued and there were various extras including works in both churchyards, window repairs etc. Main Road also required repairs and updates to windows and bathroom refurbishment amounting to an extra £600 over the previous year. Mission and miscellaneous costs increased greatly as we bought equipment and licences to enable the provision of services online, development of the website etc. Officer's fees and clergy expenses were halved. Energy costs this year were down by £900. Printing and stationery costs were also down by £3300 as no magazines etc were produced after the first quarter.

Charitable payments of £300 each were made to Seed Bible Mission, Framework, Christian Aid and Toilet Twinning, the PCC's chosen charities for the year.

The net result for the year was a difference in receipts over payments of -£4154 in unrestricted funds. The balance carried forward at the end of the year totalled £21143 of unrestricted funds (compared to £27258 at the end of 2019).

Reserves Policy

It is PCC policy to try to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to at least three months' unrestricted payments. This is equivalent to £16,000. This is held to meet emergencies and smooth out fluctuations in cash flow. This cash balance was maintained throughout 2020.

Restricted Funds

Restricted donations totalled just over £2000 for St Michael's re-ordering and £800 for St James'. There were no fundraising events, but both benefited from the distribution of funds from the Community Café: £1500 to St Michael's and £600 to St James'.

The balance of £141,490 in the high interest account is retained towards the cost of St Michael's reordering, £1780 is restricted in the clock fund and £3262 towards St James' final refurbishment projects. Payments from restricted funds of £2304 were agreed by the PCC to meet the costs of the new noticeboards at both churches. £1152 was paid from each of the St Michael's and St James' reordering funds.

5. Electoral roll update by the PCC Secretary Andrew Palmer. The roll has 67 members enrolled to the list. An increase of two to the 2019 roll.
6. Other reports – All the reports for the meeting are in the Annual Report for the year 2020, which is available on www.BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com on the APCM page. To keep the meeting short, we will not read the reports at the meeting.
7. Election of PCC members

Election of Treasurer

Jane Fletcher proposed, and Rachel Lake seconded that Helen Baker be elected Treasurer. All agreed.

Election of PCC Secretary

Karen Hammond proposed, and Yvonne Derbyshire seconded that Andy Palmer be elected Secretary. All agreed.

Election of Planned Giving Secretary

David Hammond proposed, and Mary Simpson-Eyre seconded that Andy Palmer continues to be the Planned Giving Secretary. All agreed.

Safeguarding officer

Tracy Palmer had agreed to accept the role of SGO, in 2019 and continues in the post.

Election of Auditor

Helen Baker proposed, and Christine Smith seconded that Howard Jones continues to be the auditor. All agreed.

ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS

Jane Fletcher proposed, and Mary Simpson-Eyre seconded that Yvonne Derbyshire be elected to the PCC. All agreed. We have 1 vacancy.

8. Vicar's report

What a strange year it has been for us all.

In many ways it has felt as though we have not been able to do very much, certainly my diary has been much freer than normal, with many of our usually meetings and activities having to close. Yet in other ways it has been so encouraging to see how we have adapted and even reached out in new and different ways to the community.

Thank you to everyone for the numerous practical ways you have supported and encouraged one another. Thank you to the church wardens and all those who have worked hard behind the scenes to keep up to date with the ever-changing guidelines, in order that our buildings complied with the regulations and we could ensure that everyone was kept safe, and to all those who have made it possible for worship to continue.

At times we have had to make very difficult decisions. Thank you for your prayerful support and encouragement as we have navigated our way through this unprecedented situation. I have been encouraged by spirit of unity we have been able to maintain.

For me one of the highlights of the year has been to welcome Paul and Rachel as Licensed lay ministers and they are already making a valuable contribution to the life of the church in this new capacity.

Two other things stand out to me. 1. the way that we have made the most of modern technology, which at times has stretched us all. Who, for example, would have dreamed 12 months ago that the little angels' group would be successfully running online, or that we would be able to stream our carol service! This has resulted in us being able to reach a much larger number of people and enable some of our older members who are no longer able to get to church any more to remain connected with us.

And secondly the way that the crisis has resulted in us turning back to God in prayer, with the streaming of night prayer 5 nights per week, Local houses of prayer and the prayer network that Jane has headed up for us, all providing valuable opportunities to encourage us to pray more.

I know for many the latest lockdown has been the hardest. Hebrews 10;23 reminds and encourages us to hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. At times it has been difficult for us all to keep going to continue to believe that God loves us and has not forgotten us, that he is utterly faithful and will keep his promise to be with us always.

During the latest lockdown we could have remained open for public worship, but it did not feel right to go against the Governments instructions to stop at home. I was so pleased that our first Sunday back into church was Easter Sunday, when we are reminded of the new life and hope for the future that the resurrection offers us all.

At last, there appears to be some genuine hope on the horizon for a way out of this crisis. I am very much looking forward, longing and praying for the day when we will be able to sing God's praise together again and to share fellowship over a cupper after our services.

This feels like a key strategic moment, a once in a generation opportunity to review all aspects of our life and ministry. There is an exciting chance for us to reimagine how we can emerge from this crisis, not just doing all the things that we have done in the past but to explore new possibilities to bring healing and wholeness to those who have struggled during the past twelve months. To ensure that we are in a stronger position to reach out to the community with the Good news.

So, I want to call us all, over the next few weeks to begin to pray, and together to seek God's vision for the future.

Some of the key questions that we will need to address are:

What pattern of services best suits our needs?

What groups should we reopen?

What things that we have done for many years are now no longer relevant or sustainable and we should be prepare to let go of?

How can we make the most of the numerous opportunities that there inevitable will be as we re-emerge from this pandemic?

How can we engage the next generation in a way that is relevant and that they understand?

The Diocese have encouraged us to engage in a programme which they have called rebuild, specifically looking at this key question of children and young people's ministry. Some of us have already begun to participate in this programme.

So, I am proposing that we devote most of the May PCC meeting to begin to explore these questions.

One of the things that we have learnt from the past twelve months is the need for our buildings to be as flexible as possible in order to make it easy to maintain the required seating capacity and to comply with social distancing guidelines. This has resulted in the PCC seeing the need to adopt a more radical approach to the pews than we originally envisioned in St Michael's in the proposed reordering. So, so we have already asked the architect to look to modify the proposed scheme to include removing all the pews.

Grant making organisations are starting to reopen their programmes and we will be able to approach these again in the next few months. Please pray for the release of the remaining funds needed in order that we can finally move this much needed project forward.

I believe that we are entering a new season. For many years we have been faithfully sowing the seeds of the kingdom, through the many groups which we have been running, but we have seen little fruit, in terms of people coming to faith, joining the church and growing as disciples. The pandemic has made people face up to the important questions of life in a way that they have not had to do previously. Many people are more open to explore a better way

of living. I believe that we are moving into a new season when we will reap the harvest. My prayer is that we will be ready to play our part, that God will empower us and continue to welcome people into God's family the church.

9. Questions Arising,

only one question. Sarah Harker asked for a repeat of the reasoning for the removal of all the pews from St Michaels. Rev David replied that we wish to remove the pews to make the building as flexible as possible.

10. Closing Prayer

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Overview

Vicar's Report

Rev David Stevenson

Ministry development

Rev David Stevenson

Growing Disciples and Communications

Rachel and Paul Lake

Public Worship

Rev David Stevenson

Small groups

Wednesday House group

Peter & Jane Fletcher

Thursday Night Post-Alpha Home Group

Peter & Jane Fletcher

Living with Loss

Jane Fletcher

Pie Club

Bob Tyers

Chatterbox Café

Mary Simpson-Eyre

Community Café

Bob & Helen Tyers

Little Angels

Rachel Lake, Sarah Harker

Youth Outreach

James Spriggs

Praying for ourselves and others

Annual Report for the year 2020 - Contents

Local Houses of Prayer

Bob Tyers

Prayer network

prayer@BrinsleyWithUnderwood.com

Our Management Processes

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Andy Palmer

Electoral Roll

Andy Palmer

Our Buildings

St James' and St Michael's Peter Fletcher, Christine Smith, Mary Simpson Eyre, Gayna Hall

St Michael's Reordering

Rachel & Paul Lake

38 Main Road

Peter Fletcher

Financial Review

Helen Baker

PCC of Brinsley with Underwood: Financial Statements for the year ended 31st Dec 2020