

St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury PCC

Secretary's Scratchings from the Annual Meetings held on Thursday 3rd. March 2016

The Annual Meetings were attended by some 41 members of St Michael's and 15 apologies were received. Rev'd K Hilton-Turvey chaired both meetings as chair of Ledbury PCC.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, Lois Pratt and Ian James were the only candidates for Church Warden. They were declared duly elected. Bob Hale was declared Church Warden Emeritus. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. Under Matters Arising it was reported that the Book of Remembrance will be updated in April 2016; a publicity leaflet could be produced as an economic source of production has been identified; Rev'd Hilton -Turvey will consider the teaching group and that attempts have been made to publish service times in The Ledbury Reporter.

The annual accounts for 2015 with the budget for 2016 had been printed in the Annual Report. There was a surplus of £4437 on unrestricted funds. Nothing had been transferred to the Building Account and to the Repair Fund. On the expenditure side, charitable donations of some £10040 have been made via our annual donations and special collections. The fuel and power costs were higher than 2014 due to a cooler winter. The PV cells have generated some £18,832 since installation.

The budget for 2016 has been agreed by the PCC and shows a deficit of some £7276. This forecast is realistic and pessimistically based. The Accounts were accepted with one abstention.

Alan Pratt, Malcolm Thomas and Ann Tombs had been duly nominated as Deputy Wardens. There being no other nominations, they were declared duly elected. Sue Simpson was co-opted as a Deputy Warden and Tony Goodall as a PCC representative. The 15 sidespersons plus T Harris were appointed en bloc. Mrs Pratt thanked all of them for their work over the year and especially thanked Peter Tattersall, David Tombs and Elaine Toyer for their hard work. A list of reserve sidespersons is to be established.

The meeting agreed by the required 2/3 majority that from the APCM of 2017, 1/3 of the PCC representatives will retire annually thus allowing refreshment of the PCC with continuity of membership. Each PCC representative will be allowed to serve 2 terms of 3 years before taking a break of at least one year. Deputy Wardens will be referred to as Assistant Wardens from 2017.

All the remaining reports were received.

Rev'd K Hilton-Turvey gave an overview of his 5 months in post. Some small but effective changes have been made and more are on the way. Coffee, cups and cushions will make us more welcoming. Communications such as Group Talk, printing in colour and improving the web site are under consideration. Changes to the Baptism service so that the congregation is more involved, and looking at what the Vision Statement means to each one of us.

Mr Luke Keegan has agreed to act as Independent Examiner next year. He was unanimously appointed. The date of next year's meeting was agreed as 30th. March 2015. Amongst points of general interest were:

- Re-placing the flag on the Tower
- Thanks were given to the team producing the Group Talk cover with a request for an occasional picture.

The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace at 9.00pm.

