

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,  
WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

**Minutes of the Annual Parishioners and Parochial Church Meetings  
held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in St. Nicholas Church**

**Chair:** Revd Jane Isaac     **Vice-Chair** Fred Crosskey

**Members:** 30 members present.

**PARISHIONERS MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:30am**

1. The meeting was opened by Revd Jane with prayer.
2. **Apologies** for absence were received from: Revd Juliet, LM Stephen Campion, Chris and Richard Cannadine, Brian and Margaret Edgworth, John, Sabrina and Margaret Gwynn, Brian Phillips, Pearl Mack, Rosemary Simpson, Jackie Higginson, Malcolm Frost, Peter and Judy Lucas.
3. **The Election of Churchwardens:** The Secretary presented 2 Churchwarden nominations - Richard Cannadine, proposed by Pearl Mack seconded by Bill Miell and Fred Crosskey proposed by Neville Craig seconded by Bill Miell; elected nem con.

*Chair closed the Parishioners meeting.*

**THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:45am**

4. **Any Other Notified Business:** *none.*
5. **Minutes of the previous year's APCM:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 were read, agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:** *none.*
7. **Report on the numbers entered on the electoral roll:** (*tabled*). On behalf of Margaret Edgworth (Electoral Roll Officer) the Secretary reported that there are 118 on the fully revised electoral roll; 2 had died in the past year, a number have moved away and 13 new names added. Revd Jane expressed thanks to Margaret for the enormous amount of work undertaken in this 6yr revision.
8. **Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the Parish generally:** reported in the Annual Accounts and booklet 'Reports from Organisations', tabled. The Log Book and Terrier were available for inspection. Fred reported that after a challenging year the majority of the quinquennial repair work completed. Along with a generous financial contribution from the Friends of St Nicholas, grants from the National Churches Trust and the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust plus VAT reclaim kept costs of the church refurbishment down. Fred also thanked the newly formed Gardening Group for their regular and ongoing maintenance work in the churchyard.
9. **Report on the financial statements of the PCC:** Di Frost reported that our financial situation is sound despite a year of heavy outlay. **Our income is made up from:** monthly donations paid directly into our bank account; blue envelope donations; cash collections from services, weddings and funerals and the tax we are able to claim back from these at 20%; magazine advertisements and subs; Church Room bookings, fees from weddings and funerals; events - mainly the fete and any other fundraising organised during the year; Friends of St Nicholas for fabric; Parish Council towards churchyard upkeep; grants, donations and legacies (which this year have paid for new choir robes and helped towards the church refurbishment). Our thanks go to the Friends of St Nicholas for a grant of £7K. We were also able to recover £11,659.22 VAT, which we reclaim through the Listed Places of Worship scheme. **Expenditure:** Our annual quota paid to the Diocese amounts to £35,594 which we have so far been able to pay in full by the end of the year; maintenance of the church, church room and churchyard (Di thanked all those who carry out maintenance jobs around the church and churchyard voluntarily); utility bills; Outside Giving £5,245; church refurbishment £72,115. Income in 2018 was £126,859 and expenditure £152, 247. Di thanked Julia Harbridge, auditor and Brenda Farrow, external examiner. Revd Jane thanked Di for all her hard work, given voluntarily and

her careful stewardship of our financial resources, and presented her with a bouquet; warmly applauded.

10. **Churchwardens' report on church fabric, goods and ornaments to year end 2018:** The Log Book, which records all works done to the church was presented to the meeting, as was the Terrier, which shows all that the PCC owns, along with the Fabric Report. Fred reported plans in hand for repair and redecoration of the chancel to be carried out in readiness for the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2020.
11. **The appointment of PCC members:** One nomination tabled: Ruth Wiffen, proposed by Neville Craig and seconded by Jill Hirst: unanimously elected and warmly welcomed.
12. **The appointment of Sides:** The Secretary read out the names of those who agreed to act as Sides; unanimously appointed en bloc.
13. **The appointment of an independent examiner of the accounts:** Brian Simpson proposed and Rosemary Crane seconded Julia Harbridge be appointed Independent Examiner of the accounts and Brenda Farrow External Examiner, endorsed unanimously and warmly applauded. Thanks recorded to Julia and Brenda, for examining the accounts and agreeing to continue in the future (without fee) – we are very grateful.
14. **Rector's Report:** Revd Jane spoke to her report (printed in the Annual Accounts and Reports document) culminating in '*Read the annual reviews prepared by the churchwardens and others for this meeting and you will find numerous examples of the energy, enthusiasm and heart for mission that go into our life together as a church family, a worshipping community and a united benefice. And to end as I began by echoing last year's report: it is my great privilege and pleasure to be your Rector as we work together in this busy, happy parish in sharing our calling to advance the Kingdom in this place.*' Ruth Whiffen proposed a vote of thanks to Revd Jane for her leadership, friendship, fellowship and loving care – warmly applauded.
15. **Reports on Parish organisations:** (tabled).

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting with prayer and the Grace at 12noon.