

THE PARISH CHURCH of ST MARGARET, RAINHAM

Charity Registration No. 1134849

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Held on Wednesday 30th September 2020

This meeting was held as a Webinar using the Zoom cloud platform to meet the Covid-19 Social Distancing rules. Attendees were provided with poll and chat facilities to allow voting on resolutions and for submitting questions to the panel. Questions will be allocated to the submitter (as the meetings are open to all and follow Church Representation Rules).

There were 41 people at the meeting and apologies for absence were received from 16 people.

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm with a welcome and opening prayer by Rev. Nathan Ward. He welcomed Janet Garnons-Williams and Frank Pantony to join him on the panel for this meeting.

Janet gave the information that Nathan Ward would chair the Vestry Meeting and she (Janet) would chair the APCM Meeting.

1. Mrs Davina O'Brien was appointed clerk for the Vestry Meeting and the following Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Sunday April 28th 2019, were discussed. No amendments had been received. A poll was provided to all online attendees. The poll which appeared had the heading of APCM Meeting Minutes but was for the Vestry Meeting minutes only.

The result of the poll was 21 for, 10 abstained and 0 against. The minutes were carried.

There were no matters arising reported from the Vestry Meeting minutes.

3. Election of the Churchwardens for the year 2020/2021

Lorna Dyer was proposed by Janet Garnons-Williams and seconded by Pam Ormiston.

Davina O'Brien was proposed by Pam Ormiston and seconded by Frank Pantony.

A vote was not required as no other nominations had been received. These 2 Churchwardens would be in place from this meeting onwards as there was no Archdeacon's visitation this year.

Nathan thanked Janet Garnons-Williams for her sterling work as Churchwarden for this year and previous years and carrying out the role with vim & vigour. He said that at times it had been costly to Janet's personal life but none of her efforts had gone unnoticed.

St Margaret's has a tradition of having a Deputy Churchwarden to assist and advise the Churchwardens (particularly those new to the role). Janet Garnons-Williams will be the Deputy Churchwarden for this year.

4. Statement of the Vicar & Churchwarden's Fund

Frank Pantony gave the report of the Vicar & Churchwardens Fund (officially known as the Rainham Church Estate Charity). The fund expressly provides for the repair of St. Margaret's Church Estate, Rainham and for the upkeep of its Churchyard.

The Trustees are the Vicar and Churchwardens of Rainham during their time of office. The Deputy Churchwarden is the fourth Trustee and the Treasurer the fifth trustee.

In the period ending 31.12.2019, the value of the investments held in CCLA Investment Management Ltd (COIF Charity Funds & CBF Church of England Funds) increased by £63,570 (compared with a decrease in value of £7,233 in 2018). Total capital investment as at 31 December 2019 was £411,144. Expenditure amounted to £485.03 which was for churchyard maintenance.

The funds available for grant aid to the PCC stands at £53,910.55 as at 31.12.2019.

The trustees are grateful to Robert Moon for agreeing to examine the accounts for 2019.

Nathan Ward asked for clarification that the funds are invested in CCLA which is ethical investment company supported by the Church of England, Frank confirmed that they are as stated. The Charity established in the 1600s and run simply with the trustees as it states.

There is no membership and it is at the discretion of the trustees as to the grants made. This point was also confirmed by Frank.

The meeting closed at 19:49 and the webinar continued with the APCM.