

St Michael & All Angels

Newnham APCM

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St Michael & All Angels, Newnham will be held in Church on
23rd March 2022 at 7:30pm

1. Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Election of two Churchwardens

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will also be held in Church
on 23rd March 2022 after the meeting of Parishioners

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Electoral Roll
4. Rector's Report 2021
5. Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council
6. Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and Audited Accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2021.
7. Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church.
8. Annual Parish Safeguarding Self Audit (Dashboard)
9. Election of members of the PCC
10. Appointment of Deanery Synod Representative
11. Appointment of Sidespersons
12. Appointment of Independent Examiner
13. AoB

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St Michael & All Angels, Newnham held in the St Michael & All Angels on 21st May 2021 at 7:30pm

Present

There were 8 parishioners present and Rev M Ingham took the chair

1/21 Apologies

Mrs M Wood, Mrs M Sinclair.

2/21 Election of two Churchwardens

Mrs Mary Wood was proposed by Mrs I Cooke and seconded by Mrs J Rees.

Mr Jeffrey Lawrence was proposed by Mrs P Bird and seconded by Mrs M Wood

There being no other nominations Mrs Wood and Mr Lawrence were elected as Churchwardens for St Michael and All Angels, Newnham.

The Rev M Ingham thanked the two Churchwardens for their hard work over the year.

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Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the Village Hall on 21st May 2021, after the meeting of Parishioners

Present

8 parishioners

1/21 Apologies

Mrs M Wood, Mrs M Sinclair

2/21 Minutes of the last meeting

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the meeting in 2020 was not held, however, reports prepared for the meeting are available in the minute file.

3/21 Electoral Roll

Mrs Rees reported that the electoral roll currently stands at 35, 31 of whom are resident in the Parish.

All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

4/21 Rector's Report

Rev M Ingham provided a report and asked for any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions and the report was agreed. A copy of the report is included in the minute file.

5/21 Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council 2021

Mrs Rees provided a report on behalf of the PCC. The Rector asked whether there were any comments or questions related to the report. No questions or comments were made and the report was accepted. A copy of the report is included in the minute file.

6/21 Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and Audited Accounts of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2020

Mr J Wood had provided his report on the Accounts for the year to December 2020 (which is included in the minute book). The report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish and the Examined Accounts was unanimously accepted by the parishioners present.

The Rector on behalf of the parishioners, thanked Mr J Wood for preparing the accounts and expressed the PCC's gratitude for the time and hard work he had put in as Treasurer.

7/21 Churchwardens Report on the Fabric Goods and Ornaments of the Church

Mr Lawrence and Mrs Wood provided the report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church. The Rector asked whether there were any comments or questions related to the report. There were no comments relating to the report which was unanimously accepted by the parishioners present. A copy of the report has been included in the minute file.

Mr Lawrence then reported that the bees that had taken up residence in the church wall had been removed by a bee-keeper from "Rivendale Bees and Honey" who had provided his services free of charge. Mr Lawrence also said that there were several jobs around the church that will require some attention over the coming months.

The Rector thanked Mrs M Wood and Mr J Lawrence for their hard work over the year.

8/21 Annual Parish Safeguarding Self-Audit

Mrs Wood had completed the audit and a copy of which is included in the minute file. Thanks were extended to Mrs Wood for her work

9/21 Election of Deanery Synod Representative

Mrs Wood proposed Mrs M Sinclair for election to the Deanery Synod. This was seconded by Mrs Rees and unanimously agreed.

10/21 Election of members of the PCC

Mrs P Lawrence proposed that the existing members of the PCC be re-elected to the PCC. This was seconded by Mrs P Pierpont.

Thus, the elected members of the PCC are:-

- Mr A Banks
- Mr N Beer
- Mrs I Cooke
- Mr L Pierpoint
- Mrs J Rees

Ex-officio members of the PCC being Mr J Lawrence and Mrs M Wood as Churchwardens and Mrs M Sinclair as Deanery Synod representative.

11/21 Appointment of Sides persons

It was agreed by those present at the meeting to reappoint the current list of parishioners who undertake the role of sidespersons. Thus, the sidespersons are:-

Mr A Banks
Mr N Beer
Mrs P Lawrence
Mr L Pierpoint
Mrs P Pierpoint
Mr B Price
Mrs J Rees
Mr S Rees
Mr J Wood

12/21 Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mr J Lawrence proposed that Mr Robin Baker be appointed as Independent Examiner. This was seconded by Mr Banks and unanimously agreed.

There being no other business the APCM closed with a prayer at 7:55pm

Rector's Report 2021

What a long time ago and what a different world January 2021 seems. Having celebrated Christmas together in a limited way in person we once again moved out of our church buildings and met online to worship and to build one another up.

The new website performed admirably hosting our weekly YouTube services and a raft of resources. By Ash Wednesday we were ready for a bit of variety and we held our service on Zoom, live from the Vicarage and then, also on Zoom, met as a Lent Group to work through the Good Book Company study on the Passion.

These uses of technology were a real Godsend in the lockdown, but it was wonderful to be back in our church buildings for the celebration of hope and new life in Christ at Easter even with many restrictions still in place. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals all began to look a lot more normal. We adjusted quickly and successfully to the new marriage regulations that came into force in May which was just as well as 2021 saw us very much in "catch-up" mode as we sought to accommodate all those who had been forced to postpone their weddings during the pandemic lockdowns.

In May we also held our APCMs in person to meet the legal requirements and the annual reports were all posted on the website so that the benefice as a whole could become more aware of what was going on in each individual parish.

Sadly not every event that we would have hoped to restart was able to go ahead whilst restrictions and uncertainty still existed and although we were able to give thanks to God for the harvest in our churches both Charwelton and Preston Capes had to cancel their Harvest Suppers. It was not all doom and gloom, however, as many activities did take place where we were able to connect with our wider communities such as a plant sale, coffee mornings, Jazz and drinks in the garden, a Scarecrow festival and village quiz to name but a few.

In the autumn we ran a Christianity Explored course at Badby which was open to all, providing an opportunity to discover the Good News that Jesus is in a relaxed and unpressurised environment. It is hoped to run the course again in the future as well as the Hope Explored course, a shorter option which leads into the Christianity Explored course.

Finally in October I was inducted as your Rector by Archdeacon Richard, something which (in normal times) would have happened at my licensing but which couldn't as that had been via Zoom back in 2020. It was also special to be able to observe Remembrance Sunday in person this year which had not been possible the year before. Likewise, Advent and Christmas were much more opportunities to rejoice together with one another in person with the only dampener being yours truly testing positive for Covid-19 on Christmas Day morning and having to self-isolate rather than lead the celebrations.

As I close my report, let me take you back to the beginning. Back in January I met with the parish treasurers and together we looked at how we could attempt to pay the Parish Share which is the contribution that we need to make to Peterborough diocese. Instead of using formulas, I am pleased to say that we exercised grace and humility as well as a spirit of openness and partnership as each treasurer (with the approval of their PCC) decided how much each church could contribute. I am pleased to report that I have been led to understand that as a result, we are the only group of churches in the whole deanery who therefore managed to pay their parish share in full for 2021 and I think that this is something that we should celebrate as a great example of the Benefice working together. I sign, I hope, of much more to come.

Churchwardens' Report 2021

For the majority of 2021 events were largely dictated by the ongoing pandemic. Services in the church were sporadic, but Revd. Malcolm continued to prepare online services. We did have an Easter service in the church and during the Advent and Christmas period, there were a number of services held, in the church, these included services for other organisations, the School, the Guides and the Mothers Union; there was no service in the church on Christmas Day as the Revd. Malcolm tested positive for covid on Christmas morning and sadly parishioners had to be turned away.

During 2021 despite the restrictions, work was carried out on the fabric of the church. A diseased rafter in the chancel was treated, work to repair the west window of the south aisle was carried out by contractors Hilless and Bates, after the structural work was completed the new plaster was decorated by Nick Beer, the bookcase used for storing service books was repaired and re-stained by Jim Wood, the white altar frontal was repaired by Pauline Bird. The church gate was renovated by Nick Clouting and Celia Williams and family had the seat by the church tower restored, in memory of Evelyn and Edwin Goodenough; this is a popular resting place for villagers and those walking the Nene way. Our grateful thanks to all who have enhanced the fabric of the church.

There were also problems with Honey Bees that have nested in the south wall for a number of years, but this year they swarmed three times, Rivendell Bees Honey Co. was very helpful coming to church as soon as contacted and taking the swarms away.

There was a quinquennial inspection in August, there were no problems reported requiring immediate action, although a number of "housekeeping" matters were pointed out.

The churchyard has had a great deal of work carried out on it by volunteers and the Parish Council, particularly by Piers from the Parish Council and volunteer John Powell. It is now looking very nice. We would like to express our thanks to all who have worked on the churchyard.

The Christmas Lights' competition, took place again this year, this popular event, brightening up the village. Prizes were presented on behalf of the church.

Due to the pandemic, there was only one fund raising event in 2021, this was a coffee morning in Jim and Mary Wood's garden.

We are very grateful to the small band of people who continue to clean the church and arrange flowers and do other tasks that help with the smooth running of the church.

We also thank parishioners who donate to the collection points in the church porch for the foodbank and medication foils for recycling. We consider the facilitating of these collections an important part of outreach for the church.

To the best of our knowledge and belief most goods and chattels are in good order although there are still a few that require a little "TLC".

Churchwardens

Jeff Lawrence and Mary Wood

Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council 2022 (for the year 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2021)

Background

St Michael & All Angels, Newnham is part of the United Benefice of Badby with Newnham and Charwelton with Fawsley and Preston Capes.

Membership of PCC

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC

Incumbent

Rev Malcolm Ingham

Rev Malcolm was inducted as Rector of the Knightley Benefice by the Venerable Richard Ormston on 17th October at St Mary's Church Badby.

Churchwardens

Mr J Lawrence

Mrs Wood

Deanery Synod Representative

Mrs M Sinclair

Elected Members

Mr A Banks

Mr N Beer

Mrs I Cooke

Mr L Pierpoint

Mrs J Rees (Secretary)

Mr J Wood (Treasurer)

Church Attendance

There are 35 people on the electoral roll 31 of whom are resident in the Parish. Covid restrictions limited the Services possible in Church although a number of Services were available on-line. The average attendance at the Church Services was 14. During the year there were 4 Funeral Services and 2 Wedding Services.

Review of the Year from January 2021 - December 2021

The year 2021 was still a very unusual and challenging year due to the pandemic for it restricted both Services within Church and fund raising activities on behalf of the Church. There were a number of Services within Church which included an Easter Service. and Services during Advent leading up to Christmas. Unfortunately the Christmas Day Service at Newnham had to be cancelled due to Rev Ingham contracting Covid.

The PCC met 7 times during the year, two of the meetings which were held via zoom.

During the year members of the PCC discussed the following:-

the nature and timing of the Services,

the routine maintenance of the church and churchyard

the area for cremated remains in the churchyard

the finances of the Church.

implication of the recommendations made in the Quinquennial report which took place in

August.

the need to recruit additional PCC members

review of the Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding training on-line

review of the Health and Safety Policy

the Queen's Jubilee celebration

the need for fund-raising and possible fund-raising activities.

The PCC over saw the repair to the crack above the west window of the south aisle which included new plastering,

The Parish Council and volunteers have carried out various jobs which have greatly improved the state of the churchyard.

100% of the Parish Share was paid amounting to £14,646. The Church's Annual Accounts were prepared by Mr J Wood and reviewed by the Independent Examiner, Mr R Baker FCA.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions there was only one fundraising event which was a coffee morning held in the garden at Hillside, the home of Mr & Mrs J Wood.

Donations to the Food Bank in Daventry which supports the homeless and families in crisis through job loss or illness were collected in Church and then delivered to the Food Bank.

Again, due to the pandemic restrictions, floral decorations and Church cleaning were carried out as and when possible and the Benefice magazine was distributed monthly to every household in the Parish by a team of volunteers.