



**Holy Trinity Charwelton
Annual Report 2021**



The Knightley
Benefice

HOLY TRINITY CHARWELTON
Annual Vestry Meeting to be held in the Chapel
Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. To elect churchwardens for the year 2022/23

Annual Parochial Church Meeting
(immediately following the above)

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1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Electoral Roll
5. To receive the annual reports
6. To elect the members and officers of the PCC for the coming year
7. AOB

Parochial Church Council Meeting
(immediately following the above)

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Election of
Secretary, Treasurer, Deanery Synod Rep, Benefice Council
3. Review Safeguarding policy
4. Adoption of policy on Fair Recruitment
5. Review Reserves Policy
6. To appoint an auditor
7. AOB

Summer Concert
Queen's Jubilee service

Holy Trinity Charwelton

Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held in the Church
at 7.30 on Wednesday 26th May 2021

Present Miss E. Bird, Mrs P. Cory (Secretary), Mr E. Gibbs, Rev M. Ingham (Chair), Mr P. Merrills (Treasurer), Mrs M. Nicholls, Dr D. Pound and Mr G. White.

The meeting opened with a passage from Philippians, followed by a prayer.

Apologies Mr N. Blenkhorn and Mrs K. Gibbs.

Minutes It was proposed by MN and seconded by GW that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2020 be accepted. All agreed

MI said that, under normal circumstances, at this point in the meeting he would give his vision for the future. However as current circumstances were far from normal, and as he did not want the meeting to be any longer than necessary, he would put forward his vision at a future meeting.

Election of the Church Warden

MI thanked GW for all his hard work over the last year in maintaining the Church. MI asked GW if he was happy to stand as Churchwarden for a further year. GW said he would. MI asked if anyone else wished to stand as the other Churchwarden alongside GW. There were no other candidates. It was proposed by DP and seconded by EG that GW be elected as Church Warden for a further year. This was agreed unanimously.

There being no further business, the Vestry meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

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Apologies Mr N. Blenkhorn and Mrs K. Gibbs.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Electoral Roll

PC said the Electoral Roll for 2020 stood at 22 but, as of the date of this meeting, it now stood at 21 following a departure from the parish.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports were received from the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Church Warden. There was no report from the Deanery Synod representative as there had not been any meetings in 2020. The reports are collected in a document entitled 'Holy Trinity Charwelton Annual Report 2020'

Election of PCC members

MI asked PCC members collectively if they wished to stand for a further year. PC said that EG and KG would be standing down as they would be moving away. MI thanked EG and KG for their contribution to the work of the PCC over the last few years. PC said that, although NB was not present, he had sent an email to say that he was happy to stand for a further year. DP proposed and GW seconded that all current PCC members except EG and KG be re-elected. This was agreed unanimously.

AOB

MI said he had received a question from DP asking about the reason for the new time of 5pm for Evening Prayer. MI explained that, when he arrived, he had looked at service patterns for the last few years and found the pattern to be confusing. He recognised that any new pattern would be likely to displease some but had devised a pattern that was the same each month, making it easier for people to remember what services would be taking place in each church and at what time. MI said there were pros and cons for the timings and there had been discussion at the Benefice Advisory Group, the Benefice Council and at PCC meetings. These discussions had resulted in some modifications to the

original proposals. which included the morning service being moved from a 9am to a 9.15am. The Evening Service was moved from 6pm to 5pm in an attempt to accommodate families and those who did not wish to go out in the evening. The new programme provides for an 11am service every week at Badby, apart from the 5th Sunday of the month when there would be a UBS. DP said there was no note of these discussions in the Benefice Council Minutes. DP said he would find attending a service at 5pm difficult as he was often involved in other Sunday afternoon activities. MN said Sunday afternoon was often the only time she could see family. MI said the new pattern was not set in stone and that, after six months, it would be reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.55pm.

Holy Trinity Charwelton

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council
held in the Church, at 7.55pm on Wednesday 26th May 2021

Present Miss E. Bird, Mrs P. Cory (Secretary), Rev M. Ingham (Chair), Mr P. Merrills (Treasurer), Mrs M. Nicholls and Mr G. White.

Mr E. Gibbs and Dr D. Pound (guests)

Apologies Mr N. Blenkhorn and Mrs K. Gibbs.

To elect the officers of the PCC for the coming year

Secretary MI asked PC if she was happy to continue in the office of Secretary. PC said she was. It was proposed by GW and seconded by MN that PC be reappointed as Secretary. This was carried unanimously.

Treasurer MI asked PM if he was happy to continue in the office of Treasurer. PM said he was. It was proposed by PC and seconded by GW that PM be reappointed Treasurer. This was carried unanimously.

Deanery Synod Representative

MI asked MN if she was happy to carry on as Deanery Synod representative. MN said she would stand and hoped that, unlike last year, there would be some positive meetings to attend. MI said he hoped to take an active part and, if appointed representatives could not attend, others within the Benefice who attended could provide feedback. It was proposed by PC and seconded by PM that MN continue as Deanery Synod Representative. This was carried unanimously.

Benefice Council Representative

There was some discussion about who formally represented Charwelton on the Benefice Council in 2020. It was determined that they had been PM as Treasurer, GW as Church Warden and EB as the third representative. MN had attended as a non-voting member in her capacity as Acting Chair, to give additional support to GW. MN said it was important for the Treasurer to attend these meetings. PM agreed and said he was happy to do so when work allowed. It was suggested that, if PM was unable to attend, MN should attend in his place. It was agreed that GW would continue to attend in his capacity as Church Warden and that EB would continue as the third Charwelton PCC member.

MI said that he was keen that there should be not be too many meetings and so, in the months in which there was a Benefice Council, there would be no Benefice Advisory Group meeting. It was agreed that MN

would continue to attend the BAG along with GW to support him in his role as Church Warden.

Review of the Safeguarding Policy

PC said she had emailed everyone an amended copy of the safeguarding policy, which took into account recent local government changes. PC said she had changed all the local authority contact details. She also said that, if anyone wished to raise a safeguarding issue, the document was a useful resource, providing contact details and advice on how to report incidents or to raise concerns.

Review of Reserves Policy

PM said that the document which had been agreed last year had been slightly amended to take into account the fact that he had streamlined some of the accounts. He was still in the process of amalgamating and closing accounts. There was some discussion about the Foster Bequest and, although it was technically an unrestricted bequest, the PCC had decided to class it as Expendable income. Consequently, the interest generated from the investments could be used to pay the Parish Share.

To Appoint an Auditor

PM said he would ask Robin Baker if he would be happy to continue with the arrangement of approve the Charwelton accounts.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.05pm with a prayer.

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.

Secretary's Report 2021

The electoral roll stands at 16 as of 27th April 2022, a decrease of five from the previous year, with people moving away from the village.

PCC Membership

Incumbent	Rev Malcolm Ingham
Elizabeth Bird	(Benefice Council Representative)
Norman Blenkhorn	
Penny Cory	(Secretary)
Peter Merrills	(Treasurer)
Meryl Nicholls	(Vice Chair and Deanery Synod Representative)
Graham White	(Church Warden and Benefice Council Representative)

Meetings Held

6 th January	PCC (held via Zoom)
3 rd March	PCC (held via Zoom)
5 th May	PCC (held via Zoom)
27 th May	APCM (held in the Church)
14 th July	PCC (held via Zoom)
1 st September	PCC (held via Zoom)
3 rd November	PCC (held via Zoom)

Services

There were 24 services scheduled for Charwelton for 2021 but, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church was closed after the Christmas day service on Friday 25th Dec 2021 until Easter Day on Sunday 4th April, when we celebrated with a 5pm Communion service.



Thereafter, a new pattern of services came into play, with a 5pm Evening Prayer on the first Sunday of the month and a 9.15 am Communion Service on the third



Sunday of the month. We were very pleased to host the United Benefice service on the 30th May, it being Trinity Sunday, our patronal festival. It was great to be able to sing (and not just listen) to hymns this year, albeit behind masks at our Harvest Festival and the Carol Service. It was also good to enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, welcoming once again the Chief Executive of Northampton Domestic Abuse Service, and to present her with the gifts so generously donated by the village. Despite the awful weather on Christmas Eve, and the resurgence of Covid, we were pleased to see a reasonable congregation at our Christmas Eve Communion service.

The average attendance for the 19 services held in the church for the year was 13, with one additional service (a funeral).

Fundraising

At the beginning of the year the usual fundraising activities—the Band Concert, Harvest Supper, Christmas Bingo, wreath-making and 100 Club—were planned. However, it became clear early in the year that the concert would have to be cancelled due to the



mandated restrictions on gatherings and socialising which lasted well into the summer. The Harvest Supper, too, had to be cancelled for the same reason. On the plus side, the Christmas Bingo did take place, although with a reduced capacity, but nevertheless we enjoyed the usual razmataz with many generously donated prizes.

As we had shown the year before, holly wreaths could be made using a cottage industry model but, this year, people seemed to be pleased to be back to the old routine of assembling the wreaths in the village hall. It was good to see several new faces joining the old guard on the assembly line.



This year also saw a new Charwelton Calendar and a Christmas card, both of which proved popular. One final initiative which saw Holy Trinity Charwelton launch into the modern age was the introduction of our very own QR code!

Church Warden's Report 2021

During 2021, since the last APCM, our Church has continued to come back to life after the difficult lockdowns of 2020.

Many thanks to Gordon Bird for his Churchyard mowing duties over many years, as well as sorting out the gas bottles, cleaning the gutters and very many other duties (not to mention the 100 club).

We were again pleased to present the Harvest Gifts to the Daventry food bank which were kindly delivered by Penny and Graham Cory.

The 100 club was again collected and it was a true delight to hold the Christmas bingo at the end of November.

Many thanks also to all who helped to make the wreath making so successful, and back together in the Village Hall.



The Churchyard mowing team said goodbye to Tim Elkins and Ed Gibbs, who have moved away from the Village. We thank them for all their hard work.

We are pleased to welcome Keith Scott and Andrew Hillidge who are mowing parts of our lovely Churchyard on a regular basis.

Elizabeth Bird has kindly taken over the Sacristan's duties, following the retirement of David Pound (who had been assisted by June). Thanks to David and

June for all their hard work over the years.

We thank all the Flower arrangers and welcome our new helpers, Sue Scott and Bev Walker.

We must not forget the kind ladies who provided the refreshments for the Carol Service; the readers; our Musical technician, Penny; Ruth, who played for special occasions; and the team of sidesmen.

Finally, as Church Warden I am kept almost on the straight and narrow by Meryl and Penny, and I thank Peter for his hard work as treasurer.



At last the Church roof has stopped leaking. During the year, we were pleased to receive gifts of Churchyard seats from the Russell family; Meryl and Don Nichols; and Trish Willoughby. THANK YOU.

Treasurer's Report 2021

2021 saw the start of the return to normal but there is still a good way to go before activities return to their 2019 levels. As in 2020, we have been helped by the support and generosity of our monthly planned givers.

General Fund

The general fund had a deficit of £1,358 (2020 - surplus of £25) but this is after some increased payments - see more details below.

Donations, Collections and Fees

Monthly planned giving and collections were on the same level as last year (£4,661 in 2021 vs £4,722 in 2020). Additionally in 2021 we received £559 fees for a funeral. We were able to reclaim £1,490 in gift aid, £260 more than in 2020. We have put in place acceptance of donations by QR code and raised £54 this way.

Fundraising

We continued to fundraise with wreaths, Christmas cards, calendars and 100-club. Additionally, we organised Bingo in 2021. This enabled us to raise £2,290 in 2021 as compared to £1,886 in 2020.

Parish Share

The full parish share requested of £9,283 was paid in 2021. We were only able to pay £6,963 in 2020.

Running Costs

Usual running costs in 2021 were generally on the same level as in 2020, although church alarm servicing costs increased from £410 to £611 in 2021. A new lawnmower was purchased for the churchyard (£539), the cost being taken from the churchyard fund. Building maintenance costs included £1,728 for Chapel Repairs (which was taken from the restoration fund), £475 for electrical work and £218 for extinguisher maintenance.

Investments

In 2021 our investments increased in value by £14,674. (This could reverse in 2022.) They produced £2,482 (£2,490 in 2020) in income.

Deanery Synod Report 2021/22

Within the Church of England, a Deanery Synod is a synod convened by the Rural Dean. It consists of all clergy licensed to Benefices within the Deanery plus elected lay members. It acts as an intermediary between the Parochial Church Councils of each Parish within its Deanery and the Synod of the Diocese as a whole.

Daventry Deanery is a group of twenty-five Churches (list attached) and is one of twelve Deaneries within our Diocese of Peterborough.

Since 2016 the Daventry Deanery Synod meetings have been open to everyone for the biblically-based teachings and discussions. (Voting being restricted to elected Deanery Synod Members).

The current Rural Dean for the Daventry Deanery is **Rev. Stephen Burrows**

DEANERY SYNOD MEETINGS & SPEAKERS 2021/22

(NOTE :There were no meetings of the Daventry Deanery Synod in 2020 largely due to the effects of the Covid pandemic)

2021

16th Sept. This was the only meeting held during 2021 and was addressed by the Archdeacon of Northampton – The Right Revd. Richard Ormston. – who shared his views that Deanery Synods need “a network of co-operation” and are a “good place for considering items which need a wider audience than parish level”.

At this meeting, elections for three Clergy and three Lay members were made to the Diocesan Synod

2022

23rd Feb. This meeting was addressed by the Diocesan Mission Team on the subject of “Leading Your Church into Growth” (LYCIG). Their presentation included the background, aims and ambitions of LYCIG and was then followed by reports from members of the Deanery whose Churches had already begun the journey of LYCIG. Discussions followed regarding an extension of this Course around the Deanery for later in 2022.

Deanery Officers were also appointed for the positions of Deanery Treasurer (Robin Baker): Lay Chair (Lizabeth Taylor) and Secretary (Sue Raven)

The next meeting of the Daventry Deanery Synod is scheduled for 26th May 2022 at Flore Church – all are welcome to attend.

Meryl Nicholls
Daventry Deanery Synod Rep
Holy Trinity Church, Charwelton

PARISHES AND CLERGY WITHIN DAVENTRY DEANERY

AS AT 10TH MARCH 2022

- Ashby St. Ledger Vacant
- Badby Revd. Malcolm Ingham
- Barby Revd. Nigel Fry
- Braunston Vacant
- Brockhall Revd. Stephen Burrow
- Bugbrooke Revd. Stephen French
- Catesby Revd. David Battison
- Charwelton Revd. Malcolm Ingham
- Daventry Rev. Dawn Stokes
- Dodford Revd. Barbara Gallagher
- Everdon Revd. Barbara Gallagher
- Fawsley Revd. Malcolm Ingham
- Flore Revd. Stephen Burrow
- Harpole Revd. Stephen French
- Hellidon Revd. David Battison
- Heyford Revd. Stephen Burrow
- Kilsby Revd. Nigel Fry
- Kislingbury Revd. Stephen French
- Newnham Revd. Malcolm Ingham
- Preston Capes Revd. Malcolm Ingham
- Rothersthorpe Revd. Stephen French
- Staverton Revd. David Battison
- Stowe Nine Churches Revd. Stephen Burrows
- Weedon Bec Revd. Barbara Gallagher
- Welton Vacant