

# All Saints' Church Bramham

## The Annual Vestry Meeting

- 1 To elect the Churchwardens for the coming year.  
All residents of the parish are entitled to vote.

## The Annual Parochial Meeting

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| 1 | Apologies for absence  | <u>Six areas for special attention.</u> |
| 2 | Minutes of the last meeting (attached)   |   |
| 3 | Matters arising  | - poss joint magazine for B & A         |
| 4 | Election of the Parochial Church Council (8 places) -  | holy baptism                            |
| 5 | The Electoral Roll   | - church security                       |
| 6 | Financial Report   | - intro of Comm Worship & new hymn bk   |
| 7 | Election of Sidespeople  | - drawing young people into church      |
| 8 | Parish Priest's Report   | - important role of sides people        |
| 9 | Any other business - it would greatly help if from next year these items could be brought to the attention of the PCC Secretary first. |   |

Comm Prayers  
 every - news  
 proposed to ensure  
 congregations properly kept  
 in picture, & where appropriate  
 included.

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| Arthur Tidwell  | 85 |
| Gillian Young   | 65 |
| Jilly Threlk    | 60 |
| Oliver Wright   | 65 |
| Patricia Taylor | 65 |
| Carole Peters   | ?  |
| My Borth        | 75 |
| Peggy Mitchell  | 65 |

churching 'after  
 communion B & A'  
 books to individuals  
Ahead  
 magazines for both B & A  
 church fabric - heating  
 security - rubbers on  
 Comm Worship  
 Hymn book  
 Young people  
 Sidespeople  
 Holy baptism

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING OF BRAMHAM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HELD ON MONDAY 10th APRIL 2000 IN THE PARISH CHURCH BRAMHAM AT 8.00.p.m.

PRESENT. THE RURAL DEAN THE REVEREND COLIN CHEESEMAN, MRS C. ALLENBY, MISS M. BOOTH, MR M. INGRAM, MR K. HEWITT, MRS I. SMITH, MR J. GREEN, MRS P. APPELYARD, MRS D. GREEN, MRS J. GRAHAM, DR CLEREHUGH, AND THREE TO FOUR MORE PARISHIONERS.

APOLOGIES. MRS A. PALMER, MRS W. DAWSON, MR J. APPELYARD.

The Rural Dean opened the meeting with prayers and explained that he would be chairing the meeting because of the death of Revd. J.R.D. Shaw.

THE MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Rural Dean.

MATTERS ARISING. None.

ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL.

NOMINEE.

PROPOSED BY

SECONDED BY.

CHURCHWARDENS.

Mrs. C. Allenby.  
Mr. M. Ingram.

Mrs P. Appleyard.  
Mrs W. Dawson.

Mr. K. Hewitt.  
Mr J. Green.

DEPUTY HONORARY CHURCHWARDEN.

Mr. J. Green.

Mrs. P. Appleyard.

Mr. M. Ingram.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. P. Appleyard.

Mrs. C. Allenby.

Mr. M. Ingram.

TREASURER.

Mrs. I. Smith.

Mrs. C. Allenby.

Mr. M. Ingram.

COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mr K. Hewitt.  
Mrs W. Dawson.  
Mr. J. Green.  
Mrs A. Palmer.  
Miss M. Booth.

Mrs W. Dawson.  
Mrs P. Appleyard.  
Mrs. C. Allenby.  
Mrs W. Dawson.  
Mrs A. Palmer.

Mrs. P. Appleyard.  
Mr. K. Hewitt.  
Mrs. P. Appleyard.  
Miss M. Booth.  
Mrs W. Dawson.

DEANERY SYNOD MEMBERS.

Mrs. W. Dawson.

Mr. M. Ingram.

The gas boiler has been serviced and repaired.

The fire extinguishers have been checked and serviced.

The clock has been serviced.

The organ has been tuned twice this year but money needs to be spent on it to bring it back to good condition. The P.C.C. will address this problem this year.

The British Legion Standard from the BOSTON Spa Branch has been lodged at Bramham in the Lady Chapel

THANK YOU's.

Thanks to the ladies who formed the Fund Raising Group 3 years ago. They are continuously holding small functions to raise money for the Project Fund and are paying for any small repairs or replacements in the church.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way at the Christmas Bazaar.

Thanks to Mrs Palmer and Mr Tindall for their work in producing the Magazine ten times a year.

Thanks to Mr Machin who keeps the clock in working order.

Thanks to the flower ladies who do all the lovely flower arrangements throughout the year.

Thanks to Mrs Iris Smith our new treasurer for doing a marvellous job and not allowing us to spend unnecessary money.

Thanks to Jack Appleyard our covenant secretary who makes sure money is always running into our accounts.

Thanks to Pauline Appleyard our secretary who is always pushing me along.

Thanks to Mrs Bye our organist who has served us well over the last twelve years but has had to retire for health reasons. We very much regret accepting her resignation.

Thanks to Mr Jim Cooke our Altar Server who intends to retire after Easter having given 35 years of service.

The past year has also been peppered with a great deal of sadness. Mr Leslie Field who was our treasurer for fifteen years moved on to greater things after a very long illness.

Then of course everyone knows of the very sudden death of our own Vicar, Father Derek Shaw who died on Sunday the 23rd of January this year. Without his continuous prayers, love and devotion to this church we perhaps would not be the thriving parish we are today.

Most of the work mentioned in this report has been done with his continuous help and backing. Thank you Derek.

So we must give thanks for the life and ministry of Father Derek Shaw, here in Bramham.

SYNOD REPORT. Mr Ingram had nothing to report.

The above were all approved unanimously by all attending.

The Rural Dean thanked the P.C.C. for all the work which had been done and for all the work TO BE DONE in keeping the parish running until the incumbency is resolved.

#### THE ELECTORAL REGISTER.

In the absence of Mr A. Tindall the Electoral Roll Officer, Mrs Allenby reported an increase of five members this year, with a total of 66. Mrs Allenby will ensure that Mr Tindalls records are correct and available for inspection if necessary.

#### THE CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT.

Mrs. Allenby. During the last year the Quinquennial Inspection Report was received from Mr P. Pace, the architect appointed for All Saints' Bramham. The summary of his inspection is as follows.

The church is well maintained with much repair work and improvements carried out over the last 15 years.

A few stonework repairs are now due and investigation of water penetration should continue to areas not yet cured.

A new heating system would greatly improve the interior (a quote for an adequate system for this church is in the region of £23,000 ).

The priority of repairs in the Quinquennial Inspection are.

1. URGENT. Minor overhaul of slating. Mr Pace has had a meeting on site with Revd Shaw, Mrs Allenby and Mr Dodsworth regarding the slates and water penetration in some areas of the walls We are awaiting a quote for this. Mr Dodsworth is the builder and roofer recommended to us by the architect and has done much work on the church previously to a high standard.

2. ESSENTIAL WORK TO BE DONE IN THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS. Repairs to the boundary walls. Overhaul of the Lychgate roof. Improvement to bonding the lightning conductor. Repair Laths and fit birdmesh to belfry windows.

All these jobs have now been completed and are about to be paid for out of the Project Fund.

STILL OUTSTANDING WITHIN THE EIGHTEEN MONTH TIME LIMIT is the testing of the electrical installations. This is now in hand by an electrical engineer with qualifications approved by the architect.

Hopefully the new P.C.C. will carry on with the essential work to be done within the Quinquennium.

An intruder alarm has been installed with money given by the family of the late Gwen and Gilbert Boswell. A 5% reduction was allowed on our insurance by a representative of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. He carried out a Health and Safety check at the same time and made one or two minor suggestions.

A new flag was very kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Medass of Town Hill.

A replacement amplifier system for the recording of the bells has been installed and paid for by the Fundraising Group.

SOCIAL GROUP. Mrs Allenby reported in the absence of Mrs Palmer. Nothing has been done during the past year but a new group has been formed with seven members and two large events will be taking place this year. An American Choir will be giving a concert at Lotherton Hall on Friday 11th July with all proceeds going to Bramham Church and they will also sing at the Parish Communion on Sunday the 9th July at 10.30 a.m.

With the kind permission and organisation of Rachel Lane Fox a Family Day is to be held on Sunday 13th August at Bramham Park all proceeds going to Bramham Church. There will be notices posted about these coming events.

If anyone is interested in joining the Social Group please contact Mrs Allenby.

#### THE TREASURERS REPORT.

Mrs Smith said that there had been a big increase in covenants over the year. The Quota had been paid but not always on time.

A copy of the financial statement is held with these minutes.

The Rural Dean asked if there were any queries. No queries were forthcoming. Mr Ingram proposed that the statement be accepted, Mr Green seconded and all were in favour.

Mrs Allenby asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Watson. Mrs Smith said that she had already done this, also thanking Mrs Watson for donating her "winnings" from the Open Door Scheme.

The Rural Dean said that he was most impressed by the covenanting drive. He said that he knows how difficult it is to get schemes off the ground from his own experience and those involved were to be commended.

A short discussion followed about the new methods of claiming tax from planned giving. Mrs Appleyard said that Mr Appleyard was already adopting the new methods as covenant renewals came up. The Rural Dean said that the diocese is working on guidance for envelope giving with wording on envelopes to the effect that the donation was a gift and could be claimed against, provided that certain conditions were met. More information will come to the parishes in the near future.

The Rural Dean said that the New Ainsty Deanery was one of the few Deaneries to meet Quota. Thanks were to be passed on to each parish for this. Mrs Allenby asked if any money was taken out of the reserve fund. The Rural Dean said that none had been used but this Deanery had been asked to pay slightly more and that was how the Quota had been met. Mr Hewitt asked if there were any implications in this. Would we be asked to pay more because we had met Quota. The Rural Dean said that no one is under any illusions about how difficult it is for parishes to pay Quota.

#### ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS.

The Rural Dean said that this should be done at each Annual Parochial Meeting.

#### SIDESPERSIONS FOR YEAR 2000.

Mrs. A. Palmer. Mrs. D. Elmes. Mrs. D. Mullen. Mr. J. Mullen. Miss M. Booth. Mr. K. Hewitt. Mr. M. Ingram. Mrs. W. Dawson.

This was approved by the P.C.C. All in favour.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Rural Dean informed the meeting that there would be a meeting of the Sub Committee of the Pastoral Committee on the 31st May 2000. Invitations have started going out to representatives of this parish and other interested parishes. The Diocese hopes that there will be a positive decision on the future of this parish. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr Hewitt said that it had been a very difficult time since Father Shaw's death. He wished that thanks be recorded to Mrs Allenby for the marvellous work she has done and is doing to keep the parish working.

The Rural Dean said that he considered that it was very appropriate that this should be recorded.

Mrs Allenby asked that thanks should be recorded to all the Clergy and retired Clergy who have offered and given assistance to us during this time. Their help had been invaluable to her and she felt that she couldn't have managed on her own. She also asked that thanks be recorded to the organists who have helped out and will help out until such times as we have one of our own again.

The Rural Dean thanked the P.C.C. for all the work that has been done so far and all the work which will be done in the future.

Mrs Allenby asked that the new P.C.C. stay behind for a short meeting.