

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRAMHAM

AGENDA for ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 17th March 2002

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

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the last Meeting (attached)
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Election of the Parochial Church Council (10 places)
- 5 Proposed new Election Rules
- 6 Financial Report
- 7 The Electoral Roll
- 8 Election of Sidespeople
- 9 Warden's Report
- 10 Parish Priest's Report
- 11 Previously notified business
 - a) Proposed Ashes Garth
 - b) New Common Prayer Book

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Minutes of the Annual General Meetings held on Sunday 1st Aprils 2001

Chaired by The Revd Hugh Lawrence. 22 Parishioners present.

The Annual Vestry Meeting

Mr. Stanley Menzies and Mrs Anne Palmer were elected as Church Wardens to serve for the coming year.

The Annual Parochial Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM

These had been circulated with the Agenda and were taken as read. Proposed by Mr. Tindall and seconded by Mr. Simon Noble that these were a true record, and were duly signed by the Vicar.

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Election of PCC

Seven parishioners had been proposed and seconded on the appropriate form before the meeting. Mrs Warrington, Mr. Ingram, Miss Booth, Mr. Tindall, Mrs Young, Mrs Mullen, Mrs Peters. In addition Mrs Peggy Kitchen was willing to stand and it was proposed by Mr. Tindall seconded by Mrs Dew that her name be added to the list. The 8 people were accepted without need for an election. After the AGM Mrs Peters withdrew her nomination.

Electoral Roll

Due to the change in Officers this had not been completed but would be presented to the first meeting of the new PCC. Next year 2002 a completely new roll will be required.

Financial Report

Mr. Michael Ingram, who had taken over as Treasurer mid-term due to the resignation of Mrs Smith, reported that the Balance sheet had not yet been received from the auditor, but this would be available for inspection if any one wanted to see it. Mr. Ingram gave a brief resume of our financial position and said that our quite healthy situation was due to a legacy received during the year, which accounted for most of the surplus.

Receipts for year	£ 29,881.00
Expenditure	£ 26,603.55
Surplus	£3,277.45

Election of Sidespeople

Proposed by Mr. Menzies and seconded by Mr. Green that the following 8 people be elected on block: - Mrs A Palmer, Mrs D. Elms, Mrs D Mullen, Mr. J, Mullen, Miss M. Booth, Mr. K. Hewitt, Mr. M. Ingram and Mrs W.Dawson.

Parish Priest's Report

Father Hugh commenced his report with the phrase "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ". This is traditionally the proper occasion to give thanks to so many people who have willingly born burdens on behalf of us all. He was genuinely nervous at listing pretty well what each burden bearer has undertaken for fear of either missing one vital (but quiet) person out, or not rendering the correct amount of thanks for what they have done. However, for everyone who has supported over the past difficult year with their time, talents or money this is a thank you.

It is right to record our thanks to Mrs Cynthia Allenby for her efforts since Father Shaw's death, which have manifested themselves in so many ways, and thereby achieved so much, we remain grateful. Every little prayer is noticed as much as every little act of kindness – all part of "Bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ".

Before thinking about the coming year, it is also right to recall that this is the second Annual General Meeting since Fr Shaw's untimely death - the unwanted conclusion to a towering and devoted ministry here in Bramham. We that are left behind must take up the reins and continue, as we believe the Holy Spirit is directing us. To this end we will need to be vigilant in prayer and personal devotion.

More areas of our Church life that should receive our thoughts and consideration are:

Anne Palmer has asked to be relieved of the burden of the Church Magazine this year and it seems to be the right opportunity to consider detaching St Luke's magazine from St Mary's and having a combined magazine for Bramham and Clifford.

The PCC will have to discuss the state of the fabric as required in consultation with the Architect. One of these issues will be what we are going to do about the heating system. What is worrying is the amount of money we are wasting by running it for so little return

Another matter is security, something we can't take too seriously. Every month one or two Churches are vandalized and burnt out because of malicious attacks.

We need to consider our options for adopting the new Prayer Book "Common Worship". There are many improvements in this new book with plenty of variations for us to experience and consider. Adopting the new book is compulsory, so we need to get on with it soon. Along side this we are using a very old edition of a hymnbook that has seen four complete revisions since it was first published. We should think about where we want to go on this front. Some of the new material available, hymns, psalms and songs are genuinely inspiring and should be tried.

Young People. We need to ask where we are going on the Young People front. Children are the Church of today and should have a great part to play as possible. This is an area of Church life, which we should all be involved with. Churches that take the "leave it to the Vicars" approach are not the ones that have any success in this area.

Importance must be put on the work our sidespeople do. They exercise the vital Ministry of Welcome, being a sidesperson is much more than handing out the books. What they do and how they do it to people nervously poking their heads through the doors for the first time often is the spark that encourages them to come back. I would like a lot more people doing this, and at the same time to publicly say how much I value what they do.

One of our means of outreach is through Holy Baptism. Churches are finding that lay people expressing their belief and trust in Jesus Christ is a very powerful thing, often much more so than hearing it from the Clergy. I will be looking for help in this area in our Christian Mission.

Any Other Business

Mr. Machin commented on the most difficult time we had experience last year with the appointment of the new Priest and the proposed sale of the Vicarage, and expressed his concern that the parishioners had not been kept fully informed on what was going on. If there had been fewer secrets, this would have saved much unpleasantness. He asked the new PCC and Churchwardens to ensure that we learn from our mistakes and hoped that what had occurred would not happen again. Father Hugh responded by saying we had proceeded correctly under the instruction of the Bishop and Archdeacon. Mr. Machin wished the new Wardens and the new PCC well.

Mr. K Hewitt asked if the PCC Minutes could be put on the Notice Board. Father Hugh replied that the minutes were available to all and anyone could ask to see them. The new PCC would consider putting a resume in the Parish Magazine.