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## **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**Tuesday 30th April 2019 in St Mary's Comm Centre**

Opening Prayer by Revd. Alison Battye

Delegation of Revd. Alison Battye as Chairperson in the absence of Revd. M Peat

### **Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 7:45pm:**

#### Agenda

1. Appointment of clerk to the meetings
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018
4. Churchwardens Report for 2018
5. Election of Churchwardens

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7:55pm:**

#### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meetings 24/04/18 and 10/06/18
3. Matters arising
4. Presentation of Annual report and Financial Statements for 2018
5. Appointment of independent Examiner
6. Election of 6 members of the PCC
7. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer
8. Election of Sidespersons
9. Chairman's Report
10. Any Other Business



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**Parish Church of St Mary, Whitkirk**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
Tuesday 30<sup>h</sup> April 2019  
Church Hall, Selby Road, Whitkirk**

**Present:**

Revd. Alison Battye (Chair)	James Black (Churchwarden)			
David Scholey (Churchwarden)	Sue Middleditch (Secretary)			
Tony Bond	Janet Blenkinsop	Liz Hayes	Nick Jackson	
Ann Rhodes	Glenn Middleditch	Pam Wood	Joan Williams	
Lynne Pickersgill	Jean Bradley	Nick Jackson	Martin Higgins	Sue Butcher

**1. Welcome, Prayer and Apologies.**

Revd. Alison Battye welcomed everyone to the meeting along with the new members.

There were 5 apologies for absence:

Lesley Hughes (Treasurer)  
Melvin Herring  
Gemma Burton  
Catherine Sirrell  
Alistair Hezel

**2. Elections of Officers:**

**Vice Chairpersons:**

David Scholey	Nominated by: G Middleditch	Seconded by: Jean Bradley
James Black	Nominated by: G Middleditch	Seconded by: Jean Bradley

**Deputy Church Wardens:**

Janet Blenkinsop	Nominated by: David Waddington	Seconded by: Anne Rhodes
Glenn Middleditch	Nominated by: David Waddington	Seconded by: Anne Rhodes

**Secretary:**

Sue Middleditch	Nominated by: David Scholey	Seconded by: Sue Butcher
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**Treasurer:** (Not present so Co-opted in; but David is sure she wants to remain in office)

Lesley Hughes	Nominated by: David Scholey	Seconded by: James Black
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**Safeguarding Officer:** (Not present so Co-opted in; but willing to remain in office)

Katie Finn	Nominated by: David Scholey	Seconded by: Pam Wood
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**Health & Safety Officer:**

Glenn Middleditch	Nominated by: David Scholey	Seconded by: Pam Wood
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**Parish Church of St Mary, Whitkirk**

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Community Centre, Selby Road, Whitkirk  
Tuesday 30th April 2019  
Immediately following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

**Present:** 43 parishioners attended the meeting.

**1. Apologies**

14 apologies were recorded.

**2. Minutes of the previous Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

It was proposed by Joan Williams that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record. The proposal was seconded by Glenn Middleditch and agreed by the meeting.

It was proposed by David Scholey that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record. The proposal was seconded by Glenn Middleditch and agreed by the meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

Cynthia Grice wanted some clarification on the paragraph on Page 3, with regards to the community centre which reads "it is the intention of the PCC to encourage more community use". Cynthia asked if we are also going to encourage church use. James Black responded to this by stating we are always there for church use; the church is in the community and we want to make a difference in people's lives. The community centre is a fantastic resource and it there for everyone to use within the boundaries of this parish.

Margaret Rutherford commented that the monthly coffee morning is missed, it was only simple, but everyone enjoyed it. Could this be encouraged.

Revd. Alison Battye confirmed that this has stopped as no one has volunteered to do it. Crossgates Good Neighbours now have a regular Friday morning slot, but Wednesday mornings are free, its simply down to who is willing to take this on.

Cynthia Grice commented that people must have the confidence to approach the management team with ideas, to which Revd. Alison Battye replied, if you have an idea, please come forward.

Shelagh Freer said she and Carol Scholey have other commitments and coffee mornings don't just happen.

Jean Bradley confirmed that Crossgates good Neighbours would be happy for anyone to come along to their coffee mornings. They start at 10am, followed by a lite lunch and then keep fit. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May it's the first one. Revd. Alison Battye encouraged everyone to pass these details on.

David Waddington mentioned an error in the listing of PCC members, as his name had been missed off. He also confirmed the date of the mission is July 2019, not June, as stated on the annual report. David Scholey said he would amend these errors.

#### **4. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2018**

Revd. Alison Battye gave a brief review of the contents of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2018 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

David Scholey reported that the accounts have now been signed off by the Independent Examiner.

It was proposed by David Scholey and seconded by John Freer that the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 2018 be adopted. There were no objections.

#### **5. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

David Scholey proposed that we reappoint White Rose Accounting. This was seconded by John Freer and approved by the meeting.

#### **6. Election of 6 to Membership of PCC**

##### PCC Election

Six nominations were received – Anne Rhodes, Joan Williams, Sue Butcher, Janet Blenkinsop, Melvin Herring & Nick Jackson.

There being no further nominations the above were elected to serve on the PCC.

#### **7. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer**

It was proposed by Martin Higgins that Ken Iles be elected as Electoral Roll Officer for the coming year. The proposal was seconded by Pam Wood and agreed by the meeting.

Ken Iles reported that there were 204 people on the roll (212 the previous year).

Huge Thanks to Ken Iles for complete revision of the electoral roll this year.

#### **8. Election of Sidespersons**

The following people were nominated for Sidesperson:

Pay Hyde	Bill Hyde	Marjorie Bond
Sue Middleditch	Glenn Middleditch	Chris Wood
David Temple	Lynne Wood	Trevor Sirrell
Margaret Ward	George Hornung	Joyce Hornung
Melvin Herring		

It was proposed by Lynne Pickersgill that all those listed above be elected to serve as Sidespersons for the coming year. This was seconded by Liz Hayes and approved by the meeting.

## 9. Chairman's Report

By Revd. Alison Battye:

It is a strange and wonderful thing being a curate...it seems like no time since I was reading your annual report for 2015 – and thinking about starting here...yet I can hardly imagine life anywhere else.

I don't need to tell you this is the best parish in Leeds in which to be curate...a training which is being beautifully finished by Matthew's sabbatical. One of the privileges is delivering this 'Chairman's report'. It seemed appropriate to reflect a little from a position inside – and yet because it's temporary – outside of St Mary's.

First, I'll just remind you of something you know well – what a great incumbent you have in Matthew...his wisdom; his prayerfulness; his love and care for each and every one of us; his vision of what God can do in this place.

Which means St Mary's is an exciting place to be...but also that it's vital that we support him...continuing to take on the many things that don't need a priest to do them...remembering when you don't agree with him that he will have prayed and thought about what he suggests.

Of course, the diocese has also spotted Matthew's talents – he has the role of Area Dean and sits on various committees. This inevitably takes some of his time from the parish – but like our parish share, this is St Mary's gift to the diocese. When you take on roles here, you free him to contribute to important decisions and visions for the future.

Which leads me to my second observation – that I've been blown away by the amount of lay involvement here. From more obvious offering of skills and talents...Lay reader...our hall redevelopment team...our comms/technical support people who just pop up and make things happen...Giles and the choir...admin support...financial expertise...sacristans...flower arrangers, and lots that I've not mentioned.

And the hundred little jobs that just happen...Dave delivering our food bank offerings every week, Colin who has just stopped collecting the recycling after I don't know how many years...Marsha who pops up and folds the pew-sheets, and many more, done so unobtrusively I probably haven't noticed but so important to our being able to share God's love.

Of course, the thing with all of these is - they don't **belong** to us – they are things we do for God. A job can be a burden...it can also be a way of being part of the church. Sometimes we might be called to manage alone for a while...sometimes we might be called to share...perhaps to help someone else find a new place in our faith community...

I've seen this beautifully as Maureen – after many years – decided heading up all the flower arranging was too much. Others have stepped in, but the team also saw a chance to invite new people to have a go. On Holy Saturday...amongst masses of getting the church ready for Easter, there were some lovely tutorials going on...new people finding skills they perhaps didn't know they had.

And this is another observation as curate. The two things that have been my projects are school assemblies and FISH. 'Find a team to help you', said Matthew – when I'd been here two weeks and hardly knew anyone. So, I just started asking...lots of people said 'yes, but I may be no good'.

They have proved themselves wrong...and it's been a joy to discover for example in Giles not only an amazing musician...but someone who can speak to 500 children...and in Hannah Scholey one of the best youth workers I've ever seen.

Our annual report mentioned the Lay conference, and the importance of lay leadership for the future of our church. This doesn't mean giving more jobs to the leaders we already have – it means unlocking the potential that's there in so many of you.

The third thing I've found at St Mary's is a community that knows how to worship. I love it when I have chance to be in the congregation. There is talk at the moment that 'High' churches don't grow...but slowly we are proving that wrong. People come here and are drawn in by genuine worship, by encountering God. Just ask Moses and Sarita!

What a wonderful thing to be part of a growing church. It brings its challenges of course...three 2-year-old boys are not going to be silent for an hour. Wonderful though our children's corner is – it's not very big...but as I watched Katy and Keera our young servers doing such a great job on Sunday, and Aaron singing in the choir...I thought how fantastic that in a few years we might have others to continue the tradition.

So, when we say 'all are welcome' spare a thought for slightly harassed parents of young children – give them a smile – thank them for going through the effort it takes to come and worship.

Finally, as a teacher and learner, I have loved being part of St Mary's as you make learning and nurture a more central part of your faith. Faithbook, Pilgrim, Lent and Advent courses, Holy Week bible studies...I've learned so much from all of you and have seen the excitement people have found in really discussing their faith for the first time in years. Thank you to those who have gone on to lead groups so that more people can join the journey.

I think the sharing of Faith journeys that we heard on this years' Lent course said something about how far we've travelled. I know it isn't for everyone – but if you've not tried it...think about it.

If I find someone who will have me...I won't be here much longer. But what I have learned about lay involvement, worship, how to welcome, and the importance of being a learning community will go with me.

Matthew will be back soon – after 3 months in which to think. Be prepared for a new vision for how to build on what you have...be ready to play your part in becoming even more of a beacon of God's love for Whitkirk and Colton.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Bill Hyde wanted everyone to know that he is the chairperson on the Crossgates Good Neighbours committee, and he can be approached with any questions or queries.

Lynne Wood commented on the huge flood in the comm centre car park when its been raining. David Scholey said that this is on the "snag List" and Mick Jackson confirmed that some monies have been held back from the contractors as a new drain may be required.

Sue Temple wanted confirmation of the protocol involved in using the comm centre toilet facilities during weddings and funerals, when it is already hired out to a private booking. David Scholey confirmed that this is known issue but if the verger has a polite conversation with the main organiser of the event this will usually suffice. It's also easier to use the back disabled toilet, to avoid coming in the main comm centre door. All agreed this would be preferable, except when wheelchair access is required.

Dave Temple asked about the 2 wheelchairs we used to have available; 1 in Church and 1 in the hall. David Scholey confirmed that the one from the hall was past its useful life, the tyres were flat, and it was very old, so was thrown away. David Scholey was aware that only having one is an issue, but any wheelchair provided would have to be in a good state and maintained. There is currently no room to store a wheelchair in the community centre; if stored in the disabled toilet it is in the way. David Scholey said he would take the concerns to the centre management team. Currently there is 1 wheelchair stored in church that can be used.

Dorothy Howe raised concerns over the comm Centre kitchen Fridge; she cannot understand why it is left turned on but empty 100% of the time and why she had to carry home 4 pints of milk on Sunday, only to bring them back again on the Monday; could she have left it in the fridge with a note on it?

Janet Blenkinsop responded that the fridge policy is there to protect everyone, and health & safety is the main reason. There is currently no specific person responsible for fridge hygiene, and when the comm centre management team discussed the original changes to the kitchen it came down to "fridge or no fridge". Janet is willing to take this back to the comm centre management team to see if the policy can be reviewed for common sense purposes.

Chris Wood asked for confirmation that the organ was fine after the power cut during Sundays Service. Revd. Alison Battye confirmed that the organ, and organist were both fine and the fault had been fixed.

Lynne Pickersgill expressed that "our loss would be their gain", when Alison finally leaves St Mary's in June 2019. She said Alison was superb at her job and she is hugely indebted to Alison for all her help and guidance. She gave sincere thanks to Alison that was echoed by everyone at the meeting.

The meeting closed with The Grace



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Community Centre, Selby Road, Whitkirk  
Tuesday 30th April 2019**

**Present:** 43 parishioners attended the meeting

It was proposed by David Scholey (in the absence of Revd. Matthew Peat) that the Revd. Alison Battye be delegated Chairperson.

**1. Appointment of clerk to the meetings**

It was proposed by Revd. Alison Battye that Sue Middleditch be appointed as clerk. This was seconded by David Scholey and agreed by the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

14 apologies were recorded.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners**

It was proposed by Terry Foster that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record. The proposal was seconded by Shelagh Freer and agreed by the meeting.

**4. Churchwarden's Report for 2018**

David Scholey –

Under Section 5 of Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 it is a duty of the churchwardens to deliver to this annual meeting a report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church.

Another duty of churchwardens is that of maintaining the terrier, inventory and log book; these provide in detail any matters relating to the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church, and if anyone wishes to have a look at these records the necessary arrangements will be made.

The main items to report are;

- Issues identified from the Quinquennial Report, particularly regarding the church roof, have been rectified at a cost of almost £2,000.
- The introduction of pew runners at a cost of £4,500.



- The restoration of the bells to full circle swinging has hit a snag that has yet to be resolved and may require additional funding to that originally quoted.
- The PCC have agreed to gift the Eagle Lectern to Charterhouse Chapel in Hull. A Faculty Application has been submitted to allow this to happen.
- The major works that transformed the Church Hall into the Community Centre have been completed, although, as with any significant building project, there are a few minor issues still being addressed. A big thankyou to all who gave generously of their time and money in making this happen. It is not the usual practice to name individuals, however this meeting needs to record its gratitude to Trevor Sirrell, Shelagh Freer, Mike Jackson, Liz Hayes, Tony Bond and Janet Blenkinsopp for their sterling efforts in persuading numerous organisations to part with sufficient money for this project to succeed, and liaising with the contractors and architect throughout the project.

Thanks also goes to that host of volunteers, who do so much unseen everyday work.

Thanks, must also go to Matthew and Alison for their continued support, advice and pastoral care, and to their respective families for the support they give to our clergy. Alison is likely to be moving on to pastures new this year. All our good wishes will go with her; but she will be missed!

It continues to be a pleasure to work with my fellow churchwarden James. I hope you would agree that we have formed a good partnership in fulfilling the duties we are required to undertake. I look forward to continuing that partnership during the coming year.

James Black thanked Dave Scholey personally for their good partnership, shared skill set and how they complement each other, as he holds down a full-time job as well as being Churchwarden. James also thanked the army of people that make things happen, he is very grateful that he can call on others for help.

## **5. Election of Churchwardens**

Two nominations had been received for the position of Churchwarden - David Scholey and James Black. There were no further nominations, so both were duly elected to serve for the following year.

Revd. Alison Battye was grateful to David and James for the huge job they do and thankful of their help during Matthew's sabbatical, as they both have a great eye for details, she knew she was in a safe hands.

Revd. Alison Battye closed the meeting with a prayer for the Churchwardens' coming year.



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## **PCC Meeting - St Mary's Church**

**Tuesday 30th April 2019**

### **Agenda:**

**1. Welcome and Apologies. Welcome new members**

**2. Election of Officers:**

Vice Chairpersons:

Deputy Churchwardens:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Safeguarding Officer:

Health & Safety Officer:

**3. Matters arising**

**4. Any Other Business**

**5. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7:30pm in Comm Centre**