

# APCM

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

### THE PARISH OF NORTON

SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

11.00am

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS To elect Churchwardens for 2024 / 25**

Anthony Giles opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk: Susan Taylor: proposed by Neil Greateorex and seconded by Tim Croot All agreed.

#### **1. Election of Churchwardens for 2024 / 25**

Neil Greateorex: proposed by Vicky Cameron, seconded by Rachel Phillips

Ros Pratt: proposed by Pat Timms, seconded by Janet Waters.

As there were only two nominations Neil and Ros were duly elected.

After the election this meeting is closed.

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## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

There were 47 people present.

**Apologies:** Rudy & Janet Clarke, Jacquie Croot, Margaret Day, Tony Humphreys, Michelle Rigby, Helen and John Smith

1. **Appoint Clerk for Meeting:** Susan Taylor: purposed by Neil Greateorex and seconded by Christian Allen. All agreed.
2. **Minutes of last APCM:** Vicky Cameron proposed, and Andy Nicholls seconded that we accept the minutes which were agreed and signed by Neil Greateorex.
3. **Matters arising:** Neil Greateorex spoke about the listening exercise with Bishop Jane. Coaching will take place with the whole parish in the near future. This will help us work together better when Eugene comes. It will be nice to see as many people as possible at that meeting. There will be another coaching meeting once Eugene arrives.
4. **Electoral Roll:** Tracey Nicholls presented the Electoral Roll which will run until 2025. There are 156 members on the Electoral Roll; 3 have been added and 4 have been removed. Neil thanked Tracey for all her work.
5. **Elections:**

**Election of members to serve on the Parochial Church Council for three years,  
2024 / 2027**

Judy Butcher: proposed by Pat Timms, seconded by Helen Giles  
Andy Nicholls: proposed by Margaret Wenman, seconded by Vicky Cameron  
Angie Caldwell: proposed by Susan Taylor, seconded by Neil Greateorex

**As there were 3 available spaces on the PCC all were elected without the necessity of a vote.**

**Election of Sunday wardens for the coming year.** (see attached sheet)  
Andy Nicholls proposed, and Tim Croot seconded that those named should be elected. **All agreed.**

6. **VICAR'S REPORT:** There is no report this year as we are in an interregnum, but Anthony Giles gave a 'not the vicar's report'. The Ministry team have worked really hard organising services. Neil thanked them for all their hard work.
7. **FINANCE:** Carol Greateorex presented the main points from the Treasurer's report
- This has been a good year. The Parish share was paid in full. We have had 4 years of profit. The parish office has been reopened for an hour a week. We invested in the buildings, repainting the spire of St George's and new lighting in the hall.
  - Planned giving has dropped year on year and has continued to fall this year. Income from the hall has fallen.
  - Coffee shop, Nippers & badminton add to the finances
  - The house in Common View has been let for most of the year
  - There has been a small increase in charitable giving
  - In the coming year the Priory Nursery is leaving. This will make a massive hole in our income - £4,500 this year & £12,000 next year.
  - Once Eugene is in post the parish share will rise

Thanks were expressed, by Susan Taylor, to Carol for all the hard work she does with the finances. All agreed.

Carol proposed we accept the audited accounts for the year ending 31/12/2023 & Ros Pratt seconded. All agreed.

8. **AUDITOR**

Carol proposed we ask Robin Mead to audit the accounts again next year. Tim Croot seconded and all agreed.

9. **FABRICS, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS.**

See the reports on St. George's and St Nicholas churches.

**REPORTS** The following reports were given.

- a) A report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council.
- b) Safeguarding.
- c) Reports on the proceedings of Hitchin Deanery Synod.

Neil added that there is a small leak in vicar's vestry.

The role of Parish administrator will be taken by Flower DeJager and the hours will increase once Eugene comes.

Ros and Neil thanked everyone for keeping the church going.

Rachel Phillips proposed, and Olive Greateorex seconded that we accept the reports. All agreed. This year the wardens have asked all the church groups to produce a report so Eugene can have an overview of what is going on. Neil thanked all those who wrote reports.

Vicky Cameron thanked our two amazing wardens for all the work they have done. They do all the jobs we don't see. We are grateful for all Ros & Neil have done over the last year. All agreed.

10. **ANY QUESTIONS** none

11. **RESULT** none to report

Neil closed the meeting with the grace at 11.35