

## Parish of All Saints with St. Frideswyde, Thornton and Crosby

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners held at 12 noon on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in church

**Present:** David Winsland (Chair); Ann Iverson, Mick Dunphy (Church wardens); Lynne Winsland (secretary) Brian Bennett, Ruth Bennett, Barbara Bowden, Sylvia Cooperthwaite, Gill Delves-White, Jane Dunphy, Pat Howard, Diane Hughes, Gordon Iverson, Joyce Manning, Alan Mears, Ailsa McGhie, Lynn Murthwaite, Sue Rimmer, Keith Spencer, Ann Thomas, Gordon Thomas, Angela Thompson, Keith Thompson, Sue Vose, Jen Williams, Linda Williams

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- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.** These were proposed as a true record by Gill Delves- White, seconded by Ann Iverson, and agreed by the meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 3. Election of Church wardens.** Ann Iverson and Mick Dunphy had been nominated to serve as church wardens. There being no other nominations, they were declared duly elected.

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- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.** These were proposed as a correct record by Ruth Bennett, seconded by Jen Williams, and agreed by the meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 3. Annual report for 2021:** This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Pat Howard proposed that it should be accepted, seconded by Ann Iverson, and this was agreed by the meeting.
- 4. Financial Statement:** This had been circulated before the meeting as part of the annual report. Unfortunately, Andrew Thompson Smith was unable to attend because of illness. David Winsland thanked everyone who had contributed to the church faithfully, even during the Covid lockdown, which meant that we had finished the year in a good financial position. He also thanked Andrew for all his work on the finances. Alan Mears proposed that the statement be accepted, seconded by Keith Thompson, and this was agreed by the meeting.
- 5. Appointment of Independent Examiner:** David Winsland had received a message from Andrew Thompson Smith proposing that Anthony Deegan, of Sefton CVS, be appointed as independent examiner. This was seconded by Diane Hughes and agreed by the meeting.
- 6. Electoral Roll report:** Diane Hughes reported that the roll currently stood at 90.
- 7. Church wardens' report:** On behalf of the congregation, Mick and herself, Ann Iverson thanked the Standing Committee- Andrew, Alan, David, Diane, Lynne, Ann and Mick- for dealing with all the issues that have cropped up, including the pandemic and the many updates from the diocese, and all the work involved in keeping services covered. She also thanked the PCC for endorsing decisions taken by the Standing

Committee. Lynne Winsland, as acting Parish Secretary, has had to deal with correspondence from the diocese regarding the interregnum and Ann expressed thanks to her. Special thanks were due to all the clergy who have supported us since Rev. Kath Rogers left. We have not missed a single service.

When the interregnum began, a working party was set up to prepare a Parish profile- a document available to anyone thinking of applying for the post of vicar, providing information on who we are and what we do. Each draft of the document only emphasised more what a busy church we are, and Ann expressed the thanks of all to Jen Williams, who had pulled everything together to create an amazing document. Ann encouraged members of the congregation to read it and be proud of what we have achieved. The wardens had hoped to be able to give some details about our new vicar but the position has had to be readvertised and interviews will now take place in May.

On a personal note, Ann thanked Mick and Lynn Murthwaite, for covering services when she had not been available, and all those who had supported her over the twelve months.

- 8. Election of 3 members to the Parochial Church Council:** David Winsland explained that there were three places that needed to be filled. Nomination forms had been received for David Winsland, Lynne Winsland and Karen Mayers. With the meeting's agreement, the nominations were taken en bloc and those people duly elected.
- 9. Chairperson's comments:** David Winsland spoke of how our services had been adapted during the year and thanked all those who had helped to run the Zoom services prior to our return to church services, firstly outdoors- dedicating the orchard and saying goodbye to Rev. Kath Rogers- and then indoors. During Rev. Kath's time with us we had moved forward and, with her inspiration, were better able to serve our community. We had welcomed Natalie West who, before she left to start training for the priesthood, set up the Bereavement group which continues to perform a very important ministry. Following Rev. Kath's departure, we continued to adapt as regulations changed, reopening the Hub and returning to 10:30 am services on Sundays, albeit with masks. We owe a very large vote of thanks to Bill Matthews, Peter Paine, Alan Brooks, Keith Thornborough and, on occasions, Les Thomas, who have regularly lead services; thanks are also due to Alan Brooks, Marion Simmons and Joyce Green who have lead Morning Prayer on Zoom throughout. We are also very grateful for the ministry of Rev. Dr. Hannah Lewis, especially over the Christmas period.  
Arranging services and people to take them has fallen heavily on our wardens, Ann and Mick. Andrew has worked tirelessly as treasurer, as well as preparing services to be shown on screen and bringing us up to date with technology. There are so many other people to thank- musicians, florists, PCC, cleaners, Paul as parish clerical assistant, Diane as Hall secretary, Alan as document reader- all whose work is not always evident but very important in the running of the church. Final thanks go to our congregation and supporters for, without your regular faithful giving, we would be in a much worse position.
- 10.** Alan Brooks spoke as a 'visitor' and thanked people for welcoming him into the church. As an 'outsider' he could see that this was a well-run church and he thanked all those who were keeping things going. He was privileged to preside at Communion at the Open Table service and spoke warmly of this unique congregation which is growing and beginning to contribute to the church. He thanked us for offering them a safe place.
- 11. A.O.B.-** There being no matters of parochial or general church interest, David Winsland gave the date of the Visitation as Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at St. Peter's, Formby, at 6:30pm and invited members of the congregation to attend as well as PCC members.

The meeting closed at 12:35.