

APCM Minutes 2020 St Michael's and St Luke's, Beccles  
3pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 St Luke's Church

**Present:** Rev Rich Henderson, John and Sue Bailey, Brenda Beaumont, Roger Bennett, Patrick and Ann Burke, Rev Philip Cudmore, Barry and Faith Darch, Terri Gotts, Ghislane Harrold, Hayley Henderson, Rev Claire Kiddy, Rev Peter Langford, Molly Martin, Di Molineaux, Doreen Page, Philip Perry, Rev Andrew and Dawn Platt, Brian and Judith Taylor, Rev Ron and Fran Tuck, Roger and Rosie Tuthill. Keith Wragg.  
**On Zoom:** Serena Emberley, Ian and Jayne Hollingsworth, Caroline Smith, Ian Smart and Jennifer Griggs Felicity Tate.

Rich opened the meeting with prayer taken from the liturgy of St Luke as it was St Luke's feast day.

1 **Apologies** for absence: Alf Beaumont, Mark Bee, Sheila Beedham, David Bunkell, Jane Perry, Lynn Rutter.

2 **Nominations for church wardens** (which should have been in April but was prevented by the Coronavirus):

St Michael's: Ian Hollingsworth, proposed Patrick Burke, seconded Jayne Hollingsworth  
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All in favour.

St Luke's: Roger Bennett, proposed Doreen Page, seconded Molly Martin  
Fran Tuck, proposed Doreen Page, seconded Diane Fleming

All in favour.

Rich expressed his thanks to all the churchwardens for their care of the buildings and their support for himself and the staff team. There will be no archdeacons' visitations this year; Rich will swear them in at the joint service at St Michael's on 29<sup>th</sup> November. This will include the three churchwardens at Worlingham, Barnby and North Cove.

3 **The minutes of the APCM of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – Keith Wragg proposed, Brenda Beaumont seconded that they should be accepted as a true record. All in favour. Matters arising will be dealt with at subsequent PCC meetings. (Most have already been dealt with). Terri requested that the year should be on the minutes as well as the day and month.

4 **Report of Electoral Roll officers:** Brian Taylor reported 114 for St Michael's and Terri Gotts reported 56 for St Luke's. Rich thanked them both and the meeting showed its appreciation.

5 **Elections and appointments** Rich suggested that all PCC members and deanery synod members should remain in post until the APCM in 2021. Barry Darch proposed that this should be so and Brian Taylor seconded it; all were in favour.

Rich also asked that the deputy churchwardens, sides persons and welcomers should continue in post. Roger Tuthill, Deputy warden at St Luke's, and Felicity Tate at St Michael's were willing to continue. Molly Martin proposed and Roger Tuthill seconded that all should continue in post. All in favour.

6 **Accounts** (a) Rich said that these were a phenomenal piece of work and the parish owes enormous thanks to Jayne Hollingsworth, Doreen Page, Margaret Page and Roger Bennett. He is very grateful that Jayne has agreed to continue as treasurer with support; Doreen will do inputting on the system during her paid administration hours. (b) Appointment of auditor: Jayne suggested that Chris Punt be reappointed; he took only 2 weeks to audit the accounts this year and his charges are more reasonable than others'. Jayne proposed Chris Punt be reappointed, Roger Bennett seconded; all in favour.

7 **Annual Report booklet** collated by Ian Hollingworth and done a little differently this year as a booklet. Although 2020 had intervened, it was important to reflect on 2019 and there was much to be thankful for in 2019. Roger Tuthill pointed out that there was no report for Kids' Club; this was still ongoing though there had been changes during 2019.

Rich showed a montage of images giving a flavour and reminder of 2019. There had been many good connections made. The three curates had been ordained priest, Claire had taken her first wedding. St Michael's had been packed on several occasions. 2020 will be different!

Barry Darch reported on safeguarding that policies and procedures had been followed throughout the year. Barry had said some time ago that he wished to step down from the role of safeguarding officer, which he has filled for at least 15 years., liaising especially with Jackie from Thirst.

### 9 **Rector's comments and reflections**

Rich asked, where are we going? He hopes that we shall be one council of 5 churches. The archdeacon, mission and pastoral committees have approved this move to be the Parish of Beccles with Worlingham, Barnby and North Cove. Lockdown has been good in that the 5 churches have grown stronger together, supporting one another. The villages have felt supported and encouraged. There are half the number of services in the villages, but a good pattern has been established.

There has been no core text during 2020, but now we shall have one: Mark 12:28-31. The staff team is committed to Growing in God aims of younger, deeper, in influence and number. A-E values and aims added: **All** – every member, whichever congregation or church, should be involved in ministry, whether in prayer or practical activities. **Becoming** disciples – we are all constantly learning, growing in faith, becoming more Christlike. **Creating Community** – something the montage showed we are doing well. In 2021 we need to do this as 5 churches and continue to look beyond our buildings, as lockdown has reminded us and shown us doing. **Doing** evangelism, being Good News. **Encountering** God – in our personal and communal spiritual journey. There will be a Lent sermon series on these points. The core text will be advertised at the joint service.

8 **Report on the goods, ornaments and fabric of the churches** – the churchwardens reported all is in good order, with much having been replaced or repaired. Rich thanked many people: Phil Filer, building projects manager, and the buildings committee of St Michael's for the re-ordering project; the Friends of St Michael's for raising a huge amount of money and also creating community at Friday coffee mornings; John and Sue Bailey working both in the church and undercroft, making repairs and improvements and saving the church thousands of pounds; at St Luke's, Ron Tuck, HM handyman, going above and beyond in doing repairs and also saving the church thousands.

Rich said the ministry team are a joy to work with; we have a phenomenal, gifted and growing team. Ben had contributed to the work and Rich thanked Phil Cudmore and Claire for all they do and all they will continue to do. In 2019 Doreen worked hard at her training and Mark did most of his study in 2019. Rich also thanked all who lead children's work and all who contribute to parish ministry.

10 **AOB** Barry said that Rich is good at thanking other people. He is a great blessing to us and his being made an Honorary Canon shows that this is recognised throughout the diocese. Well done! There was a round of applause. Rich responded that he would not have been recognised without the people both in Beccles and Reydon: there is something about us serving and blessing others and being made Canon is the Bishops' recognition of this. It is a privilege to serve amazing people in an amazing place.

The meeting ended with saying the diocesan Growing in God prayer.