

WEAVERHAM PAROCHIAL & ECUMENICAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Annual Meeting held on 12th March 2018

The meeting opened with Rev Andrew Brown leading us in Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Worship. There were readings from Ephesians 4v1-6 and John 15 v1-8. Andrew gave us some thoughts regarding us being united together through our faith in Christ.

Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens held on 12th March 2018 in the Lighthouse

Three nominations were received for Churchwarden. These were Ted Smith, John Freeman and Vicky Rushton. A secret ballot was held and the result being that Ted Smith and Vicky Rushton were duly elected.

Andrew thanked Louise for her time served as Churchwarden.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 12th March 2018 in the Lighthouse

Election of Parochial Church Council members

There were 5 nominations for election to the Parochial Church Council and it was advised that there are currently 5 vacancies. Therefore, all nominated were duly elected and they were as follows:

- Sue Winnington
- Mike Hornby
- Louise Parry
- Ruth Kunzi
- Yvonne Williams

Appointment of Sidespeople – Andrew thanked those that have served for the past year and advised that all would continue in the coming year.

Annual Ecumenical Church Council Meeting held on 12th March 2018 in the Lighthouse

Present: Revd Andrew Brown and 37 parishioners. Apologies were received from the following: Cath Henshall, David Whitfield, Jean and Stuart Bracegirdle, and Ted Smith.

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 24th April 2017 were distributed, approved and signed.

Appointment of Methodist Church Representative on the ECC

Mike Hornby has been nominated and was duly appointed.

Electoral Roll Report

Revd Andrew Brown advised that there are 147 members on the Electoral Roll.

Annual Report of the ECC and the Financial Statement

The Annual Report and Financial Statement have been posted on the notice board in church. Andrew talked through the report as attendees were given time to read. John Freeman talked through the finances. There were no questions.

Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner

John Freeman proposed that Mr Kevin Pickering should be reappointed as Honorary Independent Examiner. This was seconded by Linda Jones and all agreed. Mr Pickering was thanked for his work in this role.

2017-2018 St Mary's Groups & Events Presentation

A 'photo album' from church groups and events held this past year was shown.

Chairman's Remarks

Revd Andrew Brown advised that over the last year there has been lots of good work and that things are moving and changing within St Mary's. Revd Andrew suggested that we have a look at what's been done in the Annexe and gave a big thank you to the team that have worked so hard to finish it. He said it was a lesson in tenacity. Revd Andrew advised that he will be discussing dates for an official opening with our Bishop.

Revd Andrew also reminded us that there have been sad times and that there have been good folk that have gone before us in the last year. He gave thanks for their work and ministry.

Revd Andrew urged us to come together and work together in the coming year. To get behind our church wardens and parish representatives and to do it prayerfully. He stressed that prayer is really important and will bring us together. He reminded us that 'prayer changes the prayer'.

Terrier and Log Book.

Louise Parry informed the meeting that the terrier and log book will be ready to be signed off at the next ECC.

Dates

The next ECC Meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 23rd April 2018, in the Lighthouse.

The Archdeacon Visitation will be in the middle of May for churchwardens, sidespeople and PCC members – Revd Andrew Brown to advise on exact date asap.

The meeting closed with prayer.