

This means we have taken every effort to ensure our paperwork is in order and that those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults have had the necessary checks and training. The National and Diocesan Safeguarding teams have highlighted the need to look out for any people who may be at harm from themselves, as we come out of lockdown. Please contact Jenny or Rebecca if you know of anyone who might be at risk, physically or emotionally.

9. Churchwardens report on fabric and furnishings

There were no questions related to this report which was included in the Annual Report.

10. Lament – RF

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord:

Lord, hear my voice. (Psalm 130.v1-2a)

As we hopefully start to come out of restrictions Rebecca led us in acknowledging things that have been painful in the last year:

Isolation. No singing together. Not being able to give the support we want when someone is grieving. Restrictions at funerals. No Church Weekend away.

11. Thanksgiving- RF

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

His love endures forever. (Psalm 136 v1)

We are still here. We have a full staff team. Support of church members when ill. The growth of prayer on zoom. Online worship and streamed services. Messy Church families. Community Café conversations. Growth of technical knowledge and the tech team.

12. Thank you from Rebecca

Rebecca acknowledged what a difficult year it has been for her personally and thanked everyone for the support and care she has received in so many ways. She reflected seeing God at work, both individually and communally. There are so many people she wanted to thank - Action Groups and their chairs, PCC members including those standing down- Chris, Lesley, Fiona, Shawn and Penny, leaders, preachers and our two curates, the committed staff and tech teams and not forgetting the whole church family.

13. Elections to the PCC

Lesley and Shawn must stand down as they have completed two x 3-year terms. However, as treasurer Shawn has agreed to take up the co -opted place on the PCC until the APCM in 2022. Penny has completed one 3-year term so can put her name forward again. Fiona has stood down with two years remaining.

Nominations for 3-year term.

Penny Harrison

Proposed: Kath Jones

Seconded: Peter Hyatt

Laura Cook

Proposed: Sharon Fowler

Seconded: Penny Wager

Nomination for 2-year term

Trevor Hitchings

Proposed: Kath Jones

Seconded: John Cartwright

Nomination for 1-year term

Ruth Colderwood

Proposed: Lucy Whittingham

Seconded: Hannah Smith

All were unanimously elected. We still have two vacancies – one for 3 years and one for 2 years.

14. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Geoff Mann was appointed as Independent Examiner until the APCM in 2022

Proposed: Shawn Baggs

Seconded: Richard Coles

15. Vicar's report

Rebecca's report on Looking Forward was based on Simon Barrington's work on 'Disaster Relief' which identifies the phrases Response, Recovery, Reconstruction. It will be included in the newsletter email at the weekend and on the church website. Although the Weekend Away has had to be postponed until 2022 a Weekend Away at Sunnyside is planned for 17/18th July 2021 when Adrian Chatfield will be the speaker.

16. Prayer

KO'D close the meeting at 9.05pm with prayers for Rebecca and the Sunnyside family.

17. PCC meeting

There followed a brief PCC meeting at which Shawn was co-opted on to the PCC and appointed as treasurer until the next APCM, Kathy O'Dair was appointed as vice – chair and Kath Jones as secretary.

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 24 May 2021 with Action Group meetings in the previous two weeks.