

THE PARISH OF **ST. JOHN BAPTIST, BROUGHTON**

Charity Number: 1134595

Jesus said, "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15.16
We seek to make Jesus known in our community, through our joyful, loving service and worship

Parochial Church Council **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Minutes of the annual parochial church meeting at St John Baptist Parish Church
on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.35pm.

OPENING

Archdeacon Michael explained that only people who are on the Electoral Roll can vote in this meeting and if a vote is needed names will have to be checked.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies: Rev Arthur and Mrs. Rhodes, Derek and Lyn Millbank, Brendan Hurley, Sue Cherry Eddie and Ann Watson

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018 have been circulated and were approved unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Carol Buckley asked: The quality of communication re the hall redevelopment has been inadequate and there has been minimal effort to include ordinary parishioners in this process.

Thus far a small group has driven an agenda almost in secret – please can this be addressed?

I therefore request:

1. That the Options Appraisal Report prepared by the Options Appraisal Group against which the PCC made its decision on the 06/10/2018 is made available to parishioners so that we can try to understand the reasoning behind the decisions being made in our name.
2. That a series of parish meetings is arranged as necessary at which that Options Appraisal Report is discussed and where questions can be addressed before any planning application is submitted.

In the absence of Father Shaun as Chair, is the PCC quorate?

Archdeacon Michael replied that it was only an annual meeting reporting on what has happened in 2018, they didn't need to be quorate.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Titterington

I would like to thank all those who help by collecting the plate collection, banking money, preparing gift aid applications and auditing the accounts. Thanks also go to parishioners who have taken on board the needs of the parish and increased their regular giving. Broughton Parish experienced a slight increase in Direct Giving during 2018. Income from St Martin's house was negated by the cost of fitting a new kitchen and extensive ground works. Further capital expenditure enabled the completion of the bespoke refectory at St John's. Money for this project was part of the legacy of the late Teddy Dixon. In consultation with his family, this was chosen as a fitting tribute and has proven to be an excellent addition to parish life. Parish Hall and Club income once again proved essential to the financial requirements of the parish, but as with previous years, profitability was reduced due to high running and maintenance costs of the complex. Last year the Parish incurred a deficit of £41,411 and lost cash reserves due to a stock market dip. The PCC is therefore in no position to support the Parish Hall's future maintenance and renewal requirements, such as the imminent boiler replacements

and electrical upgrades. With this in mind the preferred option is to explore the possibility of a new build hall and so to this end we hope to go forward with planning application this year. Any proposed improvement in parish facilities, such as the Chapel and Parish Hall at St Martin's, will only be possible with the capital receipt from the partial land sale, using designated parish reserves and successful grant applications as well as a successful planning application. Whatever the future hold for Broughton, the key to our ability to serve God in this place depends upon more generous giving.

Archdeacon Michael announced that the accounts have been presented to the PCC and they voted to accept them, it's now placed before the APCM. (Please see **APPENDIX I** for the accounts)

Chris Kerry read out his question:

The deterioration in parish finances as outlined by our Treasurer is of great concern.

And it was with great sadness we heard of our vicars' current illness and we hope and pray for his full recovery.

Parishioners should know that when advising of his ill health Father Shaun instructed that work on the Hall Complex redevelopment proposal be suspended during his absence..... and he expressed concerns that (and I quote);

'the parish cannot place itself in an even greater financial predicament than it currently finds itself'
and - again I quote

'A great deal of work continues to be undertaken to provide the information that is needed to ensure that all options are indeed being identified and evaluated for the PCC'

Given the deterioration in finances reported by our Treasurer can the PCC

- 1) Confirm that work on the complex redevelopment proposals has indeed been suspended and
- 2) Detail for us what other options are to be explored, and explain why these weren't appraised previously as part of what we were assured was a 'comprehensive' Options Appraisal process and
- 3) Finally and for absolute clarity can the PCC confirm that there is no intention to submit a planning application during the vicar's absence and until such time as the 'greater financial predicament' and those additional options referenced by our Vicar have indeed been explored and reported upon to parishioners.

Archdeacon Michael commented that it didn't fit into the accounts section and, when asked when it can be brought up, he said that it would come later in the agenda, the APCM is to look back at 2018. A question was asked 'why are the wages being loaded onto St Martin's rather than being spread over the 3 worship centres?' JT replied that they have to appear somewhere in the accounts; it's not about profit or loss, the wages are for the parish hall managers and the parish administrator. Accounts are presented in various ways, it's all the same bank account. It was noted that the parish hall is presented as making a loss, it shows a profit until the costs are moved over to show a loss, it is unfair and should be shared between the 3 worship centres.

A question was asked regarding the utility costs and are they being monitored from now on? JT explained that the water reading is very difficult as it is in the middle of Northway down a deep hole. They have constantly asked for a smart meter but none have been fitted. The costings from now on will be true costings.

Archdeacon Michael asked for the accounts to be approved, only those on the new electoral roll can vote: 35 for, 3 against, 1 abstention

The accounts for 2018 have been approved and Jim Titterington was thanked for his report.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Marilyn Couper

In 2018, the Standing Committee of the PCC, consisting this year of Fr Shaun, one Churchwarden, PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary, met on six occasions. The PCC met for 5 scheduled meetings, to carry out PCC business. The attendance at meetings has averaged over 80% during the year. The sub committees are Standing, Social, Communications, Land & Buildings with Parish Hall Management, Finance They report to the full PCC with their observations and any recommendations. Following discussions, decisions are reached. This year there were also the focussed groups of the Parish

Review. At the January meeting, Ian Cherry, a Forensic Accountant, on behalf of the Finance subcommittee, gave a confidential Financial presentation considering our Parish Income, Expenditure and Assets, together with suggestions for Actions that the PCC, as trustees of the Parish, may wish to consider taking. Are we, as a Parish making the best use of our assets was the question posed to us?

We need to consider who we are, what we have and how we go forward. It was agreed that in 2018, Father Shaun would take a 360degree review of the Parish and Andrea Titterington has agreed to lead it. The PCC gave its unanimous support to Fr Shaun in this review. Traditionally, the May meeting, as the first one following the Annual Meeting, is mainly a business meeting. Fr Shaun expressed his concern about the situation of there only being one churchwarden following the Annual Vestry meeting in March. We were asked as a PCC to consider a solution. Fr Shaun asked that we record our thanks to all who helped at the Rose Queen Crowning and Gala. However, feelings were expressed that there is a need at such events for more people to help with setting up and tidying away. Andrea Titterington, as chairman of the Parish Review Steering Committee thanked those who are chairing the subgroups who are considering all aspects of the review. These subgroups have met regularly to define their topic, discuss the scope of their remit and formulate questions for the Parish Review Questionnaire on areas where the views of the congregations were needed and information was lacking. At the date of this meeting there had been 158 replies of which 80 were written and 78 online. After analysis of results, each subgroup will have the results to take forward for their deliberations. The subgroup reports and recommendations would be considered at the PCC Away Day on 6th October. We hoped that all parishioners would be willing to play their part in realising the ultimate recommendations. Without that, whatever the recommendations, nothing will happen.

We had the annual review of Parish Policies and with slight amendments to some they were approved. The July meeting was held at St. Peter's School as this was the one at which the Head Teachers of both our Primary schools presented an overview of the schools over the past 12 months. As it was at St. Peter's, we were able to look round the school, particularly the Worship area, which has been built in a peaceful area of the grounds. We all commented on the beauty and tranquillity of the area. Mr. Merritt explained that it was used for group and class outdoor assemblies. The school was grateful to Rev. Rie who had helped with the whole concept and design. On returning to the school hall, Fr Shaun said it is fantastic to visit both schools and see that they are so obviously Church Schools. Both schools had achieved Outstanding in recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspections, as they had done previously. The Head Teachers were particularly grateful to Fr Shaun, Rev. Rie and Rev. Pauline for their involvement in the schools. Andrea Titterington, as chair of the Parish Review Steering Committee, thanked all the chairs and members of the subgroups for what they had done. Each group had looked at the results of the Parish Questionnaire in its area. There had been no 'earthquake' responses but there were considerations for us all. At the September meeting, Andrea reported that the reports and recommendations were ready for the PCC Away Day in October. Rev. Rie reported that the Friday Feast based at Ingol over the summer had got off to a slow start but they had fed 250 children and there were 28 returning families. After an appeal in the pew sheet, one family who couldn't afford school uniform was helped. The programme was a great success. The PCC thanked Rev. Rie and all the volunteers for running such a great outreach. Two new policies were introduced at this meeting. They were Social Media Policy and Prevention of Bullying and Harassment Policy. Following discussions the PCC unanimously agreed to adopt both policies. At the PCC Away Day on Saturday 6th October, when 86% of the PCC were present, we were reminded that the day was a reality check in that we needed to look to the future of the Parish. It exists because of, and for Jesus. Jesus was resolute, and the PCC must be likewise in taking the Parish forward in our vision and mission. The chairs of each of the focus groups Worship, Ministry, Communications, Music, Community Outreach and Parish Finance presented their reviews based on the results of the Parish Questionnaire. There were opportunities for discussion, asking questions and comments on their recommendations. There was a long discussion following the presentation about the redevelopment of the St. Martin's Complex and at the end a proposal for the new build was approved with just one abstention. The PCC meeting on the 5th November was after the Away Day, but prior to the Open Meeting on Sunday, 11th November. An Update on St. Martin's Complex was given. PCC members were re assured that the research undertaken by the Options Appraisal group would take us to the

next stage of the proposed St. Martin's redevelopment project. Fr. Shaun explained that Bishop Julian would be chairing the Open Meeting. He is fully supportive of the project and aware of the very unpleasant items that are appearing on social media. Much has been said and written both in emails and on social media about the Open Meeting and I feel it is unnecessary make any further comments. An extra PCC meeting was held in December for the member to consider further details of the Options appraisal. The situation hadn't changed since the last meeting regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Parish Hall Complex. There isn't a 'no option' option. We have to do something or the PCC will have difficult decisions about what it can afford to do and what can be afforded no longer. Many positive comments have been received from parishioners. The abuse that has been aimed at the members of the Options Appraisal group since the project has been made public has caused much stress and worry to individuals and their families. One PCC member remarked that we need people to understand that it is the PCC and not the Options Appraisals Group making the decisions. The PCC has business decisions to make for the good of the parish. We want to make sure that there is a worship centre and parish hub at the St. Martin's site in Fulwood for current and future generations. During the year the subcommittees of the PCC have continued to meet regularly. The Social Committee organised the usual Parish events but I would like to make special mention of the Afternoon Tea organised to mark 100 years since the end of World War I. The tea was excellent and we were wonderfully entertained by Preston Swing Band. The PCC is fully aware of all the excellent work that is being done in the Parish to encourage young families. JIGSAW and MESSY CHURCH could not continue without the hard work of their leaders. There is always room for more people to help and to increase the numbers of children. Little Fishes continues to meet each Wednesday afternoon during term time for pre school children and their carers. The annual reports sent from committees and organisations in the Parish are contained in the paperwork available for you tonight and show how much hard work is put in by so many volunteers in all the wide range of activities. The report from the Deanery Synod, which has four representatives from our parish, is included in the paperwork. Thank you to Vicki Thornley, our amazing Parish Administrator for all her hard work in 2018 and for collating all the paperwork for this meeting. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the smooth running of the PCC and the Parish in 2018. Chris and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have kept our family in their prayers during 2018. (See **APPENDIX II** for group reports)

Archdeacon Michael asked if there were any questions relating to 2018? None were brought up so Chris Kerry was invited to read out his earlier question. Archdeacon Michael said only matters relating to 2018 can be reflected on and are there any issues in light of that. A few questions were brought up and Archdeacon Michael repeated that only matters from 2018 are discussed at the APCM, if a PCC member wanted to answer them they can, if not, the points made can be taken to a PCC meeting. Archdeacon Michael thanked Marilyn for her report.

6. LAND & BUILDINGS with PRH REPORT – Chris Couper

Committee members: Peter Ward (Chairman), Chris Couper (Secretary), Charles Carefoot, Marilyn Couper, Jim Titterington, Barry Townsend, Jean Miller (Co-opted), Vicki Thornley (Co-opted):
Committee met on 4 occasions

Committee Terms of Reference: - Act on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for: - Parish Health & Safety matters; maintenance of Parish Buildings and grounds; Parish Church, Parish Churchyard and boundaries, Parish Hall Complex and grounds and St Martin's Chapel, St Martin's House 25 Northway (property, garden and boundaries and tenancy agreement) St Peter's Chapel; management of the Parish Hall Complex and St Martin's House. **NB:** The PCC are Landlords of the Guide Building on Northway.

Annual Parish General Maintenance Programmes: Updating and reviewing the Parish Health & Safety Policy 2017; Compilation of Risk Assessments; Graveyard Headstones and Monuments Safety Monitoring; Adopting any updates in the Fire Safety Regulations; Adoption of amended Insurance requirements; Annual inspections / maintenance of Gas, PAT, Fire, Roof, Intruder Alarm Systems

and Fire Extinguishers and Central Heating Systems; 5-yearly Electrical Installation Inspections in all premises. Maintain keyholders lists.

Licensing laws (Parish Hall Complex): Licence holders Consumption of Alcohol - Church Club Committee Secretary; Theatre and Entertainment - Parish Hall Complex - Chris Couper; Performing Rights Society (PRS for Music) and Phonographic Performance Licence (PPL) - PCC of Broughton St John Baptist Church.

St John's: Installation of a Refectory (Teddy Dickson legacy); Grant of £1,800 for new chairs and tables for the Refectory; Grant of £700 enabling paint and varnish to be purchased for the exterior repainting; Wiring improvements identified as urgent in the 5-year Inspection Report; Enlargement and Improvement to the Ian White Memorial Garden; Graveyard Headstones & Monuments Survey: 100 daffodils planted; Management of the *Light up a Life* scheme; 2 new St George flags purchased; Compilation and management of the churchyard gardening rotas; Candle-lit Nine Lessons and Carols service. **St Martin's Chapel and Parish Hall:** Parish Hall Supervisors scheduled checks and monitoring including the defibrillator unit; Jim & Chris seconded to Parish Options Appraisal group along with Andrea Titterington and Fr Shaun: Redecoration of the interior of the Chapel; Hire rates reviewed and increased from January 2018: **St Peter's Chapel:** No work done; **25 Northway:** Kitchen replaced, driveway relayed, fence panels replaced; Large fir tree removed in rear garden.

In Progress / under development: Parish Church: Building repairs specified in the Quinquennial Inspection Survey 2017; Improved Lighting scheme to the interior utilising LED fittings (Legacy); Replacement of exterior floodlighting equipment with LED's: **St Martin's Complex:** Redevelopment Project following Options & Appraisal Report.

Archdeacon Michael thanked Chris Couper for his report, there were no follow up questions.

7. ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER'S REPORT – Peter Ward

Every 6 years the Electoral Roll is completely renewed and as the last update was 2013 this year has seen the renewal of the Roll. The Roll update has to be completed in a tight timescale and completed 14 days before the APCM. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who has helped in completing this. This year the Roll stands at **291**, made up of **96** Non Resident and **195** Resident within the Parish. A copy of the Roll is held at all 3 worship centres. Can I also ask that if anyone has knowledge of any changes to the roll can they please let me know.

Archdeacon Michael thanked Peter Ward for his report and added that the renewal was a difficult task and encouraged any parishioners not on the electoral roll to fill in the form.

8. DEANERY SYNOD WRITTEN REPORT

See the written report attached. (**APPENDIX III**) There were no follow up questions.

9. SAFEGUARDING REPORT – Rachael Ainsworth

There were no incidents reported in 2018. All the risk assessments were all checked, with no accidents or near misses. All necessary people completed the level one Child protection training online.

Rev Rie and RA are trying to organise face to face L1 & L2 training for the PCC, Choir members, Jigsaw and Messy church and anyone who works with children. Policies are due to be renewed and will be looked at the next PCC meeting.

Archdeacon Michael thanked Rachael for her hard work in the essential work of protecting the young and venerable in our parish.

10. ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS

Archdeacon Michael noted that there are five places due to natural progression on a three year review and two casual vacancies for 1 for two years and 1 for one year. As there are seven nominations, a vote is not needed but they have taken advice and a ballot will take place on who gets each term. Each nomination pulled a piece of paper out of a bowl (in alphabetical order) and the results are as follows:

1. Dave Brand 1yr
2. Carol Buckley 3yr

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| 3. Richard Edney | 3yr |
| 4. Chris Kerry | 3yr |
| 5. Kath Morris | 3yr |
| 6. Carol Pettinger | 3yr |
| 7. Jim Titterington | 2yr |

11. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

It was agreed unanimously that Simon Worswick or R.P.Smith & Co be appointed as our Independent Examiner.

12. VICAR'S REPORT - Reverend Rie Walker (Assistant Curate)

Father Shaun is unable, due to illness, to complete his report this year, so the compilation and presentation of the Vicar's report falls this year to me, Rev Rie. I'd like to offer my grateful thanks to everyone in the parish who gives so generously of their time and effort to carry out a huge amount of work that enables and supports the prayer, worship, spiritual and social life and outreach of the parish. We tend to focus on the Clergy and Licensed Readers, but anyone who has a role in the parish is involved in the mission and ministry, whether you know it or like it or not! Church Warders, Deputy Wardens, PCC and sub-group members, sides-people, administrators, vergers, sacristans, readers, communion assistants, pastoral visitors, readers, intercessors, Jigsaw team members, Messy Church team members, Little Fishes team members, confirmation teachers, baptism ministry team, music leaders and musicians, choristers and singers across the parish, bell ringers, tea and coffee makers, gardeners, cleaners, the parish based organisations that operate out of the parish hall complex. Apologies if I've missed anyone. If you give of your time to the parish in any way, you enable the parish vision to live. By giving of your time to the parish you are saying that you want "to make Jesus known in our community through our joyful, loving service and worship". My most grateful and sincere thanks go to each and every one of you. As a ministry team we work hard to provide quality worship experiences across the parish throughout the year. Services and sermons don't just happen. They take hours of unseen preparation. I'm so grateful to my colleagues in the ministry team who are dedicated to leading the parish in prayer and worship, knowing that we are fed by both Word and Sacrament, which is reflected in the diversity of our Liturgies. Shaun, Pauline, Andrea, Arthur, Mo and I all value the support and positive feedback that you give us, and we are striving to be the best we can. 2018 saw us continue to maintain five services in the parish each Sunday, together with weekday Morning Prayer, Wednesday and Friday Eucharist, countless baptisms, weddings and funerals, special services for the Mother's Union and Women's Fellowship, many other special services for visiting organisations. Thank you one and all. The partnership started last year between Broughton and Ingol parishes has continued to flourish and grow over the past year. I remain the curate in charge at Ingol parish and assistant curate to Broughton parish, with Father Shaun remaining priest in charge. The parishes have joined together on a regular basis for worship, study, prayer, social occasions and community service. The fellowship that has blossomed in this arrangement has been wonderful, old friendships renewed, new made, all working together for the benefit of both parishes and their local communities. Summer saw us undertake the "Friday Feast" initiative, working with Ingol parish to provide packed lunches and "pay as you are able" markets for those in need in the Ingol community. This was a huge success, and with cries of "yes chef!" everyone pitched in and helped in food preparation, cleaning, serving, supporting, engaging with the community, oh and of course- the washing up! Many in the Ingol community benefiting from the efforts and surplus food taken to the Foxton Centre also allowed us to support and benefit some of the homeless in the Preston area; an initiative that we plan to continue next summer. The plan is to continue this fruitful relationship. Summer 2019 will see me licensed to both Broughton and Ingol parishes, upon completion of my training curacy, and we will continue to work together to grow a ministry team of ordained and lay people that will serve both parishes and continue generating good as we seek to support each other in witnessing to the Gospel in north Preston. As you are aware Mo Baldwin was accepted as an ordinand in 2017 and started her training for the priesthood last September. She has spent the last year working in both Broughton and Ingol parishes, guided by myself, Rev Rie. Mo has brought much to both parishes, and

we hope that we have been able to offer her a wide range of parish experience before her ordination to the Diaconate and the start of her curacy in July 2109. Mo will be moving out of both parishes to complete her training and I am sure you will join with me in offering her every blessing as she continues her onward journey with and for Christ. We will, of course, continue to actively promote and encourage people in the parish to consider the variety of formal and informal lay ministries that exist, keeping high on our agenda the need to recruit and retain to ministry in line with the Diocesan agenda of retention and recruitment. The Vision and Strategy Group continue work to address how we engage with the new housing and people along Eastway, D'Urton Lane, Lightfoot Lane and Tom Benson Way. This area of new housing continues to grow and, as it becomes part of our parish, we are beginning to see people attending services from this new area. However, we still need to work on ways of making physical contact with people to personally invite them to come and join us in worship and fellowship. There is still a planned leaflet drop and volunteers will be needed to help please. The work started in 2017 into the financial situation of the parish, together with PCC's responsibilities as Charity Trustees to ensure that we are managing what we have and own in the best possible way for the parish has continued over the last twelve months. Progress has been made, but our year on year deficit still needs attention. My grateful thanks go to the finance team who continue to do such sterling work for our parish. 2018 saw the wider parish review, commissioned by PCC, take place. The review was put to the parish to seek the honest thoughts and views of the parish on a range of issues - finance, mission and ministry, outreach, prayer and worship, music. Committees were set up to look at each area and from their work a detailed questionnaire was drawn up and offered to the parish. The response was good, people were honest, and we gained a bigger picture of where we are now, with reference to identity and spirituality, where parishioners want to be in the future, and there were various suggestions as to how we are going to get there. Fueled by our mission statement "to make Jesus known in our community through our joyful, loving service", and striving to become a healthy church that transforms its community (the Diocesan Vision 2026) we continue the review process, ever mindful that the parish's need to revitalise itself, become a more visible and vibrant presence in the community we serve. Prayerful planning still continues as to the best way forward. This may mean changes, changes to things like service times and content, our buildings, how we do things, music content, the services we provide, all of which may lead to feelings of unrest; but change is not difficult, it is just different and to be serious about transforming our words, your words, and intentions into action we need to have a strong plan of action enabling us to move forward, flourish and grow. As part of the parish review an options appraisal was commissioned and undertaken by a small team of experts who looked at the St Martins site and possible solutions to the problem we have of an ageing, outmoded and outdated building which we are struggling to keep open. The team's initial work and ideas were presented to the PCC in October. The PCC endorsed their work and a possible proposal went out for initial public consultation in November. Any suggestions to make changes to a site that has occupied the centre of that part of the parish for so long, as both a spiritual and community centre was bound to cause some upset, and it has. Objection has come from various sources, including the local community, who seem to think that we are "selling them short" by proising to develop the site. The proposal offers better community facilities, a better and more accessible parish office, eco-friendly, sustainable buildings, more space to enable the parish to run training events, spiritual development courses, prayer meetings and it will also offer a purpose built church, all essential to be able to maintain our community presence whilst enabling better community outreach facilities and a continued Spiritual presence in the area to continue our mission and ministry for Christ. Work continues to find a way forward to suit all parties, I ask for your continued support and prayers to find a way forward. We should, I think, rejoice that we are still a very active and healthy parish, but we all know that there is much to be done to feed and sustain those who are regulars, those who come and go, those who are on the periphery of church, and attract also new people. As we give thanks to God for the gifts and grace we received from Him in 2018, I pray that during 2019 our parish will continue to review our current situation and help us find new ways of reaching out, without fear of losing or compromising what we have and love. Thank you, and God bless you.

13. ELECTION OF SIDESPERSONS

First of all, may I welcome Sam Walmsley in his new role as Churchwarden, and I look forward to us working together for the benefit of the Parish. Secondly, may I mention our Parish Deputy Wardens, Unfortunately, this year, Donna Gaukrodger and Chris Kerry have decided to step down after many years of service, and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them, for all that they have done for the Parish, and to wish them all the best.

A warm welcome to Tracey Eves, who has kindly offered to cover Deputy Warden duties at the Parish Church, and to our other Deputy Wardens across the Parish:

- John Dempsey
- Brendan Hurley
- June Eccles
- Robert Ainsworth
- Albert Fazackerley
- Graham Riding.

I would especially like to thank each and every one of you for the enormous help that you have given me during the year, for the extra services and duties that you have covered, often at short notice, I could not have managed, without all your help and support and I hope that I can count on you, for your continued support during the coming year.

Sidespersons – To all our sides-men and women across the Parish and also to our prep teams at St Martin's, may I offer my grateful thanks for all that you do. Extending a warm welcome on arrival, considering the needs and assisting parishioners and visitors, at our worship centres, is indeed a vital role. Thank you for your hard work and continued commitment.

This year we are losing from our teams:-

- Phil Gaukrodger
- Christine Green

Thank you very much for all that you have done for the Parish over the years.

This year we welcome one new sidesperson, Janet Townsend at St John's. We are always pleased to welcome newcomers. If you would like the opportunity to volunteer as a sides-person, please see me after the meeting.

The total number of sidespersons for the coming year is **69** + 2 Churchwardens

Would Sides persons who are here tonight, please check your contact details on the list at the back of Church and make any necessary amendments. The Sides persons Rota has been compiled for 2019/2020. New Rotas will be sent out by email. If you don't have an email address they will be delivered.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you, to Shaun for all that he does for the Parish and to Mo for supporting him and our thoughts and prayers are with Shaun for a speedy recovery. A huge Thank you also to Rie, Pauline and Andrea for all their work, support and help in arranging cover for Services, and to all Clergy who have come to help and support us. Thank You

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.05pm