

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 Meeting of Parishioners**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St John Baptist Parish Church  
held by Zoom on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

#### **1. PRAYERS and WELCOME**

Area Dean and vicar of the Risen Lord Canon Alistair McHaffie, as chairman, welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting, introducing himself and explaining how the meeting would run. He explained that this first meeting was open to all people in the parish and those on the Electoral Roll. The second meeting is the APCM which is only open to those people on the Electoral Roll. Others will be asked to leave before the second meeting begins.

#### **PRESENT**

B& J Townsend, J Dempsey, A&J Titterington, V Thornley, C&M Couper, K&L Finlayson, M Waller, B&M Taylor, J Hitchcock, K&RevP Taylor, C McAteer, P Ward, D&L Millbank, B Lowe, M. Anson, G&S McBride, D&P Brand, B Hurley, A-L Robson, M&J Hill, R Edney, C Buckley, S Cherry, J Catterall, C Bell +2 unidentified.

He began with the Gospel reading for Evening Prayer Matthew 9 verses 35-38. *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* Canon Alistair felt this was an appropriate reading for Annual Parish meetings asking us to proclaim the good news, help the vulnerable

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Apologies:** Tracey Eves, Kath Morris

#### **3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th April 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2019 have been circulated and were approved unanimously.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5. ELECTION OF WARDENS**

This year there is 1 nomination of Churchwarden.

Barry Townsend      **Proposed:** Chris Couper **Seconded:** Marilyn Couper

He has agreed to serve but as this is his last year, we are aware that there will need to be a new warden at the next Vestry meeting. Barry was duly elected as church warden for the coming year. Canon Alistair thanked Barry for all he had done in the last year and for the Terrier that he had completed. Canon Alistair said he would sign it and return it to Barry.

#### **6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDENS.**

The Deputy wardens for the coming year will at St. John's – Tracey Eves, Brendan Hurley and Ann-Louise Robson.

St. Peter's – Graham Riding and Albert Fazackerley, the latter only until the next Annual Meeting.

St. Martin's, although closed at present time – June Eccles and Robert Ainsworth.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

