



The Holy and Undivided Trinity Lambley

Annual Report

For

2020

**Annual Meeting of
Parishioners**

and

**Annual Parochial Church
Meeting**

Sunday 18th April 2021

11.45 in Church

After the Main Service

Agenda

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Apologies

- 1: Minutes from last meeting
- 2: Churchwarden's report
- 3: Election of Churchwarden

Closure of Vestry Meeting:

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners held on
Sunday October 25th, 2020.**

In the Chair – Rev. Mic Johnson. Minutes
taken by Ann Gorman

Fourteen members present.

Apologies were received from John Wilson,
Carol Ulanowski-Rose, Lindsay Hall and Ani
Johnson.

1. Minutes of the last meeting
Accepted and happy to submit.
2. Church Wardens Report

Philip Cox was thanked.

3. Election of Church Wardens (Until April 2021).

No Nominees.

Philip Cox happy to serve until April 2021. Philip was proposed by Eleanor Wilson and seconded by Frances Newsham. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Philip for his work over the last year.

The Meeting of Parishioners Meeting was closed, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting opened.

Church warden's report

Lambley Parish Church has been closed down due to the Covid Virus problem.

We are planning to reopen the Church when it is declared safe to do so by the Government.

Philip Cox

Agenda

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Apologies

- 1: Minutes of last meeting
- 2: Priest in Charge's Report
- 3: Electoral Roll Report
- 4: ~~Election of Deanery Representatives~~
- 5: Election of PCC Members
- 6: Treasurer's report and appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7: Reports from Church Organisations (question may be asked)
- 8: Resolution to the PCC.

Closing Prayers

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday October 25th 2020.

Apologies were received from John Wilson, Carol Ulanowski-Rose, Freda & Ken Ingall.

1. Minutes of the last meeting (7th April 2019)

The Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

11.1 – Policy on roof alarms/theft of lead from church roofs – Raised by David Chambers. David asked whether this was raised at Deanery Synod? Mic said as far as he was aware it hadn't been.

APCM would like Mic Johnson to raise this at future Deanery Synod.

3. Electoral Roll Report

No Changes

4. Election of Deanery Representatives

Chris Hodson will serve for another three years.

5. Election of PCC Members

Jane Williams – 2 years to run.

Ann Gorman – 1 year to run.

David Chambers – 1 year to run.

Eleanor Wilson – Treasurer – Serve on PCC.

Frances Newsham – Lay Minister, therefore part of the PCC.

Philip Cox – Church Warden, holding position therefore part of PCC.

Chris Hodson – Deanery Synod Representative, holding position therefore part of PCC.

4 places are therefore available – applicants need to be a member on the Electoral Roll.

Any member on the Electoral Roll who would be interested in becoming a member of the PCC need to speak to Mic Johnson.

6. Treasurers Report & Appointed Independent Examiner

Chairman asked if there were any question regarding the Treasures Report – No questions.

a dissent

Eleanor proposed that ~~the same~~ person to conduct the Independent Examiners Report next year (Mrs J Pickard)?

Seconded by Chris Hodson – unanimously agreed.

The APCM accepted the accounts.

Mic Johnson thanked Eleanor for all the work she does.

7. Reports from Church Organisations

7.1 Magazine

Mic Johnson apologised as there is no report for the magazine.

February cheese and wine evening went well and would like to get together every year if possible. Mic Johnson thanked everyone for the work they do.

7.2 Funding Campaign

Look to pick this up again in a safer future. Mic thanked everyone for all the work that had been done on this prior to COVID.

7.3 Junior Church

Mic Johnson acknowledged all the work Carol had done and the legacy that she has passed on to Jane Williams and Nicky.

8. Resolutions to the PCC

8.1 DRB

Philip Cox as Church Warden will need to be DRB checked.

8.2 Wifi Connection in Church

Mic Johnson said that he would like the PCC to consider the church being connected to wifi as he would like to broadcast our services. Gedling is on-line and it would be nice to get Lambley online too.

Chris Hodson pointed out that more people have been attending the online services than those in person.

Eleanor said that this may not reach out to the elderly who may not be online.

David Chambers confirmed that there isn't a phone line in the church.

Mic Johnson thanked all for attending and the meeting closed with The Grace.

The date for the next APCM is Sunday, 18th April 2021.

The PCC for 2020/2021 is as follows:

Rev Mic Johnson – Priest-in-charge (Chair)

Philip Cox – Church Warden

Chris Hodson – Deanery Synod & Safeguarding

Eleanor Wilson (Treasurer)

David Chambers - Fabric

Jane Williams

Frances Newsham

Ann Gorman (Secretary) – Ann will continue until the next APCM but due to growing family commitments (grandchildren and childminding) is unable to commit beyond April 2021 as PCC Secretary and as a PCC member and will therefore stand down following the next APCM in April 2021.

Ani Johnson will continue as Electoral Roll Officer,

Following the meeting, the new PCC met briefly and decided that the first PCC meeting would be on Wednesday 18th November, 7.30pm in Church, followed by 9th December, 7.30pm in church. Future dates would be decided later.

Priest in Charge's Report

Philippians 4 vs 8&9b

“⁸Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. And the God of peace will be with you.”

As I sat down to write this report these verses from Philippians came into my mind. Paul is most likely writing this letter to the church in Philippa whilst in prison in Rome. He wrote the letter partly to thank them for their gifts and their support, partly to teach and partly to remind them to rejoice in whatever circumstances they found themselves in.

Looking back over the last year may be that is why this passage came to me, we have been through some difficult times together. As individuals and as a church, the certainties of life have been shaken, we have at times moved from hope to despair often within a few days, but we have

continued to worship together and support each other.

I would like to thank for all there help Phil as Warden, Jane and Frances who as our reader have continued to support many within the village and provide a regular face of the Church to our community. I would also like to thank Nicky who along with Jane has kept our Junior Church in touch with each other and providing such wonderful activities as well as organising Zoom service for the families.

The PCC has a strange year as we have been unable to meet conducting much of our business online, through Zoom, which has not been the easiest way to work, and I thank them for their wisdom. They have given much thoughtful and prayerful consideration to the decision that needed to be made especially around when the church should be open and whether we could deliver the magazine again. The safety of the congregation and village was always upper most in their minds.

I would like to thank Ann for all she has done as PCC secretary as she steps down at this APCM. She has supported the PCC in their work and will be missed.

The ministry team have had to make some big changes over the last year to provide worship in so many formats. Our readers across the benefice have adapted to the digital world, providing services to our community homes through YouTube, giving regular midweek moments to support faith. Jean has presented traditional worship online that makes it feel alive and fresh and Keith wisdom has shown through all he has done.

We now live stream our Sunday morning service from All Hallows Gedling as well as the midweek service. Unfortunately, we are unable to live stream from Holy Trinity due to the lack of Wi-Fi and suitable equipment.

However, the Church did contribute to the Lambley Christmas Windows by turning the Vestry into a nativity scene and we received many positive comments about it.

We have made sure that each season has had its own service and the time given to recording editing and producing these has been appreciated by so many. Steve and choir from Gedling dedication to providing hymns and songs of worship for these have been an amazing blessing I thank them for the time they have given to this. Live at Five to has gained its own regular followers.

The outcome of all of this is that not only have members of our congregation been able to worship through Facebook, YouTube and the phone services but we have been joined by people from all over Lambley and Gedling, the country and the world.

We as a Church will need to look at how worship continues over the next few months, what areas could be built on and may be recognise where we need to change how we do things.

The Quinquennial is due this year and no doubt there will be work that needs to be done to maintain the Church building, this present us with a challenge, before the pandemic we were looking to have a funding

campaign and we will need to look at how we do that within the present situation.

The reality is the one area where we are struggling is our income. we have been unable to do our normal fund-raising activities over the year, giving from services is down and through we have set up other ways of giving such as Give a Little Button on the online platforms these have not replaced the income.

Our Parish Share will need to still be paid to support your minister both active and retired as well as help support the work of the diocese.

As we forward to the next year and further ahead, we do need to take a moment to remember. To place all our concern, worries, our hopes, and our plans before God remembering that the God of peace will be with us.

Rev Mic Johnson

Electoral Roll Report 2020

There are 29 persons on the Electoral Roll as of December 31st, 2020.

The activity during 2020 has been as follows:

New additions to the Roll:

David Newsham

Frances Newsham

Leaving the Roll:

Carol Ulanowsky-Rose, following relocation away

Ruth Shelton, went home

Anette Johnson

Electoral Roll Officer

PCC Report:

The PCC had the following members in 2020.

Priest in Charge: Rev Michael Johnson

Warden: Mr Philip Cox

Deanery Representative: Mr Chris Hodson

Treasure: Eleanor Wilson (Seconded)

Secretary: Ann Gorman

Members:

David Chambers

Jane Williams

Frances Newsham

The PCC meet monthly apart from August and December.

The PCC has meet mostly by Zoom this year due to the Pandemic.

The main points of business have been,

1: Worship during the pandemic, whether it was safe to open the church for public worship.

This included putting in place policies to safeguard people using the Church when it was open.

2: The safe of delivery the Parish Magazine to every house in the village, using Church of England guidelines. So as to prevent the spread of Covid.

3: The lighting of the Church Tower.

Other issues are covered in the other reports in this document.

Mic Johnson: Priest in Charge

Treasurer's Report

Mission and evangelism

Last year £898 was sent to various charities, unfortunately due to church closure there has not been an opportunity to raise funds through special services or collections.

Financial review

At the end of 2020 we carried forward a working balance of £3285 with £24100 in the savings accounts. We paid all our bills but were only able to commit to 78% of our Giving for Ministry leaving a shortfall of £5000 owing to the Diocese.

Income came from receipt of Gift Aid which was owing from 2019 resulting in a healthy sum of £5398, however this amount cannot be replicated and it is expected that gift aid for 2021 will be in the region of £3000.

Planned Giving of £12406 was received although this was down by £2500 on 2019. With church closed for most of the year, income from the collection plate was

reduced by £540 however expenses from running the church were correspondingly reduced with a saving of £3300.

Junior Church was supported with £208 from PCC funds

The magazine shows income of £1932 and expenditure of £807 leaving a balance of £1125 plus a carry forward figure from 2019 of £1755. The total represents 9 months of publication costs that due to Covid 19 restrictions prevented the Parish News from being printed. This figure has been put aside for future printing costs. No funds from advertising have been received this year and it is hoped that once the magazine is back in circulation, advertisers will continue to contribute to the publication.

In spite of the additional Gift Aid and reduction in running costs, our end of year accounts show that we had an overspend of £4480 and in order to maintain a healthy working capital in the bank account £5000 will be transferred from the savings account.

We had planned to carry out a Planned Giving Campaign in June to address our struggle to find regular income to cover regular costs and we hope to run this as soon as it is feasible to do so. We are committed to paying our allocated Giving for Ministry but currently are only able to commit to 76% for 2021 with funds coming from the savings account to achieve this.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the costs of running Holy Trinity in whatever way you can.

Eleanor Wilson: PCC Treasurer

Lead Recruiter and Safeguarding Officer's Report

Having volunteered to take on the role as Parish Safeguarding Officer, my first task was to ensure that our Church Warden, Philip Cox, held a DBS Certificate. To do this, I had to take on the role of Lead Recruiter and become registered as such with the organisation that looks after the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese's safeguarding operation, namely 'Thirtyone:eight'. Having done this, I then was able to arrange for Philip to obtain his DBS Certificate. Unfortunately, I then discovered that both Philip, in his capacity as Church Warden and I, as safeguarding officer, were required to undergo a training course to be able to fulfil our respective roles. I have refused to undertake this training which I consider to be demeaning and totally 'over the top' to people with intelligence and who are volunteering to assist the Church of England on a totally voluntary basis. The training requires the attendees to answer four questions in writing with between 250 and 300 words for each answer surrounding the understanding that the attendee has of safeguarding and abuse. These answers have to be submitted before the course begins and one is then expected, also, to write a reflection on a given psalm. The course, at the present time, is carried out via zoom and takes up some time. There is also a followup course. The rules for this have been devised by the National Church.

Chris Hodson

**Chris Hodson: Lead Recruiter and
Safeguarding Officer**

Gedling Deanery Synod Annual Report 2020-2021

Our first Synod meeting of 2020 was held just as we were becoming aware of the coming pandemic and included learning sign language (BSL) for sharing the peace- little did we know how few opportunities we'd have to use it! We were encouraged to raise the profile money of the Malawi link the Deanery supports via a small fundraising event, rather than a direct contribution from the PCC accounts. The aim was for each parish to contribute £30 by July.

Our first Virtual meeting via Zoom was held in November 2020, chaired by Revd. John Allister, our new Area Dean. It was the first meeting of the new triennium, so we welcomed new members, elected a Standing Committee, and discussed the role of members. Synod decided to reconsider the system by which parish share is paid, in readiness for 2022.

Our most recent meeting focussed on mission, the impact of virtual meetings, and

what we have learned that will inform our mission as lockdown is eased.

This year, we said goodbye to Revd. Sally Bayliss who retired in January, although she remains living locally so we won't lose her entirely! Revd. Ant Dixon, curate at St Jude's, Mapperley, supported Porchester before moving on to a different Diocese.

Our churches in vacancy have continued their commitment to church life, with support from retired clergy and hardworking lay teams.

At each meeting, news from around the Deanery and from Diocesan Synod is shared and we pray for each other.

Portia Newling: Gedling Deanery
Administrator

Junior Church

It has obviously been a difficult year trying to keep groups going given the restrictions. In order to maintain contact with the members of Junior Church we have sent regular emails and made up activity packs to deliver to our children. Nicky is very creative and has made up imaginative activities which the children have appreciated. She has also made a few treasure trails in Dumbles wood for all the children of the village to enjoy.

At Christmas we dropped off Fairtrade chocolate advent calendars with a book of the Nativity story. The bag included all kinds of Christmassy fun activities and makes. We also did a Christmas service on Zoom which was a great success.

Since then we have continued with the activity packs and on Mothers' Day we had another Zoom meeting with a quiz, a scavenger hunt, a Bible story, talk and a song. It was great fun and lovely to connect with parents and children. We then delivered Primroses to all the mums of

Junior Church children on Mothers' Day itself. The conversations on the doorsteps have kept us connected during this difficult time.

We are looking forward to our first face to face meeting later in the Spring.

Jane Williams: Junior Church Leader

Knit and Natter have not meet during this year.

FABRIC REPORT 2020

There is nothing major to report this year. The building is in a good state of repair.

All routine servicing and maintenance has been completed, albeit with some delays due to Covid restrictions. A tedious repetitive problem with the security system has been resolved.

The delayed quinquennial inspection has been undertaken and the Architect's report is awaited. It is anticipated that substantial work to the tower stonework will be recommended. This will complete the systematic repair of all external stonework, a project started approximately 25 years ago.

David R Chambers: Building Coordinator