

THE PARISH OF HEATH AND REACH WITH EGGINGTON

**ANNUAL MEETINGS HELD ON SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023 AT 7PM AT
ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH HALL, HEATH AND REACH**

Minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners

Present: See Attached. **Apologies:** See Attached. **Chair:** Revd. Noel McGeeney

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Election of Church Wardens

Two people had volunteered to stand, Richard Page and David Duckworth. Richard Page was proposed by Jill Thomas and seconded by Alan Gomersall. David Duckworth was proposed by Nicole Waldock and seconded by Jill Thomas. Both were elected unanimously.

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

1. Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll officer, Jane Newman, reported that there is a total of 73 on the roll; 63 from St. Leonard's and 10 from St. Michael's. Four new names had been added. Five people had died and one moved away. Jane was thanked for her work in preparing the roll.

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24 April 2022

Ann Gomersall proposed the adoption of the Minutes, Linda Duckworth seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. There were no matters arising.

3. Report on the Fabric of the Church

Please see the Church Wardens' Reports

4. Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish

Please see the reports from St. Leonard's and St. Michael's sub-committees.

The reports were unanimously accepted.

5. Election to Deanery Synod

Linda Morris and Tricia Humber will be up for re-election in 2024. Please see the Deanery Synod report.

6. Election of Members of the PCC.

Three PCC members were re-elected:

Jill Thomas, proposed by Nicole Waldock, seconded by Linda Page
Nicole Waldock, proposed by Kim Anwyl, seconded by Linda Duckworth
Ann Gomersall, proposed by Angela Hardman, seconded by Derek Hardman

7. Presentation of the Accounts

Jill Thomas reported that the accounts for 2022 for St. Leonard's had been audited. At the end of 2022 we have a little over £9,000 in hand.

An insurance claim has been made to cover the cost of the damage to the cemetery wall caused by a car. The second time this has happened in a relatively short period of time.

People have continued their Standing Order payments and there have been additional generous donations.

Jill was thanked for her good work in keeping the accounts. Please see the Statement of Accounts for a full breakdown. These are published annually.

St. Michael's have had their accounts audited, have paid their contribution to the quota in full and continue to fund-raise with Quiz Nights, Cream Teas, and the Plant Sales to keep up with the cost of the church's upkeep.

Angela Dyer was thanked for keeping the accounts for St. Michael's.

8. Appointment of Auditors.

Jill Thomas proposed Martin Broadley for St Leonard's and David Thompson was proposed for St. Michael's. These were agreed unanimously.

9. Vicar's Remarks

Noel showed slides to illustrate his talk. "Rejoice in hope" was his opening statement that serves as a good reminder for us. He thanked the many people who are involved in innumerable ways in supporting the life of the church in worship and in fellowship. He urged everyone to "make hospitality your special care". And quoted "Be the change you want to see".

He urged us to begin with ourselves, to bring our best selves when we come to church. We should aim to be continually transforming our minds; not just for one day each week.

The Living God's Love theme continues, and its mission tells us that every encounter has meaning and purpose. We should think of ways in which we can integrate new people in our churches from the new estates in the area.

Noel closed by showing a slide of the washing of feet to remind us of our duty of service.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Present

Nicole Waldock
Noel McGeeney
Richard Page
Jill Thomas
Ann Gomersall
David Duckworth
Linda Duckworth
Alan Gomersall
Victoria Worden
Marjory Cliffe
Paul Brown
Pauline Brown
Carol Hart
Linda Morris
John Booth

Apologies

Neil Forsyth
Rosemary Forsyth
Rosemary Young
Vera Paul
Phil Deeley
Linda Page
Jane Newman
Anne Shepherd
Angela Hardman
Derek Hardman