

## **St. Nicholas' Church, Lockington cum Hemington**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at St. Nicholas' Church**

### **A CELEBRATION OF 2021**

1. A look through the annual report to highlight our local story. Do we want our story to continue?
2. Some highlights presented by the Churchwardens. This showed how events held meant something different to everyone.

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

*Persons whose names are on the church electoral roll and those residents in the parish who are on the local government list of electors can attend and vote.*

1. Apologies: Ian Ward
2. Election of Churchwardens: 2 nominations were received.  
Andrew Nudd proposed by VT and seconded by TH  
Dewald Swanepoel proposed by SS and seconded by EH  
Both were duly elected  
Thanks to Andrew Thompson who served as churchwarden for 8 years.

This meeting is now closed.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

*All lay persons whose names appear on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to attend and take part in proceedings*

1. Apologies: Ian Ward  
Present: Andrew Race (AR)  
Shirley Swanepoel (SS) – Taking Minutes  
Dewald Swanepoel (DS)  
Elaine Hall (EH)  
Terry Hope (TH)  
Vicky Thumpston (VT)  
Andrew Nudd (AN)
2. Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 approved and signed by AR
3. Matters arising:  
Lighting up of church exterior, will hear from Parish Council as and when.  
Legacy document – Pull into finance talks  
Regularising provision for the Internment of Ashes, delayed due to covid, but ongoing
4. Church Electoral Roll stands at 35. Not raised or dropped, stays the same.
5. Election of Deanery Synod Representative: N/A
6. Election of PCC trustees - Note: you must be a regular communicant to be on PCC  
SS elected to PCC Proposed by DS, Second by AN  
VT elected to PCC. Proposed by EH, Second by DS  
EH elected to PCC, Proposed by AN, Second by SS
7. Appointment of Sidespeople: Not an APCM matter anymore. Sidespeople are EH and Ian Ward
8. PCC Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts were presented:  
Finance – income (and gift aid) did not drop even though the church was closed for a big part of the year. Income needs to be addressed in order to contribute appropriately to ministry costs. The diocese is in effect subsidizing these.  
Need to engage with the community, community to support building and maintenance, and "church goers" to support ministry costs.  
Diocese has made it clear that parish share will ONLY be used to fund Clergy.

Thanks to VT for all her hard work and to Mrs. Collins.

Church Wardens – Thanks to the church wardens for their work and support.

Deanery Synod – 2 trials for minster community started. Hoping to have all done by 2025

Safeguarding – Gone to benefice wide safeguarding so all happens together.

9. Adoption of PCC Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2021 Unanimously accepted.

Proposed by AN seconded by VT

10. Mrs. Collins appointed as independent financial examiner for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

11. No questions

12. Vicar's Remarks: We are facing a question of sustainability across all churches and denominations.

We have an effective group for the governance.

We need to build a worshipping community as a large part of the income comes from giving.

How are we engaging with the wider community who see this church as a beautiful building?

*Lewis Centre for church leadership mentions 5 P's of Sustainability for small churches*

**People** – We will struggle if less than 20 people worship regularly and it should cover 3 generations. Do people care about faith and building?

**Prayer** – Without the spiritual foundation of prayer, we are wasting our time.

**Provision** – Finance, Giving, not just collecting, but giving.

**Partnership** – How do we engage with the community and get them into the building and using it?

**Presence** – Publicity, events, social media, word of mouth.

We have some foundations in place. We need to build on it now.

Thank you for your support

13. Meeting closed with a prayer at 5:55pm