

6.18 Music Team Report.

During 2008 the music team continued to play a role in the all age services, however due to a change in emphasis the music group was not used at the family communion services. During this time the group membership expanded slightly with Gwen Favell joining us on a regular basis and Jo Schofield on a more ad hoc basis, the additional singers have given us the opportunity to try new things with Alison playing more Clarinet and Recorder on several of the songs. Over the year we have tried to introduce several new songs with a more modern flavour, this has generally been well received, but at times we have struggled to maintain the correct balance between “old” and “new” or to be more precise “known” and “unknown”. We continue to seek the correct balance. Our aim remains to develop a wide pool of musicians and singers from which a variety of music and musical styles can be provided for services as is deemed appropriate by those arranging the services. With this in mind we continuing to hold regular Friday evening practice’s to which any body who feels called to the Music Ministry of the Church is welcome to attend whether you play an instrument or sing, all will be made welcome. Also through the year members of the music team have provided the music for the fortnightly “Worship To-gether” evenings, this continues to be supported by members from the village churches. I thank the Lord and the many for the support and encouragement which as been shown to us over this and previous years.

Dave Woolridge: Worship Leader



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ANNUAL MEETING 26 APRIL 2009 Add 1

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting for the Election of Church Wardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 27 April 2008

The meetings were held during the service, for which the President was the Incumbent Rev. Mark Bridgen.

For those present, please see the attached list.

1. Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meetings for the Election of Church Wardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Amendment to the spelling of Sheila Moulton; Yvonne Cannell and Margaret Winfield added to those present at the Annual Meeting for the election of churchwardens; under item 6: Additional comments by Chairman: “... he thought it could well be November before a new incumbent was in situ. As well as being Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Gnosall and Moreton he/she could also be asked to take responsibility for the parishes of High Offley with Knightley and Norbury. However, this would not happen until Reverend Pam Freeman retired in 2010 when the parishes of High Offley with Knightley and Norbury would be covered by a part-time House for Duty Priest. This proposal, one of the four produced by the Deanery Pastoral

Committee as part of the Deanery Re-organisation Plan, had previously been discussed by the PCC. With these amendments, it was proposed by Mr. Jim McGregor and Seconded by Mrs. Margaret Winfield that the Minutes be accepted as a true record.

2. Election of Churchwardens.

Mr. Jim McGregor had been proposed by Dr. Anne Robotham and seconded by Mrs. Shelia Hailes; Dr. Norman Hailes had been proposed by Miss Maggie Hughes and seconded by Miss Doreen Sheldrake. Out of 99 of 124 forms returned as representing the electoral roll vote, 99 approved of Jim McGregor and 97 for Norman Hailes. Mr. Jim McGregor and Dr. Norman Hailes were duly elected as Churchwardens for the year.

3. Parochial Church Council Nominations:

Mr. Tony Wilkinson was proposed by Mr. Jim McGregor and seconded by Miss Maggie Hughes and Mr. Paul Tunnicliffe was proposed by Mr. Eric Henderson and seconded by Mrs. Gwen Flavell. Out of 99 of 124 forms returned as representing the electoral roll vote, 99 approved of Tony Wilkinson and 87 of Paul Tunnicliffe. Messrs. Wilkinson and Tunnicliffe were duly elected.

4. Deanery Synod Nominations

Mr. Eric Henderson was proposed by Mrs. Diane Woolridge and seconded by Mrs. Alison Keeling, approved by 97 out of 99 forms returned; Mrs. Margaret Winfield proposed by Mr. Eric Henderson and seconded by Mr. Eddie Haycock,

approved by 99 out of 99 forms returned; Miss Anne Ashley proposed by Jim McGregor and seconded by Mrs. Margaret Callard, approved by 90 out of 99 forms returned

5. Sidepersons Nominations

From 99 of the 99 forms returned approval was given that the sidespeople should be elected en block, being Betty Lewington, Sandy Prichard, Margaret Callard, John Morgan, Alison Keeling, Joyce Rowe, Annie George, Margaret Winfield, Anne Woolley, Bob Winfield, Bryan Morrison, Anne Ashley, Linda Morris, Anne Lindley, Pat Pearcey, Doreen Sheldrake, Freda Dale, Gerry Dale, Tony Wilkinson, Jenny Kirkland, Eileen Hart, Sandy Redfern and Ken Walker

6. Independent Examiner Nomination

It was recorded that Mrs Sarah James has been approved by 99 of the 99 forms received to be the Parish's Independent Examiner for the coming year.

7. Parochial Church Council Report.

The report for the Parochial Church Council was given by the Secretary. She said that there had been nine meetings of the Parochial Church Council since the last APCM. During the year the PCC agreed, amongst other things, that there should be a Local Ministry Mandate to support Eddie Haycock in his quest for ordination, that the Parish Share should increase to £40,000 a year, that service times should be changed to facilitate the new incumbent's ministry at both Moreton and Gnosall, and that there should be a plaque to commemorate the installation of the churchyard lighting. The PCC also agreed the recipients of the charitable budget.

8. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer said that overall the income for 2007 was in line with the Budget with expenditure being a little below; the balance sheet showed a generally strong position although the cash reserve for unrestricted expenditure would not allow for

significant deficits.

For 2008 he was budgeting for a deficit of £4,183 partly because there would be above inflation rises in heating etc. The encouraging performance in 2007 made him hopeful that better would be achieved in 2008 but it was necessary to budget for a surplus to enable the parish to fund developments in line with the Parish's Mission Plan and objectives.

9. Church Wardens' Report –

Only four items of work needing doing that were highlighted by the Quinquennial Inspection in June 2005 remain. It is hoped that progress will be made on upgrading the church lighting this year, particularly following a generous offer by the Friends of St. Lawrence to help with the funding.

Thanks to the staunch volunteers, the church remained open for visitors on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the year.

The Churchwardens thanked all the Priests, serving and retired, who had presided at services during the interregnum, the Eucharistic Ministers who had taken services of Communion by Extension, the Deputy Church Wardens, Sidespeople and Vergers and everyone who has contributed to the life of the Parish and assisted them in their roles as Wardens. The Churchwardens said that they now looked forward to a period of stability under Mark's leadership.

10. Outreach Report

Mrs. Woolridge said that during 2007 they had continued to run a Good Friday Workshop and Summer Holiday Club for children and young families. Also organised were a START Christian Basics course and an Alpha course. They continued to develop the links with St Lawrence Primary School especially through the "Sanctuary" room and the school had come to the church for various services and as part of curriculum activities.

The annual meeting/service continued with reports

from Choir, Music Group, Social Committee and Pastoral Care Committee, copies of which were already circulated in the Annual Report.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Annual Report for 2008

ADDENDUM TO ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2009

6.17 Ministry Support Team

Mission Statement; To encourage generally members of the fellowship to reflect and develop the ministry that God has given them and to offer particular support to those considering and preparing for ministry in the parish or elsewhere. To date the Ministry Support Team, consisting of The Vicar, Doreen Sheldrake and Eddie Haycock has met two occasions. At the first meeting five aims were clarified to form the attention of the group. Support for those in particular ministry in the benefice; To look at ways to develop more general ministries of people within the benefice; To explore ways to offer 'bit size' and 'substantial faith food to the congregation; To be more effective in channelling information from the diocese re; training courses to the congregations. To explore a service of celebrating peoples ministries at both church's once a year. The specific outcomes to date have been. A Saturday morning workshop called 'Leading God's People in Prayer' for those who lead the Prayers of intercession at the Sunday worship. The session was well received and explored such topics as; What is Prayer and why we pray. Prayer in Public worship and how it is different from our private devotions. Structure and framework of public prayer. What resources are available and how we can employ them. A Saturday morning workshop with the aim of helping people to read more effectively to the scripture passages in our worship. I feel that although it is early days in the existence of the ministry support team, we are well and truly launched as it were, we would welcome any suggestions from the church fellowship as to how we could best help to develop and support anyone's individual or group ministry. If anyone reading this feels they would be interested in this area of the church's work we would encourage you to join the ministry support team.

Eddie Haycock