



The PARISH CHURCH of ST NICHOLAS,
RECTORY LANE, STEVENAGE



In the United Benefice of St Nicholas with Graveley
Meeting of the Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sunday 20th September 2020 at 11.00 am

1. Opening Prayers

2. Meeting of the Parishioners

(All those whose names are on the Electoral Roll and all those who reside in the Parish, whether on the Electoral Roll or not, are eligible to vote in this election)

2.1 Election of Churchwardens

3. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

3.1 Apologies for Absence

3.2 Minutes of the 2019 APCM

3.3 Matters Arising

3.4 Electoral Roll Officer's Report

3.5 Elections: (only those on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote)

- ❖ Electoral Roll Officer
- ❖ Parochial Church Council Members
- ❖ Deanery Synod Representative (by election)
- ❖ Independent Examiner

3.6 Reports:

- ❖ Churchwardens' Reports, including the Fabric Report, Terrier and Inventory Report, and the Church Log Book
- ❖ Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
- ❖ Deanery Synod Report
- ❖ Safeguarding Report
- ❖ Rector's Report

3.7 Any Other Business and Questions

4. Closing Prayers



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 28th April 2019 at 11.15 am

5. Opening Prayers – Revd Dave Brown opened the meetings with prayer.

6. Meeting of the Parishioners

- 2.1 Dave opened the meeting by thanking the Churchwardens for their dedication over the past year.

Election of Churchwardens – Nigel Brown stood down this year as Churchwarden. Dave presented Nigel with a gift to express thanks for all his work over the last few years.

There were two nominations for Churchwarden: Steve Bamford, nominated by Stuart Marshall and seconded by Graham Squires, and Karen Walker, nominated by Amanda Steele and seconded by Graham Squires. All agreed, and Dave declared that Steve and Karen be duly elected as Churchwardens.

7. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 3.8 Apologies for Absence – Cathy Bibby, Sue and Martin Bailey, Philip and Karen Walker, John and Elaine Forster, Angela Hepworth, John Carpenter, Ann Brown, Roisin Schimmel, Arthur Boon, Doug Steele, Karen Fraser. There were 45 members present.

- 3.9 Minutes of the 2018 APCM - The minutes of the last APCM on 22nd April 2018 had been circulated before the meeting. There was one addition to Item 3.6 Rector's Report: After "witness more boldly" the following sentence should be added: "He outlined the contents of the updated Mission Action Plan which the meeting approved without a vote." Following this change, the minutes were agreed as a true record. Dave declared them accepted and signed the file copy.

- 3.10 Matters Arising - there were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

- 3.11 Electoral Roll Officer's Report – In Karen Walker's absence, Dave reported that the fully revised Electoral Roll now contains 94 names in total, (44 being residents in the parish, and 50 non-residents.) The reduction in number from 131, reflects the loss of a number of names who have moved away, deceased or were on the roll for the purpose of getting married in the parish. Dave thanked Karen for her work on the Electoral Roll this year.

- 3.12 Elections:

- ❖ Electoral Roll Officer – Karen Walker stood down as ER Officer to take on the role of Churchwarden. Nigel Brown proposed, seconded by Paul Drakes, and all agreed that Elaine Forster be elected as the new Electoral Roll Officer.
- ❖ Parochial Church Council Members – There were four nominations for four vacancies: Chris Taplin, proposed by Don Cooper, seconded by Graham Squires; Cathy Bibby, proposed by Stuart Marshall, seconded by Christine Marshall; Stuart Marshall, proposed by Cathy Bibby, seconded by George Parsons; Edward Kaahwa, proposed by Robin Bailey, seconded by Alison Hare; for election to the PCC for three years 2019 – 2022. All agreed. Further members may be co-opted to the PCC if required.
- ❖ Deanery Synod Representatives – Stephen Lovelock, Mike Wilton and Roisin Schimmel remain as Deanery Synod Representatives until 2020.
- ❖ Independent Examiner – The PCC has elected to subject the financial statements to independent examination and it proposed to renew the appointment of Barker Wilkinson as independent examiner until the next APCM. Jayne Hale proposed, seconded by Sandy Taylor, and all agreed.

3.13 Reports:

- ❖ Churchwardens – Steve gave his Fabric Report to the meeting. The Terrier and Inventory, and the Church Log Book have been updated and signed off by the Rector, Churchwardens and 2 PCC members. They were available for inspection after the meeting. Steve thanked Paul Drakes and Bernie Matthews for their continuing work maintaining the church, and the cleaning team who help to keep the church looking clean and tidy on a weekly basis. The meeting accepted and approved the Fabric Report, Terrier and Inventory, and Log Book. Dave thanked Steve and Nigel for their work.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts – Following Arrie Brander's move to Cheshire, Jason Cox has been in training for the role as Treasurer since Jan 2019. Jason gave a PowerPoint presentation of the financial situation covering the last financial year and position to date in 2019. He expected the Trustees Report and Final Accounts to be approved by the Examiner by the end of May, and will then be adopted by the PCC at a subsequent meeting. Jason thanked all those who are committed to regular giving at St Nicholas and also thanked those who help with the background tasks involved with the finance of the church. Jason asked if we could all prayerfully consider how, as individuals, we could respond to God's generosity to us, by increasing our personal giving, highlighting the various different ways of contributing financially. Dave thanked Jason and Arrie for their work on the accounts this year.
In response to questions, Nigel explained that there had been a change in accounting practice so that the PCC paid all accounts for church maintenance and grants from the Hawkes Trust to meet the cost were shown as income. Given the significance of the sums involved, consideration would be given to showing them separately in future years.
Nigel explained that unfortunately Arrie was the victim of a fraudulent email scam requesting payment for a seemingly feasible expenditure which resulted in the loss of £8700. The relevant authorities were informed, but the loss could not be recovered. Procedures have been tightened up as a result of this and the loss was covered by a very kind donation.

Jason noted that the St Nicholas' Parish Share would increase to £66K in 2019. There will be extra costs to cover the expense of hiring temporary accommodation while we are away from the church, and a loss of income from weddings and funerals.

- ❖ Deanery Synod Report – this had been circulated with the Reports Pack prior to the meeting. Mike Wilton and Stephen Lovelock highlighted the points discussed at the three meetings over the last year and the importance of meeting with other Christians in the Deanery to expose, discuss and understand each others differing views.
- ❖ Safeguarding Report - this had been circulated with the Reports Pack prior to the meeting. In Martin's absence, Dave stressed the importance of ensuring, as individuals, that training is completed and updated regularly in order that St Nicholas Church complies with the Diocesan Safeguarding policy.
- ❖ Churches Together in Stevenage - this had been circulated with the Reports Pack prior to the meeting. Peter expressed the importance of Christians across the town getting together to express our faith and being unified in the mission of spreading the Gospel in Stevenage.
- ❖ Rector's Report – Dave gave his report to the meeting, thanking the huge team who help with the day-to-day running of the church, and especially to Judy for all her support.
Dave's report highlighted two challenges:
To witness to Jesus in the community, by committing to prayer and public witness to the Gospel to those we meet in the community whilst we are meeting in a new venue.
To contend for the Gospel in the Church, to stand firm to the truth as revealed in the Scriptures and not to allow that truth to be eroded and compromised.

3.14 Any Other Business and Questions

Anthony Taylor explained the latest situation with the Building Revitalisation Project. He said that the tenders for the building contracts were sent out in March and the closing date for them to be returned was the 10th May. They will be scrutinised at a meeting on 23rd May. Following this, a formal proposal will be presented to the PCC for approval so that work can start as soon as possible. The building will need to be completely cleared as there will be absolutely no public access for the duration of the works. The contractor will provide storage containers in one of the adjacent fields.

8. Closing Prayers – Dave closed the meeting at 12.10 pm with the Grace.

The Reports Pack 2019, Rector's Report 2019 (and the Trustees' Report and Accounts 2018 when available) can be found on the website at:

<https://saintnicholaschurch.org.uk/pcc/>



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Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Elections
Sunday 20th September 2020 at 11.00 am

Electoral Roll Officer: Elaine Forster has served in this capacity for 2019 – 2020.

Deanery Synod: This year, an election is needed for two candidates to serve as Deanery Synod Reps for a three year term from 2020 to 2023. Deanery Synod representatives appointed from 2020 onwards can only serve for two successive 3-year terms unless the APCM passes a resolution dis-applying this limit.

PCC members: Members are elected for a term of 3 years and may serve for 2 consecutive terms. People may be re-elected after taking a year-off.

For the last year our elected representatives have been:

	John Knight	2017 – 2020	(2 nd term)
	Christine Chambers	2017 – 2020	(1 st term)
	Martin Bailey	2017 – 2020	(1 st term)
	Eunice Oballa	2018 – 2021	(1 st term)
	Stuart Marshall	2019 – 2022	(1 st term)
	Edward Kaahwa	2019 – 2022	(1 st term)
	Cathy Bibby	2019 – 2022	(1 st term)
	Mike Wilton	2019 – 2022	(1 st term)
	Chris Taplin	2019 – 2022	(1 st term)
(Co-opted from Oct 2019)	Jason Cox (Treasurer)		
	Alison Hare		

Deanery Reps:	Mike Wilton	2018 – 2020	(1 st term)
	Roisin Schimmel	2017 – 2020	(1 st term)
	Stephen Lovelock	until July 2019	
	Stuart Marshall	from Sept 2019	(1 st term)

In accordance with the policy approved at the 2017 APCM the PCC may include up to 9 elected representatives of the laity. John Knight, Roisin Schimmel, Eunice Oballa, Steve Bamford are standing down, and Stephen Lovelock moved out of the area in July 2019; Christine Chambers, Martin Bailey and Jason Cox will be standing for election and therefore we have three vacancies for election to the PCC.

Independent Examiner: Barker Wilkinson have served again as the independent examiner for the 2019 accounts. The PCC has elected to subject the financial statements to independent examination and, therefore, having made appropriate enquiries, propose to renew the appointment of Barker Wilkinson as independent examiner until the next APCM.

Welcome Team: Sidespeople may now be elected by the PCC rather than the APCM in accordance with the Church Representation Rules 2020.

The welcome team does not need to be re-elected. The following people have served on the welcome team for part or all of the last year:

Sidespeople: Robin Bailey, Cathy Bibby, Alison Hare, John Knight, Coral Lawrence, Jane Luff, Bernie Matthews, Philip Walker, Liz Bond, Chris Taplin, Evelyn and Mike Wilton.

Deputy Wardens: Jane Luff and Amanda Steele.

Safeguarding Officer: The safeguarding appointments are made by the PCC. We have a safeguarding team at St Nicholas helping us to comply with all legislation and, most importantly, to ensure we are doing all we can to keep our children and any vulnerable people amongst us safe. The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).

Whilst the Rector has the overall responsibility:

- **Martin Bailey** is our safeguarding lead. With the PCC he sets our policies and makes sure we keep to what we say we will do. He also makes sure the PCC gets regular reports.
- **John Knight** is safeguarding deputy and in charge of training.
- **Sarah Metcalfe** is in charge of DBS checks and recruitment.



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September 2020

ANNUAL FABRIC REPORT

This report covers the period April 2019 to August 2020.

General maintenance

The PCC maintains a schedule for the upkeep maintenance of the church, with regular inspections of critical items such as the lightning conductor, electrics, cess tank, boiler, safety, fire extinguishers, CCTV, security lights, alarms etc. The schedule is detailed on the church calendar which is kept on Google drive, and monitored and implemented by the maintenance team.

Every week on Thursday mornings the maintenance team attends the premises undertaking a list of scheduled activities including light bulb replacement, rubbish clearing, security check, safety check, ground level drain checks, and general inspection.

An essential contribution to the upkeep of the building is made by the cleaning team, who clean the church on a weekly basis.

The 2020 Churchwardens' annual inspection of the building (excepting the roof) was carried out in August. The roof inspection is scheduled for September.

Every 5 years a quinquennial inspection report (QR) is produced by the nominated church architect, which identifies areas of the church structures that need attention. These are graded with 6 levels of urgency. In addition the church keeps track of all 'real-time' issues and reacts as required. Mark Eddison of MEB, was engaged as the architect for the re-vitalisation project and the PCC have now engaged him as the official church architect.

Churchyard maintenance is the responsibility of the SBC. Notwithstanding, the maintenance team also contribute some churchyard activities, e.g rose pruning, path light maintenance, drain clearing, tidying up, etc, as required.

The PCC thanks all those who contribute to the regular upkeep of the church, in particular the cleaning and the maintenance teams.

Fabric

The church building requires continuous maintenance, with many elements having been present for many years and in many cases, centuries. To this end, every five years the nominated church architect carries out a full fabric inspection and produces a Quinquennial inspection report (QR). This assesses all the features of the church and categorizes any items requiring repair. There are 6 categories listed in order of urgency.

A QR was generated for 2018 and was pending an up-issue in 2019 (a draft was prepared but not signed off by the previous architect, Stuart Morris, as he retired). A significant number of non critical items needing repair were listed in this report. There were no category 1 items (critical) and 12 category 2 items (needing attention within 18 months). There are a number of items listed under categories 3-6. Now we have returned to the building the new architect (Mark Eddison) will be commissioned to up date and formally re-issue this draft, taking into account the re-vitalization works. He will then be commissioned to produce a maintenance plan to implement repairs identified, taking into account the degree of urgency and available funds.

Roof & Spire

The roof will be inspected in September by the churchwardens now that the re-vitalisation works are complete, although it is expected to be satisfactory. Apart from a one off leak, no other issues have been reported pre, post & during the reworks, even with the very wet winter and heavy summer rains.

The spire lead cladding has been externally inspected at a distance by monocular – no issues were observed.

As part of the re-vitalization some modifications have been carried out to the South transept (parish room) roof with the installation of skylights and air vents. By default the roof in this area is taken to be in good condition. The internal works exposed some areas of the transept roof supports and walls to be suffering from damp and decay. Repairs have been carried out and the installation of an active ventilation system as part of the upgrade will mitigate this problem. Additionally a blocked down pipe has been cleared and further improvements are planned to the external flashing and upstands on the south wall.

Lightning conductor

This period the lightning conductor met requirements with no additional works required.

Walls, Tower and floor

Some of the items identified for repair in the QR have been completed by default during the re-vitalisation work, particularly replacement of the sanctuary floor. The quinquennial report listed a number of sites of ongoing decay on the external walls, which need monitoring and repair. These issues will be addressed in the pending structural maintenance plan.

Electrics

The re-vitalisation project has involved the complete rewiring of the church, which has now been brought up to the latest legal standards, and an inspection report is awaited.

Heating

This period the boiler and heating worked without fault up until June 2019, when the boiler was switched off. The re-vitalized building now has underfloor heating and some standard wet radiators. Performance will be monitored over the next year and reviewed in April 2021.

Kitchen and accessible toilet

The accessible toilet has been reconfigured as part of the re-vitalisation project and provides better privacy with access from the side corridor rather than direct into the parish room.

Internal Re-vitalisation

The major re-vitalization project has now been completed barring a few snags. Snag correction is a normal part of building contract closure and a retainer fee is held by the church for a period to ensure all snags are ironed out under contract.

A full report and details of the works has been supplied at the end of the contract. A copy of these may be found on google drive TBC and will provide a full and complete description of many features of the church building (electrics, AV system, heating system, new building works).

As part of the preparation and implementation of the works, several reports have been compiled that further record the history of the church and church archeology. These will be stored on google drive as well as in the HALS archive.

Miscellaneous

As part of the preparation for the re-vitalization project a full asbestos survey was carried out. This identified asbestos sheet in the organ blower enclosure. This sheeting was professionally removed in March 2019. The organ blower enclosure has been removed and may need replacing.

The only other potential location of asbestos was in the old blower heaters on the West wall of the nave. These heaters have now been removed and disposed of.

Churchyard

Maintenance

Maintenance of the churchyard is the responsibility of the SBC, who took over on April 1st 2017. With their resources and knowledge the SBC are able to more efficiently implement all the maintenance obligations.

The dead Sycamores at the front of the churchyard have been removed. A donation has been received to plant a new Sycamore in memory of Joyce and Christopher Swayne. This has been scheduled with the SBC for the Autumn planting season.

Cess tank

The new schedule of 3 empties per year and more regular inspections prevented any unpleasantness up to the start of the revitalization works. During the works no foul water was generated from the church. The cess tank has been emptied on the return to the church and will be regularly inspected during thursday morning maintenance.

Graves & memorials

Every year a number of queries are received from interested parties regarding grave locations and history etc. In response to this it is proposed to further organise the records of the memorials and graves, to map numbers and names to graves.

Cottage walls

The walls bounding Dominic and Church cottages in the SW of the churchyard are old and in some areas in poor repair. This summer part of the wall at the rear of Dominic cottage became unstable and unsafe, and is in the process of being rebuilt by the SBC, following a faculty petition short cut, due to safety issues. Legal ownership of these walls is not absolutely clear although the church has carried out minor repairs to the rear walls and Church Cottage boundary wall was built by previous churchwardens. The walls are referred to in the quinquennial inspection report which also implies responsibility.

The problem is that if these walls are required to be treated as a listed structure a historical restoration will be extremely expensive (the estimate for the like for like repair of a short section of the wall to the rear of Dominic cottage is £17,000). This issue needs to be resolved and the wardens believe that the church should be prepared to engage with the DAC to avoid the SBC having to overspend their small cemeteries budget. The wardens feel that the church (and Diocese) bears some responsibility as they handed over the churchyard with these walls in poor condition.

Burymead

The Burymead lease remains in force until 29th September 2062.
The council pay a rent of £1.00 a year every 29th Sept.

Property Register

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the delay to the APCM and the timing of the re-vitalisation project completion, the church property register (previously known as the Terrier and Inventory) will not be presented at the PCC meeting prior to the APCM, but will be signed off by the wardens, Priest in charge and PCC representatives prior to the APCM and presented at the APCM. A hard copy along with supporting documentation is kept in the church vestry. An electronic copy of the register along with supporting descriptions is also stored on Google drive.

Log Book

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the delay to the APCM and the timing of the re-vitalisation project completion, the church log book will not be presented at the PCC meeting prior to the APCM, but will be signed off by the wardens, Priest in charge and PCC representatives prior to the APCM and presented at the APCM. The completed signed paper copy will be stored in the church vestry and a digital copy archived after the APCM on Google drive.

Miscellaneous

Security

The security set up will be reviewed on return to the building. Although the internal opinion is that we have a good alarm and warning system there is a strong advice from the church insurers and the Diocese to install an approved roof alarm. This will increase the insurance cover for roof metal theft (lead and Stainless steel) from £30,000 to £5M. There are also several recommendations for improved security from the recent local area crime prevention officers' report.

S.Bamford
K.Walker
Churchwardens
August 2020



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Safeguarding Report APCM 2020

The safeguarding team is made up of:

- Lead: Martin Bailey
- Deputy and training: John Knight
- DBS and recruitment: Sarah Metcalfe
- Parish officer: Dave Brown

CofE Safeguarding dashboard

The Church of England has been rolling out an online tool to help safeguarding officers and others to assess strengths and determine any required action for all churches to help keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safer.

The parish dashboard has a very full and helpful set of questions regarding policy and practice. From this, regular updates are presented to PCC to keep everyone informed of what we are doing well, any gaps in our safeguarding or any new issues we need to be aware of.

For 2019/20 we can report:

- **Management:** PCC meetings have regular updates from the team regarding numbers of people who require which type of training and clearance and any actions that may be needed to ensure all comply with national/local issues of importance. Currently some work is going on to overhaul our record keeping process to ensure we are up to date and accurate, so that those who need training/DBS comply fully and efficiently.
- **Policy:** Our safeguarding policy has been updated and placed online. PCC members are advised to save a link on their phone/device. All church family members are invited to familiarise themselves with it as it has lots of information about local support as well as policy details for anyone involved in supportive/leadership roles within our church.
<https://saintnicholaschurch.org.uk/safeguarding/>
- **Church website:** New requirements to ensure churches have a safeguarding section on their website was in part behind the decision to put our new policy online, as well as making it more accessible and easier to keep updated.
- **DBS and training:** Face to face training for those in leadership roles (C2) has been cancelled due to the covid 19 requirements. However, this higher level of training will now be available via Zoom from September onwards. Introductory and basic levels (CO & C1) training remain online only.
- **Covid 19.** It is critical that we remember that safeguarding does not stop during lockdown and health restrictions. In fact, there is a lot of evidence to show that some people may be more at risk as a result of lockdown. Our need to keep St Nicholas a safe place/community of worship, all be it in new ways, continues.

Special thanks to John, Sarah, the Churchwardens and PCC members for all their hard work over the past year and especially to Zander Brown for all his time and expertise in setting up the web-pages.

Martin Bailey
August 2020



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Deanery Synod Report APCM 2020

There were only 2 Deanery Synod Meetings during the year - the last meeting in February was cancelled due to the Covid-19 Lockdown.

The meetings took place at the following venues:

St Hugh & St John - Wednesday 5th June 2019, starting at 7.30pm

The meeting started with a time of worship in the style of St Hugh & St John

Two presentations were given.

Speaker: Shane Cole from 'Feed Up, Warm Up' spoke about a homeless project based around Letchworth, Hitchin, Hatfield. Shane Cole shared about his past:

- abusive background
- drugs habit
- part of a homeless community
- 90-day re-hab
- had counselling

'Feed Up Warm Up' offers hot food, clothing, counselling but no bed. This charity also offers haircuts, and a snack wagon, taking food out onto the street. 'Feed Up, Warm Up' has 200 volunteers, 3 trustees and 1 chair, and has won 2 local community awards. All the counsellors are ex-addicts. 'Feed Up, Warm Up' attracts 65-75 people per week.

'Feed Up, Warm Up' currently meets on a Tuesday night at St Andrew's and St George's. Contact Revd. Jacky Page for further information, or contact Feed Up, Warm Up on Facebook.

The second presentation was led by Revd. Chandy Perera who gave a talk about the identity of God, asking the question how would you describe God? This was discussed further in groups.

There were a few announcements:

There will be Pastoral Visits carried out by the Rural Dean and the Standing Committee in 2019

The Spirituality Network will be offering a session on 'Violence, Chaos and Peace' – 6th July, 10 am at All Saints Church (TBC)

A new lay person is still needed for the Diocesan Board of Finance

Rowena Parnham, Linda Parker and Michael Wilton were publicly welcomed by Rev. Chris Bunce, as new members of Stevenage Deanery Synod.

Rani Naidoo was elected to serve as a Deanery Governor at St Nicholas School.

The meeting closed with prayer.

All Saints, Pin Green - Thursday 17th October 2019 starting at 7.30pm

The meeting started with a time of prayer

Then there was a talk on **Emotional Wellbeing in Church** by Rev. Pete Orton given by Ruth McCroy from Oak Church.

Oak Church wants to develop an initiative at Thomas Alleyne School for parents of young people with mental health issues.

For parents on this journey there is a need for help and support: 'Who do I talk to?', 'No one talks about this?'

Two evening sessions are planned though no dates were set.

A professional from Police or Mental Health will give a talk possibly on themes of: Mental Health Process / Gangs / Knives / Self Harm / Suicide / Anxiety / Depression.

There appears to be a hunger for it - 80 parents turned up for last session at Alleyne's.

It is planned to have 1) Professional Talk 2) Questions + Coffee 3) Smaller Drop-in Session at later date.

There is also a charity run by parents who have lost their children to suicide who will be included to raise funds for desperately needed resources for the over stretched NHS.

Buzz word seemed to be 'lived experience' - Those who have experienced these issues can share their strength and learning.

It was reported that:

1) Fr. Chris moved on from St. Andrew & St. George.

He will be inducted 06/11/19 07.30pm at St. Mary's Hitchin.

2) In Knebworth Jim Pye has been signed off sick possibly for several weeks.

3) Paul Foster was welcomed as the new curate at St. Peter's Broadwater.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Stuart Marshall,
Deanery Representative.

21/08/2020



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Report of Mission Giving Committee September 2020

It was agreed at the end of 2019 to review our mission organisations currently supported by St Nicholas Church. We reduced the number of partner organisations to four allowing us to focus more closely on them.

From 1st January 2020 our mission partners have been:

CMS – with mission link Jimmy and Katia Rocks in Brazil

The Barnabas Fund – supporting persecuted Christians around the world

Bridge Builders – our local partner working with primary schools to give opportunities for children to explore the Christian faith and class visits to local churches for themed events such as The Easter Journey and the Christmas Journey.

Crosslinks – with a particular link to Rachael Muluuta working in Kampala, Uganda.

CMS, The Barnabas Fund and Crosslinks each receive 20% of our giving and Bridge Builders receives 40%.

The support for these mission organisations will be reviewed in three year's time.

Cathy Bibby
Mission Giving Group