

Parish of St Mary Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick

April 10th 2018, Borrowby Village Hall

Present: Rev Ian Houghton (chair), Caroline Gott, Caroline Osgood, Tom Selmes, Penny Bell, Maurice Osgood, David Smethurst, Jean Smethurst, Joanne Aston, Rev Bill Dewing, John Inch, Joanne Jones, Christine Challis, Anne Jones.

Apologies: Janet Peckitt, Charles Forman, David Frith, Tricia Frith.

Meeting of Parishioners

Election of churchwardens.

No nominations were received for St Mary Leake.

Christine Challis was nominated for All Saints Nether Silton and John Inch for St Mary Over Silton. Both were elected unopposed.

Rev Ian Houghton extended his thanks to Christine and John for standing, and to Penny Bell and Caroline Osgood, retiring churchwardens of Leake.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 APCM were agreed as correct.

Faculty for All Saints Nether Silton: Christine Challis proposed that an application be made for a faculty to exchange the church organ for another organ which is in her possession. She reported that this is a better quality instrument. No cost is involved. The motion was seconded by Maurice Osgood and carried unanimously.

Finance Report: The financial statements for Leake and the Siltons were received. John Inch proposed Paul Nicholson as independent examiner, which was seconded by Christine Challis and carried unanimously.

Deanery Synod: Caroline Osgood has resigned as Deanery Synod representative. Linda Gibbon is one year into her three year term. David Smethurst and Jean Smethurst were nominated as representatives by Caroline Osgood and seconded by Linda Gibbon. They were elected unopposed. They will serve for the remaining term of two years.

Parochial Church Council: It has been the custom of St Mary's Leake to elect a PCC on an annual basis. The following were elected: Caroline Osgood, Penny Bell, Tom Selmes, Joanne Jones, Anne Jones. This was proposed by Maurice Osgood and seconded by Jean Smethurst. All were elected unanimously.

Reports: Reports of the PCCs and electoral roll officer were received.

Safeguarding: Rev Ian Houghton explained that all PCC members will need to complete a declaration form and complete a DBS check. Details are to follow soon. Linda Gibbon will continue as safeguarding officer.

Hillside Parish Magazine: The magazine has made a profit of £600. The magazine has paid for the coach to transport children from Knayton School to St Mary's Leake at Easter. Caroline Osgood suggested that these funds could be used to support "Open the Book".