

## Leake with Siltons PCC AGM 25 April 2019

### Report for All Saints, Nether Silton and St Mary's, Over Silton churches

1. The following have agreed to be our new church officers in 2019:

Dr Christine Challis - Churchwarden, Nether Silton  
Mr John Inch - Churchwarden, Over Silton  
Mr John Aston - Covenant Secretary, Siltons PCC  
Mrs Joanne Aston - Treasurer, Siltons PCC

Once again, the post of Secretary is vacant.

**RECOMMENDATION** – that the APGM agree these nominations.

2. St Mary's Over Silton – Churchwarden's report

- a) Many of you will have seen the recent report in the *Darlington and Stockton Times*, about the impending works to the church that will be part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The programme covers work on the nave, vestry and churchyard wall. A much bigger job, repair/replacement of the chancel roof, will take place at the same time, which will receive 99% Chancel Repair Liability funding from Trinity College Cambridge.

The Friends of Over Silton Church (FOSC) will be working hard to help raise funds towards the rest of the costs. All being well, the extensive programme will be finished by the end of the summer.

**RECOMMENDATION** - that the APGM notes this.

3. All Saints, Nether Silton

- a) The Siltons PCC AGREED, at its meeting in February 2019, to investigate, with the Diocese, the possibility of All Saints' Church being licensed for weddings. The churchwarden Christine Challis will take this up with the Diocese.

**RECOMMENDATION** - that the Leake APGM note this.

4. Secretary, Siltons PCC

- a) Once again, it was not possible to find an individual willing to undertake this task. As a result, the task has been shared between the Churchwardens and other PCC members, who already have plenty to do. The difficulty of finding people to help with the administrative side of keeping a church open, especially when the remaining volunteers are no longer young and each of the two churches has only one churchwarden instead of the normal two, is something the APGM needs to be aware of.

**RECOMMENDATION** – that the APGM notes this.

b) Safeguarding Policy

The Siltons PCC agreed to adopt the Safeguarding Policy attached in App.1 and recommends that the APGM does the same.

**RECOMMENDATION** – that the Leake APGM adopts this Safeguarding Policy.

5. Treasurer. Siltons PCC

The 2018 accounts for the combined churches of Over and Nether Silton were accepted by the Siltons PCC in February 2019 and have been approved by the Independent Examiner. They are attached in App. 2.

**RECOMMENDATION** – that the Leake APGM sign the accounts.

Joanne Aston  
Treasurer, Siltons PCC  
April 2019