

Jesus Church
in the
Parish of Troutbeck



Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
of the
Parochial Church Council
for the year ended 31 December 2018

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Jesus Church Troutbeck

Annual Meeting Agenda

in Church on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 10.30am

Opening Prayer & Welcome.

1. The Vestry Meeting

1. Appointment of Churchwardens for the coming year
2. Resolution Relating to Tenure of Churchwardens
3. Village Institute Representation

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last year's meeting (Tuesday 24th March 2018)
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. The Electoral Roll
5. The Audited Accounts
6. Reports.
 - a. Churchwardens
 - b. Deanery Synod
 - d. Fabric
7. Elections:
 - a. PCC.
 - b. Independent Examiner of Accounts (Auditor)
 - c. Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association
 - d. Approve Safeguarding Policy
8. Vicar's Remarks
9. Any Other Business

3. Parochial Church Council Meeting

1. Appointment of Hon Secretary.
2. Appointment of Lay Chairman.
3. Appointment of Hon. Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Standing Committee
5. Resolve: That the Accounts & Report be affixed at the church noticeboard for TWO weeks.
6. Resolve: That the Accounts and Report be submitted to the Archdeacon at his forthcoming visitation (Thursday 6th June)
7. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st May 7.00pm

From the Vicar

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These wise words from the Book of Proverbs are worth returning to every now and then:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

It will be a healing for your flesh and refreshment for your body”.
(Proverbs 3.5-8)

In this purple passage from an ancient text, we are as individuals and as a Church reminded about where real wisdom for living may be found.

Many in today`s culture regard any appeal to some higher authority for guidance as (if not fanciful and other-worldly, then) a sign of weakness or a failure of will. Others are skeptical about the possibility of knowing what the Lord might want for us in any case but this writer from so many years ago is quite insistent.

Essentially, he points out two things. Firstly, we need to recognize our own humility and limitations and secondly, we have to appreciate how things really are between us and the Lord. To make this clear, the writer uses three words: Acknowledge, Trust and Fear.

Firstly, as long as we think that life is basically about US, our goals and desires then the only `God` we will really want is the one who is there to help us achieve our goals and desires(!). But when the writer of Proverbs calls us to `Acknowledge` the Lord he`s telling us to turn things around and to realize that we are not at the centre at all.

On the contrary, we are created; life is gifted to us.... And it comes with an invitation to pursue other, deeper and richer purposes than we might readily appreciate. Quite challengingly, it involves the way of self-giving love: Jesus says, “Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12.24)

Secondly, the writer understands that this isn`t a natural or easy posture for self-willed human beings to adopt and so he calls us to `Trust`. Experience has taught us of course, that the ability to trust rests very much on the character of the one we are expected to trust and whether, over a period of time, they have proven themselves to be trustworthy.

This is where we need to acknowledge that all too often our ideas and images of God are what we might call `sub-Christian`. That is to say, our God is often far too small and hardly consistent with the completely trustworthy God he has revealed himself to be in Jesus. This is where we also learn that such trust or faith takes time and experience. It often begins in the little things... and on whether we have begun to cultivate such trust in the day to day matters of life.

Thirdly, we`re called to `Fear` the Lord. What`s called the `Fear` of the Lord is referred to elsewhere in the Bible as the `beginning of wisdom`. (Psalm 111.10) Essentially, it`s a posture of awe and respect. It really nails any pretensions we might have to being `God` in our own little world. Yes, it goes against the grain of how many folk think and live today but this perhaps illustrates the distinctive character of the Christian.

In days where so much is superficial and changing it`s good to be reminded of ancient wisdom such as we find in the Book of Proverbs. This teaching about acknowledging the Lord, Trust in his character and purposes; living in awe and respect of him are some of the core features of the Church. Again, in days such as ours we do well to heed the wisdom of our forebears. The Prophet Jeremiah wrote:

Thus says the Lord:
Stand at the crossroads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way lies; and walk in it,
and find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16)

None of this is a call for any kind of retreat into conservatism or unthinking traditionalism... but simply an invitation to tap into ancient roots of wisdom and faith; and an encouragement to explore what it means to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart...not to rely on our own insight... and in all our ways to acknowledge him".

I warmly commend this report for your reflection with much gratitude to all who work so hard to enrich our common life. And I encourage you to take to heart our Lord`s call to be `rich in the things of God`. (Luke 12.21)

David Wilmot

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Jesus Church, Troutbeck has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, The Revd. David M. Wilmot in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral social and ecumenical.

PCC Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following persons served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	The Revd David Wilmot (Chairman)	
Curate:	The Revd Jonathan Gillespie	
Churchwardens:	Mr. Robert Smith & Miss. Joan Bland	
Reader:	Mr. Christopher Bradbury (Vice Chairman)	
Pastoral Assistant:	Mr. Leonard Lambert	
Elected Members:	Mr. Christopher Bradbury	(Treasurer)
	Ms. Sandra Britton	(Secretary)

Mr. David Eastwood, Mrs. Judith Cochrane, Mrs. Gill Howarth, Mr. Christopher Bradbury, Mr. Fred Tattersall, Mrs. Janice Mitchell, Mrs. Philippa Taylor, Mr. Stephen Taylor, Mrs. Shirley Pattinson, Mrs. Mary Bradbury
The PCC met 6 times during the year.

Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law. It consists of the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer. It has authority to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council.

Church Attendance:

The average Sunday attendance during the year was 30. During the year 3 Marriage Ceremonies were held and 5 Funerals. There was 1 Baptism this year.

4. Electoral Roll

A complete revision of the Electoral Roll took place in 2019. There are now 44 members on the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll indicates membership of a particular congregation and it is the parish's register of electors; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where elections take place for the representatives of the Church Council and the Deanery Synod. The system of the Electoral Roll is intended to enable Christian people to be in touch with Church as a whole and can play their part in decision making.

Sandra Britton - Electoral Roll Officer

Annual Meeting Minutes

in the Institute on Tuesday 24th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Opening Prayer & Welcome.

The Vestry Meeting

1. Appointment of Churchwardens for the coming year.
The meeting thanked Robert Smith & Joan Bland for their efforts. They were Nominated and duly **elected** for the coming year.
2. Resolution Relating to Tenure of Churchwardens. Agreed to **retain** current practice.
3. Village Institute Representation: Nominated Committee Members (2018-2020) Mr. J.R. Westmorland, Mr. P. Simpson, and Dr. P. Cook – **Elected**
4. Village Institute Representation: Nominated Trustee: Mrs. M. Liddell - **Elected**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Apologies for absence: Shirley Pattinson.
2. Minutes of last year`s meeting on Tuesday 4th April 2017 -

Approved

3. Matters arising from the Minutes. None
4. The Electoral Roll. Thanks to Lynda Durrell
5. The Accounts. They had been approved by the PCC subject to the approval of the Independent Examiner. Thanks to Geoff Brown for his years as Treasurer; to Robert Smith, Roger Maddison and to all for their generosity. The Treasurer reported that the Church finances were in good health, with substantial capital reserves that had grown steadily in previous year and produced a significant part of the income. He pointed out that Income was static and donations have been declining during recent years, linked to attendances at services. He cautioned against using the capital to meet any deficit as this would reduce investment income.
6. Reports Received.
 - a. Churchwardens
 - b. Deanery Synod
 - c. Fabric Robert Smith was thanked for his efforts in the care of the church fabric.
Particular thanks expressed to Joan Bland for her cleaning, preparatory works and tidying up. We noted with gratitude the work of Gill Howarth and friends on the Flower Rota and Judith Cochrane`s efforts in preparing the Magazine.

7. Elections: 6
- a. PCC. Nominations: Mr. David Eastwood, Mrs. Judith Cochrane, Mrs. Gill Howarth, Mr. Christopher Bradbury, Mr. Fred Tattersall, Mrs. Janice Mitchell, Mrs. Philippa Taylor, Mr. Stephen Taylor, Mrs. Shirley Pattinson, Mrs. Mary Bradbury. **All Elected**
 - b. Independent Examiner of Accounts: Mr. Geoff Brown
Appointed
 - c. Appointment of PCC Representative to the Troutbeck Village Association: Vicar
 - d. Approve Safeguarding and Data Protection Policy.
It was **agreed** to adopt the Diocesan policy.
 - e. Deanery Synod Vacant
8. Vicar`s Remarks. Thanks to Leonard, Christopher, Jonathan, Wardens & PCC and all for support, and to Alf Henderson the organist, wishing him a good recovery.
9. Any Other Business. None

Parochial Church Council Meeting

1. Appointment of Hon Secretary. Christopher Bradbury, pending the appointment of a Parish Administrator in May 2018

Appointed

2. Appointment of Lay Chairman. Christopher Bradbury

Appointed

3. Appointment of Hon. Treasurer. Christopher Bradbury

Appointed

4. Appointment of Standing Committee Vicar. Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Wardens, Sec.,

5. **Resolved** That the Accounts / Report be affixed at the church notice board for TWO weeks.

6. **Resolved** That the Accounts / Report be submitted to the Archdeacon at his Visitation -4th June 2018

7. Date of Next PCC Meeting:

Tuesday 8th May 2018 7 pm at St. Mary`s

Standing Committee:

Thursday 19th May 9.30 am at St. Mary`s

6. Audited Accounts & Treasurer`s Report

The Accounts which form the companion document to this Report have been most ably overseen by our Treasurer Mr. Christopher Bradbury - assisted by Mr. Fred Tattershall and Examined by Mr. Geoff Brown. We extend our deep gratitude to them and to all who generously give to our common life and mission.

1. Reports

a. Churchwardens Report:

On Ash Wednesday, 14th February 2018, several Troutbeck parishioners went to St. Mary's Church, Windermere for the service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

The Women's World Day of Prayer which should have taken place at Staveley on Friday, 2nd March, was cancelled because of snow.

A special Mothers' Day Service was held in Jesus Church taken by C. Bradbury. On Palm Sunday, 25th March, palm crosses were distributed to members of the congregation as they entered the church. The Passion of our Lord according to St Mark was enacted by members of the congregation. After the service the Vicar presented Geoff Brown, who had recently resigned as Treasurer of the PCC with a gift voucher and framed collage of photographs of Jesus Church.

On Good Friday Devotions at the Cross were held at 2pm taken jointly by Christopher Bradbury and Leonard Lambert. Alf Henderson played pieces by J. S. Bach.

The Church was exceptionally decorated by Gill and her team on Easter Sunday. After the Sermon Baptismal Vows were renewed followed by Holy Communion. The daffodils in the churchyard were at their best despite the recent wintery weather.

The Annual Parochial Meeting was held in the Institute on 20th March.

At the Moving Mountains Flower Festival, 8 – 11 March, at St Mary's Church, Windermere, Jesus Church's display was Jesus teaching by the Sea of Galilee. The flower arrangers were DD Bradbury, Sally Tattersall and Vicky Harrison. There was a Wine and Wisdom evening on 9th March organised by J Gillespie. On the 10th March there was a Shepherds' Meet walk from the Queen's Head, meeting with people from Kentmere at the Garburn Gate for a short service.

The Vicar was on Sabbatical between July and November.

The Harvest Festival took place on 23rd September in a beautifully decorated Church and the Harvest Supper on 28th September in the Institute. The produce from the Harvest Festival was once again taken to Manna House. The proceeds from the Harvest go to the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry Appeal.

On Saturday 29th September in Jesus Church, Vicky Harrison and Tony Gray were confirmed by the Rt Rev. James Bell, retired Bishop of Ripon. We all joined together for refreshments afterwards.

On 4th November, Jonathan Gillespie, assisted by Leonard Lambert, took the All Souls' Day service.

On Remembrance Day on 11th November we remembered the centenary of the end of the First World War and commemorated all those who have died in all wars. The twelve silhouettes (there but not there) were placed in the pews for a week before and a week after. At 7.05pm on the 11th Jesus Church Bells were rung in unison with thousands throughout the country.

70 people attended the Parish Dinner at Broad Oaks on 13th December arranged by Jan Mitchell, Judith Cochrane and David Eastwood which everyone enjoyed.

The candlelit Carol Service was well attended on 20th December followed by refreshments and wine.

At 11.30pm on Christmas Eve we had the First Communion of Christmas – it was a beautiful night and the church paths were lit by lanterns. Holy Communion at 9.30am on Christmas Day was attended by a large congregation, with David Lee as our organist once again.

Sadly, during 2018, we lost Peter Fothergill, Tommy Bland, G. Alf Henderson (our organist for many years) and Judith Todd.

Joan Bland Churchwarden

b. Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod has met 4 times in the last 12 months; in April, July and Oct 2018 and March 2019. These meetings took place in Windermere and Allithwaite.

The synod listened to and debated regular reports about: -

- General synod and Diocesan synod
- The network youth church
- Deanery finances and parish offers
- General data protection regulations and safeguarding
- Ministry strategy – 'God for All' – Updates on Mission Communities
- North deanery mission community was launched on 7th October 2018.

Synod also listened and debated the following: -

- April – Moving Mountains feedback
- July – New synod was opened with a service led by Bishop James. God for All – Moving Forward by Rev'd Jane Maycock
- October – Election of synod officers & committee members. Welcomed the Rev'd Jim Bruce Team Rector, Cartmel Peninsula. The continuing problems funding the Network Youth Minister during the transition from deanery to mission community funding.
- March – Q&A session with Archdeacon Vernon

Ian Durrell
Parish Missioner

c. Fabric Report

Pending receipt of the Quinquennial Report, there is very little that requires attention at Jesus Church. The south facing door does require considerable work with regard to stripping the flaking paintwork and repainting. It is work that I would like to do myself, but until my shoulder operation heals fully, it will have to wait. The door itself is in a sound condition but the work will be time-consuming. The door into the boiler house has a rotten area at the base and will require a repair and repaint.

It was agreed by the PCC late in the year to look into the possibility of secondary glazing for all the side windows. We have looked at systems in local churches and we have in the current year submitted a faculty for the fitting of secondary glazing. We are aware that the windows will need to be openable for cleaning. The Windows will fit about halfway into the reveal aperture and there will be no horizontal or vertical fittings to obscure the outer windows which are a significant feature at Church.

Robert Smith.
Churchwarden.