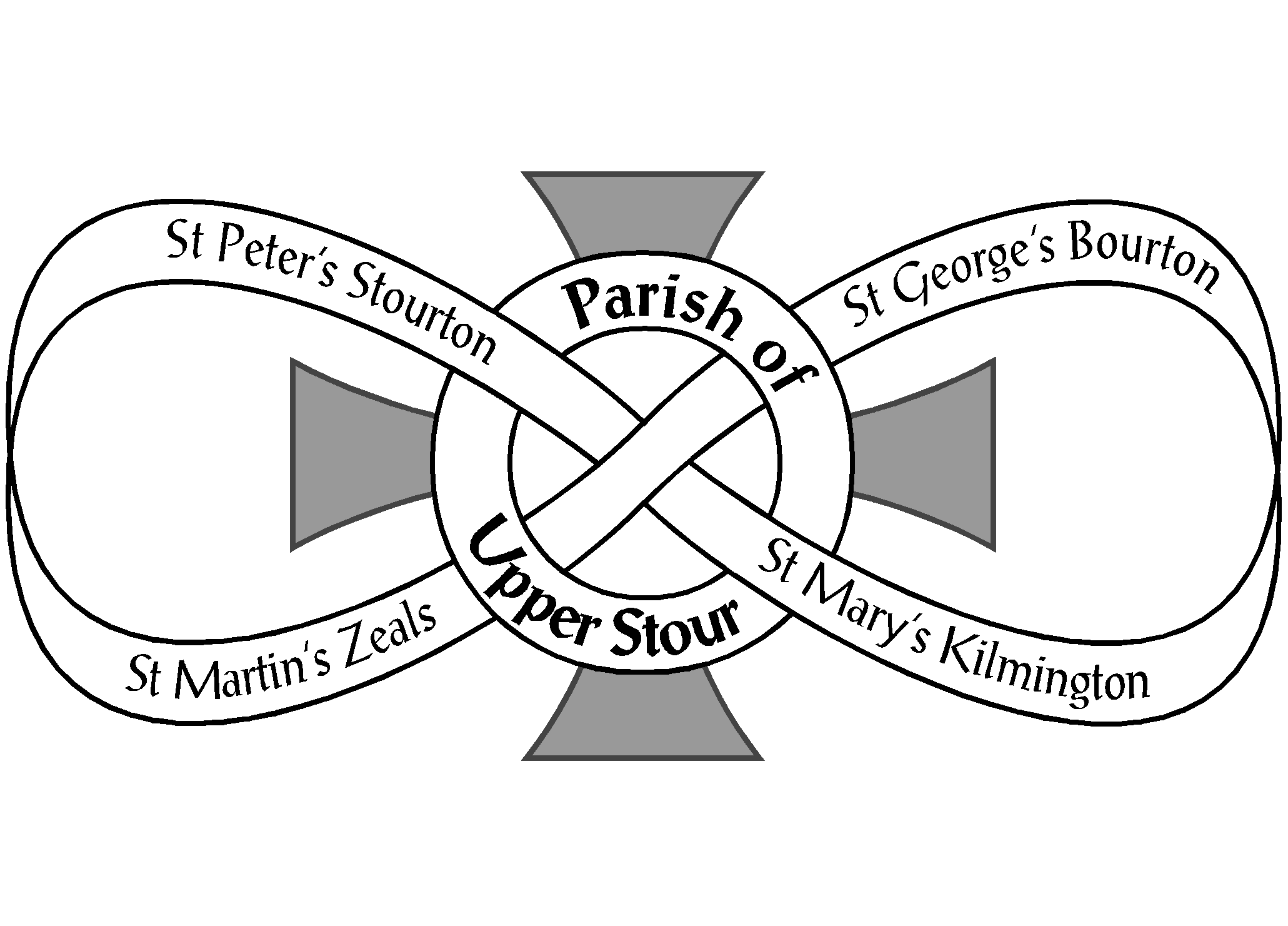
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**Minutes of The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**held Monday 26th October 2020 at 7.00 pm in Bourton Village Hall**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

1. **Opening Prayers**
2. **Apologies** – Sue Evans, Tom Spencer, Colin Holman, Mona Tyler, Sue Todd, Catherine Spencer,

Tony Moorby, Cathy Moorby, Graham Poynton, Liz Kemp. A total of 17 attended the meetings.

3. **Minutes** of the last meeting 29th April 2019 – These had been on the website for some weeks.

Approval was proposed by Brian Martin and seconded by Margaret Martin. All agreed.

4. **Proposal to disregard Church Warden Measure 6-year rule** in line with the Churchwarden

Measure 2001 Point 3 – Proposed by Jane Joyce and seconded by Viv Sturt. All agreed.

5. **Election of Churchwardens** (*Open to all those on the Civic and Church Electoral Rolls)*

Rev. Ben explained that though we are one parish, each of the 4 churches has 2 churchwardens

and he thanked all 8 for their dedication. The following were re-elected as follows:-

St. Georges, Margaret Martin Proposer: Glenis Allen Seconder: Barbara Borwell

Bourton Harry Allen Caroline Worthington Viv Sturt

St. Mary’s Celia Cotton Sue Evans Carol Affleck

Kilmington Chris Reeves Ashley Kemp Vanessa Meeker

St. Peter’s, Jane Parker Celia Cotton Margaret Martin Stourton Crin Fearon Jane Parker Suzie Hoare

St. Martin’s, Sue Evans Celia Cotton Carol Affleck

Zeals Tom Spencer Jane Parker Jane Joyce

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

*Open to those on the Church Electoral Roll (CER)*

1. **Church Wardens’ reports** on the fabric, goods and ornaments of each Church and presentation of Church Inventories **(Pages 6 & 7 of Annual Report)**

Jane Parker presented the inventory and terrier for St. Peters, Celia Cotton for St. Mary’s. Harry

Allen for St. George’s said that nothing had been added – Rev. Ben to sign after the meeting. And

similarly for St. Martin’s in Sue Evans and Tom Spencer’s absence, so Rev. Ben to sign afterwards.

1. **PCC Annual Report** **(Pages 3 & 4 of Annual Report)**

This was warmly received, with no queries.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** and Adoption of Accounts **(End of Annual Report)**

Rev. Ben thanked Brian Martin as it was always a challenging time for Treasurers. He also thanked all the LCC treasurers. The Accounts were adopted. Brian Martin said that the parish had paid the parish share last year but reserve funds had been reduced by the end of last year. This year, due to Covid and therefore no fund-raising, the parish had managed £47,000 out of £55,000.

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He went on to say that voluntary giving will be less than £50,000 but the parish share will be more,

and of course there are still running costs, care of the buildings and insurance. The Parish Share

is voluntary and three of our churches have been able to pay in full but one has not.

The Deanery Treasurer has said that there are two options 1. Increase parish share and keep the

number of priests or, 2. Decrease the parish share and reduce the number of priests. He was minded

to increase the share and keep the number of priests. Rev. Ben added that there had been one saving

- that of there no longer being a parish administrator during these difficult times. This was

acknowledged and appreciated. There were no queries.

1. **Appointment of Examiner** of PCC Accounts – The proposal was to carry on with Mr. Willis.

Proposer Margaret Martin and seconder Ashley Kemp. All agreed.

1. **Election of Deanery Synod representatives** x 2 *(3 yr. term – open to those on the CER)*

Rev. Ben explained that with the reduction of the Church Electoral Roll to 95 we were due

two representatives. Malcolm Affleck was proposed by Val Rowe and seconded by John Rowe.

Chris Reeves was proposed by Ashley Kemp and seconded by Vanessa Meeker. All agreed

and both were thanked for continuing in this role.

6. **Deanery Synod Report** **(Page 8 of Annual Report)** *(Open to those on the CER)*

There were no queries on Malcolm Affleck’s report.

7. **Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer** *(Open to those on the CER)*

Rev. Ben asked Elizabeth Hames if she would be happy to continue in this role and she replied in the

affirmative. She was proposed by Val Rowe and seconded by Malcolm Affleck. All approved and

were grateful.

8**. Report on and reception of the Church Electoral Roll** **(Page 9 of Annual Report)**

Rev. Ben, with Elizabeth Hames’ agreement encouraged people to go on to the Electoral Roll

and forms were going back into the churches.

9. **Proposal to allow for six elected members to the PCC** as per CRR2020 M15(9) and for elected

members to serve yearly terms as per CRR2020 M16(2)

Proposer Jane Joyce and Seconder Brian Martin – all agreed .

10. **Election of Parochial Church Council representatives** x 6 *(Open to those on the CER)*

The following 6 nominations were made but no election was necessary as there were no other

nominations:-

Colin Holman Proposer Margaret Martin Seconder Brian Martin

George Bullivant Jane Joyce Jane Parker

Caroline Worthington Jane Joyce Val Donnell

John Rowe Joan Lane Chris Reeves

Jane Joyce Sue Evans Sue Todd

Ashley Kemp Celia Cotton Sue Evans

11. **Vice-Chairman’s Report (Page 9 of Annual Report)**

Rev. Ben thanked Crin Fearon for chairing the PCC during the interregnum. Brian Martin added his

thanks for all her work. She said she was ably assisted. Her report was received warmly with hearty

thanks.

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12. **Reports** **(Page 10 onwards of Annual Report)**

No queries on any reports but Margaret Martin made the point that verbal reports during services

were vibrant and gave people the chance to comment, but of course not everyone heard the reports.

Crin Fearon endorsed the presentation of reports during services and Brian Martin added that it

was useful still to have a written record in the APCM report. Rev.Ben said that he was happy for

reports to be presented during services and additionally they should go on the website. It was also

mooted that reports could be published in the Parish Magazine – to be discussed further.

13. **Any other business** **-** Christmas fundraising.

Jane Parker explained that the W.I. were planning to decorate St. Peter’s through December for

Christmas and also with decorations dedicated to Covid (NHS, Carers etc.). It is to tie in to the

Stourhead Christmas Light event and hopefully attract their visitors and fund raise for the

Parish as a whole. Brian Martin asked if there would be Christmas music and was assured that

there would be. Jane Joyce asked if there would be a board to explain what it was all about

(as outside the National Trust for instance and not part of the Light Show) and was assured

that there would be. Jane Joyce offered to do a stewarding rota and asked if Ashley Kemp could

instruct volunteer stewards on the card readers. He would. Jane Joyce welcomed offers of

stewarding – probably 2 hr. stints between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm during the December light

event nights. Celia Cotton offered to look after the sale of produce, which was welcomed as

usually very good for fund-raising. Refreshments were not possible of course.

Crin Fearon thanked the Secretary as did Brian Martin. Rev. Ben was asked how he was finding

things this year. He said that Upper Stour is the place to be and that hospitality is very evident. It’s

been a weird year but he’s enjoyed it. He went on to say that he is planning a “Vision Day”.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 13th May 2021 Venue tbc

15. **Closing Prayers**

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