

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
St Columba 22nd May 2022**

Present:- Ian Pullinger, Miriam Pullinger, Kevin Montgomery, Kate Montgomery, Susan and Colin Fleming, James Ireland, Louisa Feltham, Steve Scholes, Sheila and John Pender, Janet and William Taylor, Trevor and Kathleen Wade, Christel Cotton, Ann Rigby, David and Elaine Bavin, Liz and Noel Harding, Patience Tafuma, Jane Simpkin, Evelyn Britten, Colin Bates, Sarah-Jane Hamlett, Carole and Kevin Spiers, Maureen McCluskey, Madeline Mathie, Mary Craig, Merle Taylor, Roy and Jessie Tosh, Eileen Cope, Val Berridge, Wendy McGill, Sara Scott, Virginia Vele, Barbara Bradshaw, Rosemary McSherry, Sandra Creighton, Glynis Boby, Derek Hadley, Hazel Tibbs, Isobel Masson, Ann and Jim Hare, Joan Tyre, Vera Holmes, Thato Silware, Justin Dyche

Apologies: John Lynch, Sue Scholes, Rosie Hughes, Alois Mateyo, Mandy and Riaan Niemandt, Joan Dyche

Meeting of Parishioners

1. **Minutes of Meeting on 26th May 2021.** The minutes were unanimously accepted.
2. **Election of Churchwardens (2)**
Nominations:
Janet Taylor, proposed by Rosie Hughes, seconded by Justin Dyche. Unanimously accepted.
John Lynch, proposed by Eileen Cope, seconded by Sheila Pender. Unanimously accepted.

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1. **Present and Apologies.** As above
2. **Minutes of meeting on 26th May 2021.** Unanimously accepted.
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Safeguarding Report** Susan reported that all safeguarding policies and procedures as required by the Diocese are in place and being reviewed regularly. All group leaders of Energize and all PCC members have an up-to-date DBS and have completed or are completing training. Susan continues to operate the safer recruitment process. All risk assessments are complete. Susan has completed the annual Parish Safeguarding Audit and presented it to the PCC.
Ian thanked Susan for all her hard work.
 - b. **Financial Report** James reported that 2021 has been a year of uncertainty but there is a small surplus of £1,023 for the year. Stewardship has increased, offsetting a fall in cash collections. Income from hall rental is up on last year and set to return to pre pandemic levels in 2022. We paid our full parish share in 2021-2022. We have donated £6,990 split between various charities. We spent £4,800 refurbishing the hall and £8,500 repairing the church windows. The building fund is now £22,664. James sent thanks to the team, including Ian and Miriam, who bank the collections and Miles Ingram for being Independent Examiner.
Steve Scholes asked James to add Sue Scholes to the list of thanks, as she runs the process of envelopes for Gift Aid donations in cash, and James did so.
Ian thanked James for all his work.
 - c. **Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts** James reported that Miles Ingram is willing to continue being the Independent Examiner, and the meeting unanimously approved that James should ask Miles to continue in this role.

