The Parish of Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite with Newlands

Derwent Deanery, Carlisle Diocese

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**AND ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS**

**Thursday 12th May 2022 in St Herbert’s Church Hall, at 7.00pm**

**AGENDA**

1. **Opening Prayer**

2. **Apologies for absence.**

3. **Election of Churchwardens (Vestry Meeting)**

**APCM**

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

2. **Matters arising from the minutes**

3. **Report on changes to the Electoral Roll** since the last meeting.

A copy of the roll is available for inspection at the meeting.

(Electoral Roll Officer: Anthony Simpson)

4. **Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the**

**parish in general.**

(PCC Secretary: Hannah Roberts)

5.1. **Financial report** of the PCC for the year ending 31st December 2021.

(Treasurer: Roy Butcher)

5.2. **Trustees Annual Report from the Jessie Agnes Pearson Trust** (Attached)

6. **Report upon fabric, goods and ornaments** **of the church and buildings.**

7. **Safeguarding Report** (Revd. Andy Murphie)

8.1. **Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod** (Attached)

8.2**. Report on the proceedings of Churches Together in Keswick (CTiK)** (Attached)

8.3. **Report on mission community** (Attached)

9. **Elections – where applicable, of Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members**

10. **Appointment of Sidesmen**

11. **Appointment of independent examiner** or auditor to the council until the close of

the next annual meeting.

12. **Chair’s report and closing remarks.**

13**. Questions from the floor**. Any person entitled to attend the annual meeting may ask any

question about parochial church matters.

The APCM will close with the saying of the Grace, following which a brief meeting of elected PCC members will take place to appoint the Treasurer and Secretary.

**Deanery Synod**

**Meeting held at St. Mary’s Threlkeld - November 2021**

- Climate Emergency commitment by the diocese. Green Agenda to reduce our Carbon Emission and

to continue the Eco Church strategy.

- Deanery Network Youth Worker post - funding in place.

- Reflection on Covid recovery - challenges and opportunities.

**Meeting held at Christchurch Cockermouth - February 2022**

Deanery Network Youth Worker

- The diocese wishes to progress this appointment as soon as possible.

- Centering on Binsey and Keswick, it could be split between two workers on a part-time basis,

possibly combining this with other work within the deanery.

- There is a great need for a hands-on youth worker, a bespoke role in accordance with how the

appointee sees this working out on the ground.

Eco Church and net-zero carbon

- Presentation by Mike Hambrey and Terry Sloan, laying out the Church of England’s target for 2030.

This included a description of the Bishop of Selby’s proposals.

- Encouraging churches to qualify for an Eco Church award.

*(From Crosthwaite APCM, compiled by Laurence and Alison Durston-Smith)*

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## **Churches Together in Keswick Report**

## Richard Downing was re-appointed chair at the AGM in November 2021supported by Barry Cox as Treasurer and Keith Rigg as Secretary, with the position of vice-chair being vacant. Barry will be standing down as treasurer this year after 17 years’ service.

## The pandemic continues to affect the workings of CTiK and there have been very limited opportunities to meet for joint gathered worship. The need to re-engage and re-energise the member churches in the wider role of CTiK is recognised, and there remains some confusion about the role of CTiK and Mission Communities. Ideally CTiK would like to encourage a younger diverse membership of CTiK, but the demographics of our churches limit that aspiration. We have been praying and discussing about what is the primary purpose of CTiK as we move out of the pandemic.

## The key activities of the last year were:

## • The setting up and launching of the Two’s Company Keswick befriending scheme which has been set up as a partnership of CTiK and Keswick Rotary Club with support from AgeUK West Cumbria under a partnership with UK Linking Lives. Fiona Overend is the part-time paid coordinator and Keith Rigg is the leader of the scheme. Over the first six months 18 volunteers have been recruited, there have been 14 referrals for befriending and nine befrienders matched up to a scheme member.

## • CTiK agreed to declare a climate emergency and all members have been encouraged to take the

## message back to their churches encouraging them to do likewise and implement suggested measures - and then to report back to CTiK meetings

## • A joint advert and article publicising the Christmas special services across Keswick and area was placed in the Reminder.

## Currently individual and churches are being encouraged to offer to host/organise one activity or act of worship that links with one of the four Vision Refresh themes.

## *(From Keith Rigg, Secretary, CTiK)*

## **Mission Community Annual Report on 2021.**

2021 has been a very odd year. The Mission Community Steering group has not been able to have anything like its normal meetings or discussions. These have been focused on

1. Parish Offer for 2022
2. Supporting each other as the year has progressed.

As regards Parish Offer, the year has been challenging for the diocese and for parishes alike. The aim of the Offer process is to be transparent to each other about each parishes’ financial situation and then for us all to make generous and realistic offers – the Offer covers the cost of local ministry; core costs of the diocese being covered by other sources of income the diocese receives. Our diocese aims to remain within budget unlike other larger dioceses which are millions in the red.. Any reductions in parish offer will impact directly the number of priests which has already dropped from 120 to 72 in the last 5 years.

In terms of supporting each other:

* We have also supported each other by doing safeguarding training together – due to COVID the delivery of this ‘in person’ had to wait till Jan / Feb 2022, but the planning of it was in 2021.
* Lawrence has been working as Curate in Keswick with all of the local churches, whilst focusing on St John’s, he has also spent one Sunday a month at Crosthwaite and led worship in all of our churches / parishes too.
* As clergy it has been great to have the mutual support of meeting week by week on Tuesday mornings to pray together, using the Daily Office of Morning Prayer – this is at the Parish Room at 8.45 – if you wish to join us, you’re welcome to.

In 2022 the Mission Community, in addition to the above, will be reviewing its role, and within that there is finance that need to be addressed:

* Parish Offer
* Deanery Network Youth Worker Expenses contribution
* Administrator – do we need one?

These three elements form the basis for discussing what amount of money needs to ‘leave’ each parish to fund work we all benefit from that happens ‘outside’ of the parish – it being about what can we do together that we can’t do separately?

Other matters that the Mission Community will need to look at include:

* What can do together that we otherwise wouldn’t do.

There is a sense in which this aspect of our churches’ life is one that needs a time of recovery from the effects of the pandemic.

*(From Rev Charles Hope, Joint Mission Community Leader)*