

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING  
HELD IN THE UNDERCROFT OF PACKINGTON HALL  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Present: Lord and Lady Aylesford  
Lord and Lady Guernsey  
Reverend John Bradford  
Nick Barlow  
Libby Mander  
Ros Smith  
Elizabeth Sach

Apologies: Chris Smith

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**ACTION**

1. **MEETING - 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**

1.1 As the Church Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was held after the production of the April 2017 Parish Magazine, it was not possible to include the Minutes within that publication and, therefore, the Minutes of the meeting were circulated to those that requested a copy. There being no comments, the Minutes were approved and signed by Lord Aylesford.

1.2 There were no matters arising other than those set out below.

2.0 **CHURCH SERVICES**

2.1 John Bradford presented a report on the preceding year and this is attached at Appendix 1.

2.2 Forthcoming services are also listed together with a press release for a forthcoming visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LA 2.3 Lord Aylesford confirmed that there would be an interregnum between them leaving Packington and Lord and Lady Guernsey arriving. In that interim period David Mander will have a second key for access and preparing the Church. Lord and Lady Aylesford will arrange for the heating to be turned on in May. Any requirements thereafter will be picked up by Neil Thornley until the Autumn when it can be reviewed again.

3. **LEADING OF SERVICES AND ORGAN**

LA 3.1 John Bradford confirmed that he was keen to carry on until Michaelmas 2020 when he will have done 60 years service.

JB 3.2 As far as he knows, Peter Gregory is also happy to carry on although Lord Aylesford will double check. The meeting thanked John for all his help. John believes he may be able to find a replacement in due course and, in the meantime, Lord Aylesford and John Bradford will arrange to meet the Vicar from Meriden to see whether she might be able to provide some cover.

4. **FINANCES**

4.1 Lord Aylesford confirmed that the Church continued to be subsidised by the Charitable Trust.

5. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

5.1 Alison Vining is holding a concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> June and details will be picked up in the newsletter.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

NPB 6.1 Ros Smith read out a note from Chris which firstly thanked John for all his contributions to services and then, secondly, asked if it would be possible to look at improving the hearing by the installation of a hearing loop, possibly linked to microphones on the lectern and the eagle. Lord Aylesford confirmed that would be done.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Charles Aylesford

Date:

# **APPENDIX 1**

**ST. JAMES GREAT PACKINGTON CHURCH**

**REPORT OF REVEREND JOHN BRADFORD**



THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, PACKINGTON PARK CV7 7HF

*A Private Chapel Administered by Trustees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1994*

**Report to the Annual Church Meeting on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**for the period March 2017- March 2018**

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FROM THE REGISTERS:

<i>Welcomed in Holy Baptism:</i>	Wren Emilia Crouch (April 30) Harry Finch Bear Maclean (July 16) May Elizabeth Rose Finch-Knightley (Feb 25)
<i>Confirmed:</i>	No candidates
<i>Holy Matrimony:</i>	Jade Kirkham to Paul Louis Norman (Nov 17)
<i>Confetti Blessing:</i>	Kudzai and Natasha Browne-Marke (Aug 8)
<i>Funerals:</i>	Anon by Canon J Eardley (July 11)
<i>Interment of Ashes:</i>	None recorded
<i>Celebrants/Preachers/Speakers:</i>	Hon Judge Stephen Eyre (Harvest Festival) Rt Rev John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick (Advent S) Cllr Robert Sleigh OBE (Plough Sunday) <i>Deputy Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority</i> Joan Lilburn <i>Registered Midwife</i> (Mothering Sunday)
<i>Special Visitors:</i>	Cllr Stuart Davis, Mayor of Solihull (Carol Service)

*Communicants:*

<b>Easter Day</b> Apr 16	32
Easter III May 7	12
<b>Whitsunday</b> June 4	19
Trinity III July 2	20
Transfiguration, Aug 6	19
Trinity XII Sept 3	19
Advent I Dec 3	28
<b>Christmas Day</b> Dec 25	41
Sexagesima Feb 4	18

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### *From the Chancel steps 2018*

Following Lord Aylesford's thoughtful letter last February about a move to South Warwickshire, 2018-19 for us will be a year in which we ask everyone to do whatever they can to maintain our sound pattern of Church attendances, to welcome others, and to be ready to assist in various practical ways which may arise from time to time.

Lord and Lady Aylesford have been outstanding in their participation in worship at St James's, in their care for the organ, in attention to the fabric and furnishings, and in enthusiasm for the Chapel to be used. In addition, events such as the opening of the Gardens at Packington Hall (this year on Rogation Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>) and the winter Coffee morning, have been for Chapel funds. They cannot be thanked enough, and our gratitude and best wishes go with them for their forthcoming relocation.

Before too long, Lord and Lady Guernsey, with Alfie and May (both of whom have been baptised at St James'), will be welcomed most warmly at the Hall and at the Chapel.

This year we have been greatly privileged to have had several distinguished speakers (listed overleaf) at our Services ~ and we so appreciated the ministry of the Bishop of Warwick on Advent Sunday. As a Private Chapel (since 1994), our link with the mission of the diocese of Coventry, and of Meriden parish, is most desirable.

So many have spoken in appreciation of the music at the Chapel. We are much indebted to Peter Gregory, a musician of great experience, for all that he does for us. In particular, his individually invited choir excelled themselves at our Carol Service this Christmas.

In Church order we are particularly fortunate in our 'Chapel Steward', David Mander, whose guidance and assistance is invaluable, and who holds the Bishop's Permission to administer the Chalice at Holy Communion.

This year, our local May marriage will be of Kayleigh Jennings to Aidan Boland (Sun May 13<sup>th</sup>), and on Remembrance/Armistice Sunday (November 11<sup>th</sup>) we will be giving thanks for the ending of WWI and praying for peace throughout God's world.

We extend our thoughts to Ann Beaty who has done so much for us, and who helped with our Mothering Sunday posies this year, and we are mindful of congregation member Bob Jolley, who is convalescent. We have prayerfully remembered Charles Crawley, RIP.

With all the pressures of the possible effects of Brexit on British farming, of the implications for the Estate of HS2, and of other influences of development and change, it is the more important to treasure and to use aright our unique house of prayer and praise ~ to the glory of God, in respect for our heritage, and for the strengthening and refreshment of our souls.



THE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES, PACKINGTON PARK  
GREAT PACKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE CV7 7HF

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**SERVICES for 2018 at 10.30 a.m.**

[Holy Communion Services follow the Book of Common Prayer/Common Worship Order Two]

Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Plough Sunday Service</u> (inc Benedicite) & Blessing of the Plough
Feb 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sexagesima, Holy Communion Lent II, Holy Baptism
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lent IV, Mothering Sunday Service with gift of posies
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Easter Day, Holy Communion</b> [with distribution of Easter Eggs]
May 6 <sup>th</sup> May 13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Easter V, Rogation Sunday, Holy Communion Holy Matrimony
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity I, Holy Communion
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity V, Holy Communion with remembrance of St James (July 25)
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity X, Holy Communion
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trinity XIV, Holy Communion
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity XIX, <u>Harvest Festival</u>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity XXIV, <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent I, Holy Communion [with lighting of the Advent candle]
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	(Saturday) <u>Carol Service</u> , 4.30 p.m.
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	(Tuesday) <b>Christmas Day : Family Communion</b>
<b>2019</b>	
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany I, Service for <u>Plough Sunday</u>

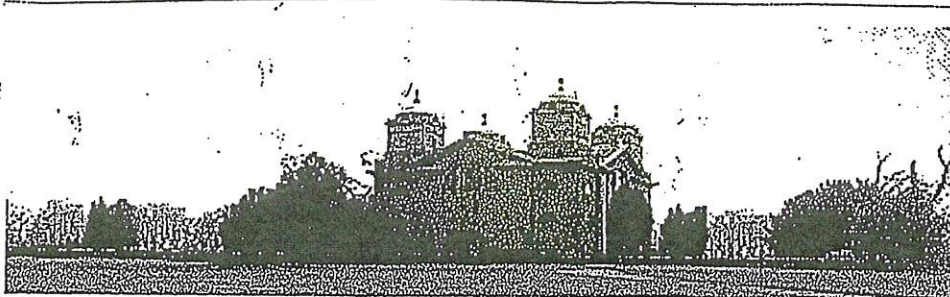
**All are most welcome to these Services**

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**THE MISSION**  
OF THE PRIVATE ESTATE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES  
PACKINGTON PARK  
GREAT PACKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE CV7 7HF  
*A Parish Church in the diocese of Coventry until 1994*

*Nurturing the heritage of Christian life and faith since c12th cent AD \**

*Providing a continuing worshipping focus for family and Estate*

*Preserving a unique example of historic Ecclesiastical  
Architecture from 1789 (George III)*

*Prayerfully celebrating and supporting productive farming*

*Encouraging environmental care*

*Valuing Church music and a Handelian organ*

*Offering Christian welcome*

*\*Note: Packington Manor (mentioned in the Domesday Book) and Church were given by Sir Geoffrey de Clinton to Kenilworth Priory (Augustinian) in 1278 ~ until following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1536, when, with the sale of assets, these passed in 1544 to the private hands of John Fisher, 'sitting tenant' and Gentleman Pensioner to four Sovereigns*

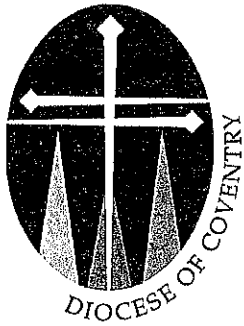
*The Earl of Aylesford*

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*Revd John Bradford*

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# PRESS RELEASE

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## Archbishop of Canterbury Comes Home

Lambeth Palace has today released details of a visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury to Coventry and Warwickshire in May. The Most Reverend Justin Welby will be meeting people throughout the city and county which profoundly shaped his mission and ministry for fifteen years.

Having been ordained in Coventry Cathedral in 1992, Justin Welby was a curate in Nuneaton and then a rector in Southam. He later served at Coventry Cathedral from 2002 to 2007, where he became the Canon for Reconciliation Ministry. A decade later is frequently seen wearing the Coventry Cross of Nails.

Archbishop Justin is returning home to help celebrate the Centenary of the Diocese of Coventry. The diocese, in its current form, was created in 1918. At the same time, the old parish church of St Michael became the cathedral of the new diocese.

He is returning to Coventry and Warwickshire at the invitation of the Bishop of Coventry, who says:

*"It's very exciting to be able to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury back to the Diocese he knows so well as part of our centenary celebrations. There's much that's new that we're looking forward to showing Archbishop Justin but we also want to celebrate the way that we're trying today what our forebears did in the past – to live out the reconciling, transforming, life-affirming love of God and to share it with all the people of Coventry and Warwickshire."*

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May, Archbishop Justin will be meeting civic and religious leaders, refugees, asylum seekers, farmers, school children, teachers, students, business leaders, performers in the Arts, hospital patients and staff.

The general public will also have an opportunity to hear and meet the archbishop at three events.

- There will be a **hog roast** at Grange Farm, Grandborough (between Rugby and Southam) on Thursday 3 May. The event starts at 6:30 pm.
- **'Ask the Archbishop'** is an event for people in their 20s and 30s at All Saint's Church, Chilvers Coton (Nuneaton) on Friday 4 May. It starts at 7:30 pm and includes an opportunity for questions from the audience.
- The main highlight of the archbishop's visit will be a **Centenary Festival** at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 5 May. The festival starts at 10:30 am and includes music, drama and activities for all ages.

Admission to all three events are free of charge, and further information can be found online at [cov100.org](http://cov100.org)

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