**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION 2017**

**NAME:** Parochial Church Council of Brimscombe, Holy Trinity.

Address for correspondence: **The Rectory, Walkley Hill, Rodborough,**

**Stroud GL5 3TX**

**PCC**

Rev P Francis – Vicar. Ex-officio

Mrs V Robson – Reader. Ex-officio

Ms K Hunter Jones – House of Duty. Ex-officio from January 2017

Mr T Oliver – Warden. Ex-officio

Mr C Short – Warden. Ex-officio

Mrs. T. Ayre – Treasurer. Elected one year to stand

Mrs. S. Sawyer – Secretary. Elected two years to stand

Mr. S. Robson – Elected with one year to stand

Mr. C. Bennie – Elected with two years to stand

Mrs. E. Davies – Elected with two years to stand

Mr. P. Gee – Elected with three years to stand

Mrs. P. Hill – Elected with three years to stand

Mrs. T. Yates-Round – Deanery Synod Rep. Elected with three years to stand

**Deanery Synod Reps:**

Mrs. T. Yates-Round – Three years to stand

**STATUS**: The PCC is a charity, excepted from registration with Charity Commission

under the Charities (Exception from Registration) Regulations 1996

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**: Mr. Richard Gray, RKW Accounting Services Ltd.,

Bonds Mill Estate, Stonehouse

**BANKERS:** National Westminster Bank plc., George Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

**AIMS AND ORGANISATION**

The main purpose of the PCC is defined in the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as “to co-operate with the Minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelical, social and ecumenical”

There were 6 full PCC meetings during the year. After the last APCM on 30th April 2017 membership of the PCC numbered 14 including ex-officio members.

Numbers on the Electoral Roll during 2017 this year total 55 with 18 resident members and 37 non-residents. In 2018 the five year renewal of the electoral roll must be carried out.

**MINISTRY TEAM:** organises all aspects of ministry and worship

**PCC STANDING COMMITTEE:** meets at short notice on behalf of the full PCC and looks after fabric and grounds.

**PCC ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

Brief resume of the activities for the calendar year:

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on Sunday 30th April 2017 at Woodchester Primary School after a joint Benefice morning service at St. Mary’s Woodchester with Rev Karen Hunter Jones in the chair. It was followed by a shared lunch.

**Building and Churchyard**

The hot water boiler in the kitchen was serviced as it was scaled up.

The gutters had their annual clear out on 21st January. They are sagging and this is something that is currently being looked at.

In October a small group of people was formed to look at the interior of the church. This is currently an ongoing process and a number of options are currently being investigated.

Historic Churches Trust, sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ raised £227 half of which came back to the church.

**Mission and worship**

All Age Café Church moved from the School to the church as a trial in June 2017 and moved permanently in the August. This occurs on the first Sunday in each month. Members of the congregation from the Methodist church now join us quarterly.

Partway through this year it was decided for continuity purposes that the 4th Sunday of the month would no longer be All Age and Café Church would be the only All Age service.

There was a joint benefice Alpha course starting on Wednesday 25th January at Woodchester School. 35 people attended the first session. The numbers varied from week to week with an average of 25 attending each week. There were a number of people who are not from the 3 churches attended.

The Away Day was a joint event with Bussage Church at Harne Hill.

Karen Hunter Jones did an Art workshop on 8th April to create stations for the Good Friday service.

The home-group that meets at the home of Christine and David Butcher has continued on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Most recently they have been following books in the New Testament.

Karen Hunter Jones ran a Healing Ministry course on 2nd September.

Harvest Festival service was held in September at Brimscombe Church. Fresh produce was given to Nelson house and storable goods to the Food Bank.

Roving Nativity ended up being cancelled on 10th December due to snowy weather but a good number of locals and members of the congregations attended Carols at the Ship.

Christmas Eve Carol Service was well attended by local people.

Christmas Day Service was small and intimate.

A hamper made up with items from members of the congregation was given to the Nelson Trust house in Brimscombe.

A small number of people went to New Wine this year.

During the year there were 2 baptisms, 1 wedding, 1 dedication after a civil marriage, 4 funerals in the church, 1 interment of ashes and 2 services at the crematorium.

**People**

The monthly newsletter became a joint one for the whole benefice and was taken over by Angela Pearce, with Chris and Fiona Short being the conduits for information.

Grace Halford a long term member of the congregation sadly died in November. Her funeral on 23rd November was well attended.

Karen Hunter Jones resigned from the House of Duty role at the start of November with plans to move to the States in January 2018.

**School**

NCV Youth Bibles were presented to children leaving the school at the end of the summer term.

The Open the Book Team continue to go into the school each week with Bible stories.

Simon Jarvis swapped from Parent Governor to Foundation Governor.

The Nicky Brown (RE lead) had a day off timetable to plan with Peter Francis and Rod Harris.

**Various**

28 people went on the Sweden trip on 11-15th May and stayed in a number of people’s home. A number of youth went and several of them had the opportunity of visiting a local Swedish school. New people attended and hosted. There was a service of confirmation for a group of five Swedish young lads. A concert was put on by the Swedish choir with Hayley Oliver doing a solo.

The Church had a stall at the Grand Village Fete.

The Christian Aid Collection organised by Pam Appleton, raised £995.52. It was felt that the door to door collection was not a particularly positive experience. Therefore a community event is being considered for 2018.

There was a Rectory Garden Party in the summer which was well attended. A number of the musicians from both Brimscombe and Woodchester performed in the band.

The sociable monthly coffee mornings/afternoons have continued on an ad hoc basis on the third Monday of each month usually in different people’s homes.

Our income is tithed and we support our missionaries and certain local organisations financially and in prayer.

We are always pleased to welcome residents from Nelson Trust to our services, and trust that other new families, individuals and visitors appreciate a warm welcome.