**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION 2018**

**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

Rev. Deborah Curram – Curate. Ex-officio

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 one year to stand

Mr. C. Bennie – Elected with one year to stand

Mrs. E. Davies – Elected with one year to stand

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

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

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

**Deanery Synod Reps:**

Mrs. T. Yates-Round – Two 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 29th April 2018 membership of the PCC numbered 12 including ex-officio members.

Numbers on the Electoral Roll in March 2018 after the five year renewal totalled 47 with 20 resident members and 27 non-residents. One long-standing member of the congregation died in August 2018.

**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 2018**

Brief resume of the activities for the calendar year:

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on Sunday 29th April 2018 in the Undercroft at St. Mary’s Woodchester after a joint Benefice morning service with Mr. Chris Short (Church Warden) in the chair. It was followed by a shared lunch.

**Building and Churchyard**

For a large part of the year the church building has been kept locked and a steel bar was put in place to secure it further. The handle on the top door was removed and replaced with a button.

A quinquennial survey was conducted during the month of August by Mr David Newton. In addition to this Hampton Electrical carried out an electrical inspection at the end of August and the recommendations from it are to be incorporated into the quinquennial report.

With Reverend Karen Hunter-Jones leaving the Vicarage became unoccupied and had to be regularly checked to comply with insurance regulations. In May tenants were found for the vicarage and as a result it became the responsibility of the Diocese.

As the churchyard has now been closed for a number of years and was handed over to Stroud District Council they are now responsible for its upkeep and maintenance.

The Historic Churches Trust, sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ raised £190 half of which came back to the church.

**Mission and worship**

All Age Café Church on the first Sunday in each month continued taking place in the church with the Methodists being invited quarterly. On the fifth Sunday of the month there is a joint benefice service at St. Mary’s Woodchester.

The joint benefice Lent course was run on a Wednesday evening at St. Mary’s Woodchester. In future it will be considered if the material is suitable to disseminate through home groups for those that cannot attend the weekly Lent course.

A number of Brimscombe men attended the Men’s weekend in May at Clun YHA in Shropshire. There was a curry evening on the Friday, and a couple of walking/non-walking options during the day on the Saturday. There was also a quiz evening and service in the chapel in the evening. On the Sunday there was a walk and a BBQ

Similarly a number of Brimscombe women attended the Women’s weekend in September at Clun YHA.

There was a walk on Saturday afternoon followed by a service in the chapel. A number of activities from journaling to a talk/discussion on Arthur Ransome were offered after dinner. On the Sunday there was an option of two services to attend at Clun Methodist Church followed by a BBQ.

The home-group that meets at the home of Christine and David Butcher has continued on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

There is another small home group that meets on alternate Thursdays at various venues. They have looked at Proverbs and covered various topics having just completed a six week course entitled ‘Who you are when no one’s looking’, covering Courage, Discipline, Vision, Endurance, Compassion and Self-Sacrifice.

A number of Easter events were held across the benefice. There was a service held on Maundy Thursday for the school. There was an evening Maundy Thursday service in the Upper Room. On Good Friday there was a traditional service in the church and an All Age Communion on Easter Sunday.

Harvest Festival service was held in September at Brimscombe Church with the fresh produce being donated to Nelson house and the storable goods to the Food Bank.

Roving Nativity was on 9th December a good number of locals and members of the congregations attended Carols at the Ship. Christingle was on 16th December.

Christmas Eve Carol Service was reasonably well attended by local people.

Christmas Day Service was a small and intimate All Age service

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

During the year there was 1 baptism, 4 funerals in the church, 1 interment of ashes and 1 service at the crematorium.

**People**

The joint monthly benefice newsletter was given an overhaul and is now called Common Ground. The first issue was published in October 2018 with Pauline Hill being the main point of contact for Brimscombe.

Janet Birnstingle a long term member of the congregation sadly died in August. Her funeral on 5th September was well attended.

With Reverend Karen Hunter Jones leaving in January the Vicarage is being let out by the Diocese.

Reverend Deborah Curram joined us as Curate in early 2018 and is available 3 days a week.

**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.

iSingPOP visited the school at beginning of October. The school has the songs and are using them in regular worship.

**Various**

A curry evening organised by Elizabeth Davies was held to raise money for Christian Aid instead of the door to door collections. The event was sold out with 120 people attending and raising in the region of £800.

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.

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.