**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION 2019**

**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 C Short – Warden. Ex-officio

Mr C Short – Warden. Ex-officio

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

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

Miss D. Widger – Elected with three years to stand

Mrs. J. Wood – Elected with three years to stand

Mr. P. Gee – Elected with one year to stand

The existing vacancy was filled by S. Bennie as Treasurer in the Autumn of 2019 which she

agreed to stand for the usual 3-year term. Technically she is co-opted as she was brought on

board by the PCC.

**Deanery Synod Reps:**

Permitted 1 rep and there is currently a vacancy

**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 7th April 2019 membership of the PCC numbered 10 including ex-officio members. This became 11 members when S. Bennie was co-opted to the PCC in the role as Treasurer in Autumn 2019.

Numbers on the Electoral Roll in March 2019 totalled 46 with 19 resident members and 27 non-residents.

**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 2019**

Brief resume of the activities for the calendar year:

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on Sunday 7th April 2019 after the service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Brimscombe with Rev P. Francis in the chair.

**Building**

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.

The Historic Churches Trust sponsored ‘Ride and Stride’ raised £200 half of which came back to the church. This year weeds were cleared from around the church as part of the initiative.

**Mission and worship**

The theme for the year was Reading the Bible in a Year. The scheme was accompanied by videos and the weekly services followed this.

All Age Café Church on the first Sunday in each month moved back to Brimscombe School at the beginning of the year. 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.

Bishop Robert visited the benefice on Good Friday where he had a full day. He joined the reflective/meditation service at Brimscombe led by Victoria Robson in the afternoon after spending time at both Woodchester and Rodborough.

A number of the Brimscombe congregation attended a Joint Benefice Weekend Away at Lee Abbey in early March. Everyone enjoyed good fellowship and the theme of the weekend fitted in with what the church was studying at the time.

A group from the Brimscombe congregation went to Wintershall to see an open-air play recounting the Life of Jesus over three acts over the period of a day in June.

Several members of the Brimscombe congregation joined Sue and David Pouncey on a joint Benefice walking day on Saturday 11th May. A few more subsequently joined the group for a picnic in the grounds of Horsley church.

Once again Elizabeth Davies organised a curry evening with a band as entertainment to raise money for Christian Aid instead of the door to door collections. The event was busy with just over 100 people attending.

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

A community lunch for the elderly in conjunction with the Grace Network was set up in July which then became a monthly event. Members of the Brimscombe congregation attend and invite people from the local community who they think will benefit. Some of the older pupils from Brimscombe School help serve and chat to the guests.

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

25 Swedish people came over from the three churches visited the benefice on 12-16th September for a social visit during which they had the choice of participating in several local events that were happening that weekend. These included Ride and Stride, Minchinhampton Country Fair, Woodchester Produce Fair and a Barn Dance held at Woodchester School

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 22nd December ending up at the Foodbank and Furniture Bank. A good number of locals and members of the congregations attended Carols at the Ship.

Christingle was at 3pm on Christmas Eve.

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

Christmas Day Service was a small and intimate All Age service

Fiona Short once again organised the allocation of Wednesday volunteers from the benefice to help with the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol for the homeless coordinated by the Salvation Army. During the month December meals were cooked and taken out onto the street. Unfortunately, it was not possible to open the Night shelter until January 2020.

The home-group that met at the Butcher home continued taking place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

There is another small home group that met on alternate Thursdays at various venues.

During the year there was 3 baptisms, 1 funeral in the church, and 1 service at the Crematorium.

**People**

Rev Deborah Curram was one of 14 walkers who participated in the 100mile walk over a period of nine days in early January and to raise money for Christian Aid. All sponsorship money raised was match-funded 6 to 1 through the Community Partnership Scheme. Deborah who joined us in early 2018 left us to go to a new Ministry on Hayling Island at the beginning of July.

**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.

To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Open the Book wrote a play which is an overall synopsis of the Bible. The School drama group acted out this story to the parents in a packed school hall.

**Various**

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.