**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION 2020**

**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. Sarah Haslam – Curate. Ex-officio

Mr P Gee – Reader. Ex-officio

Mr C Short – Warden. Ex-officio

Mrs P Hill – Warden. Ex-officio

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

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

Miss D. Widger – Elected with two years to stand

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

Mrs S. Bennie – Elected with three years to stand

Miss L. Butt – Co-opted

Miss L. Butt was co-opted onto the PCC at the APCM of 2019 as she had not been on the

electoral roll for the period of 6 months (lives outside of the parish)

**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 5 full PCC meetings during the year with the one in March 2020 being cancelled due to the beginning of lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After the last APCM on membership of the PCC numbered 12 including ex-officio members.

These included Mr P Gee joining us as ex-officio as new reader and Rev S Haslam as new curate.

Numbers on the Electoral Roll in July 2021 totalled 48 with 21 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 2020**

Brief resume of the activities for the calendar year:

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on Sunday 18th October 2020 after the service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Brimscombe with Rev P. Francis in the chair. The Diocese had given permission to postpone the APCM until this time due to the lockdown caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

**Building**

For part of the year the church building has been kept locked due to concerns about hygiene safety regarding COVID-19.

In between lockdowns Brimscombe church was open on a Saturday morning initially for quiet prayer and then a short service. Wifi was installed so zoom services could be run from the church.

**Mission and worship**

The year of 2020 was somewhat different than usual due to COVID-19 and the resulting lockdowns. This led to the Benefice migrating to Zoom services and exploring different ways in which to reach out to the congregations when it wasn’t possible to meet in person. These included:

* a regular ‘Benefice Home Group’ Zoom session on a Wednesday evening that followed the Sermon series
* an Alpha course for a small number of participants
* a prayer group on a Monday morning.
* ‘Quiet Day’ sessions and mornings to provide the opportunity to spend time and space with God
* Lasers Group and the Pizza Chat group meeting remotely

Daily reflections were initially produced by Rev Peter Francis and then by the Ministry Team which were sent via email to the congregation.

In July 2020 a small number of people regularly started attending on a Saturday morning for a prayer meeting with quiet music playing from 10.30 and a short service from 11.00am.

Due to the pandemic the community lunch could no longer meet in person, however members of the church dropped off meals and the participants also had the opportunity to meet virtually.,

Rather than New Wine happening in person the sessions were streamed virtually, free of charge for everyone to experience.

During the year there was 5 funerals in the church all held within the COVID-19 secure guidelines.

**People**

The Rev S. Haslam joined us in July 2020 as Curate.

**School**

The pupils of Brimscombe School spent a number of months during 2020 in lockdown which resulted in doing remote learning at home.

Normally, the Brimscombe Open the Book team present stories to the school on Thursday afternoons, acting, often with children included, and dressed up. Needless to say this year has been somewhat different. Stories and worship were presented to both Brimscombe and Woodchester schools together at 9am on Wednesday mornings on Zoom.

As classes gather the children are asked to think about a subject, the theme of the day’s story. This is then introduced, and the story narrated, usually accompanied with either a power point presentation of pictures with appropriate voices, or a short video. The leader then draws the conclusion, finishing with a short prayer.

**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, new families, individuals, and visitors to our online services and look forward to being able to worship face to face again.