**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION 2021**

**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

Mr Peter Gee – Reader. Ex-Officio

Rev Sarah Haslam – Curate. Ex-officio

Mr C Short – Warden. Ex-officio

Mrs P Hill – Warden. Ex-officio

Mrs. S Sawyer – Secretary. Elected one year to stand

Mrs S Bennie – Treasurer. Elected with two years to stand

Mrs E Davies – Elected with one year to stand

Mrs J. Wood – Elected with one year to stand

Miss L Butt – Elected with three years to stand

Mrs J Hancock – Elected with three years to stand

**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. Ian Townsend, Merlin Tax and Accountancy,

18 Merlin Close, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4GA

**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 have been 4 full PCC meetings since the last APCM on 25th July 2021. After the last APCM in July 2021 membership of the PCC numbered 12 including ex-officio members. The PCC welcomed back Peter Gee as an ex-officio member after becoming Reader.

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 2021**

Brief resume of the activities for the calendar year:

The Annual Parish Church Meeting took place on Sunday 25th July 2021 after the service of Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Brimscombe with Mrs P Hill in the chair.

**Building**

With the Covid restrictions easing saw the Church building being open again during the day on the timed lock. There have been problems with damp some of which appear to have been rectified with the clearance of the gutters. Further investigation is required to determine if there is another cause.

**Mission and worship**

After finishing a series on the book of James the sermons have been following the lectionary. Services have remained in the 11am slot for continuity purposes of time of Zoom and Benefice Joint Services.

A lunchtime bible study group Soul Food started in September on alternating Thursdays from 1pm to 2.30pm in the Upper Room.

The Lent course was on discerning God’s will and looking at what God is doing in our lives? This was also picked up in some of the Sunday services in the run up to Easter. The course has been run through the study groups throughout the Benefice as appropriate and on Zoom.

Several of the Brimscombe congregation attended a Joint Benefice Weekend Away at Lee Abbey in early November. Everyone enjoyed good fellowship and time for relaxation as well. They were invited to witness the baptism of a number of the Lee Abbey community in the sea who also shared their moving testimonies.

Rev Sarah Haslam and Peter Gee led a group of people carol singing around Brimscombe on the evening of Monday 20th December. Around 35 – 40 people joined them in Albert Road, then to outside the Nelson Trust House and finally moved to outside the Ship.

Christmas Eve Carol Service went well with 55 people attending

Christmas Day Service was attended by 25 people.

To reduce the workload of the Ministry Team they stopped producing the daily reflections and replaced them with those written by the diocese. Then the period of Lent and Easter saw a trial of using Lectio 365 as a possible long-term solution.

Since the last APCM there has been 1 baptism and 1 funeral.

**School**

Open the Book team have started entering the school again once the Covid restrictions were further eased and assemblies being run once a week by one of the Ministry Team.

Peter Gee and Theresa Yates-Round, a former Chair of Governors have recently joined as Foundation Governors.

**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.