**HOLY TRINITY BRIMSCOMBE.**

**MINUTES: ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (review of 2022)**

**After the Morning Service on 14th May 2023**

The meeting took place following the service of Morning Worship at Holy Trinity Brimscombe. Annual Report, Finance Report have been on display in the Church and on the church website, for all to have an opportunity to read.

PRESENT: Peter Francis (PF), Richard Kerr (RK), Sarah Bennie (SB), Chris Short (CS), Theresa Yates-Round (TYY), Helen Kerr (HK), Jennie Wilson (JW), Jayne Hancock (JH), David Butcher (DB), Pam Appleton (PA), Candida. Maggie Adams (MA), Sue, Liz Davies (LD); Liz Del-Nevo (LDN); Jane Doe.

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**Sunday 14th May 2023**

1. **Welcome and prayer: PF**
2. **Apologies for absence:**

Donna Sennik, Pauline Hill, Peter Gee, The Amors, The Ayres

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Approve Minutes of meeting held on 8th May 2022

Proposed SB, second JW

1. **Matters arising:** None
2. **Election of 2 churchwardens:**

Peter F expressed:

Pauline standing down sadly. Agreed to do a big card and thank you for all she has done. Unanimously agreed.

CS to continue as church warden Proposed: TYR ; seconded JH

Richard Kerr offered to be Church Warden proposed JW, seconded JH.

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (for 2021)**

` **Held on Sunday 14th May 2023**

1. **Approve Minutes of previous APCM meeting** held on 8th May 2022

Proposed: SB, Seconded JW.

1. **Matters arising:**

none

1. **Electoral Roll Report**

RK stated there were 38 – 17 residents, 21 non-resident.

(LD and LDN joined the main meeting)

1. **Election of PCC Members**
   * Vacancies - Peter F reminded Leah is standing down. Pauline Hill has stood down due ill health
   * New members

Helen Kerr – PF proposed; RK seconded.

Maggie Adams – RK proposed; Theresa Yates-Round seconded.

* Re-election of 2022 co-opted members
  + Jennie Wilson - Proposed PA, Seconded JH
  + Donna Sennik – Proposed CS, Seconded TYR
  + Richard Kerr – now Church warden so ex-officio

**5) Election of Deanery Synod Member**

Vacancy for 1 person

No volunteer at the meeting, but attendees were encouraged to consider it further.

1. **Church Annual Report**

Statutory requirements and a brief résumé of the year’s activities had been prepared by the PCC and displayed on the church website.

1. **Finance**

SB gave a summary – Noted the costs of living increasing and thanked the congregation for continued generosity.

£29,537 income 2022, slightly less than 2021, due to reduction in giving, and less income from weddings and funerals.

£33,804 payments out – an increase from 2021, due to ncreases in maintenance, energy and clergy expenses resulted in a £4267 loss in 2022.

We met our parish share £22K this year. Parish share helps with the costs of Salaries and running of church. We also donate monies to causes such as Amigoes, Nelson Trust, The Grace Network and The Door.

Outlook for 2023 – impacted by change in gas contract. SB/PCC will need to keep assessing parish share.

All gave their huge thanks to SB.

Independent Examiner. Ian Townsend of Merlin Tax & Accountancy was approved.

1. **Reports**

**Churchwardens:**

Report is displayed on website within the APCM report.

All wanted to express thanks to churchwardens Chris Short, and Pauline Hill, for all their hard work to keep things going.

A huge thank you to Pauline Hill, who is stepping down as churchwarden. for all that she has done for the Church for so long.

CS gave a church warden summary. The most notable event was the jackdaws stopping the church clock and bell ringing for a while. This was notable as we had so many phone calls and offers of money to get the church bells going again, and a discussion on Facebook about it. So the building still has resonance in the community. Jackdaws, 3 bucket loads of sticks removed, and the place stopped for jackdaws to continue to nest, but without stopping the clock.

Chris was thanked and applauded. Pauline also.

**Deanery Synod:**

No report displayed as Brimscombe currently has no lay representative on the Deanery Synod.

PF – Deanery is looking at a plan for the future of Stroud churches. “Smarter together” making use of common ministry resources and common procurements. Sharing and working together as churches and helping one another.

**Sunday Club:**

**PF-** not currently running separate activities. But engaging with the school.

**Safeguarding Report:**

PF – VR has taken over safeguarding officer. Huge experience. And PF reinforced that it’s really important for everyone to know it's a safe church and feels safe for everybody. We take looking after every member of our church seriously.

1. **Ministry Report**

PF – wanted to give thanks to all those who work in the background. Eg CS today did prayers reading and sound desk. HK hoovering and cleaning; PG and Jez Yates Round for leading worship; Team of intercessors and readers; Welcomers and tea and coffee makers; And thanks to the ministers and readers.

Also for activities during the week – bible study, soul food, prayer group. Monday morning – open the book into schools. Weds – PF or Rod Harris leading worship at Brimscombe School. Also many governors are from church. Governorship is a big responsibility and commitment and putting into the life of the church school.

Other initiatives such as Christingle, roving nativity, curry and jazz evenings. Liz Davies got a special round of applause for all of her hard work and arranging successful events.

Also community coffee morning – JW was thanked.

In summary, a big thanks to all behind the scenes, and out front and all who are working and serving throughout the week and spreading the good news in work and community.

All are called to serve in community to love and serve and witness. All are encouraged to come forward and volunteer.

1. **Any Other Business**

**None.**

PF closed in prayer.

Meeting closed at 12:29.