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JOINING GOD IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday 4th April 2022, 7.30pm, in All Saints

MINUTES

Opening worship and prayer

Rich welcomed everyone and introduced a time of worship in which people were invited to share what they are thankful to God for over the past year. These included:

Prayer support from our life group; ability to meet in person again; online gatherings; Artspace; life group and smaller communities; new faces and being able to have proper conversations; and, 6pm gathering that started in September, lots of young people coming along.

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

(i) **Approval of minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on Monday 29th March 2021**

Proposed: Sarah Keley

Seconded: Jenny Prigg

In Favour: 36

Abstentions: 9

Objections: 0

(ii) **Election of churchwardens**

Rich Johnson thanked Rich Colthurst and Phil Bristow for all they have done in the past year to serve the church. Rich will not stand again as Rachel Colthurst is about to be ordained and will be doing a curacy at Kempsey.

Rich Colthurst took a moment to thank the staff team, and in particular Mark Carrington for all he does on behalf of the churchwardens and PCC. He also thanked the Vicar and acknowledged what a difficult job it is to be a church leader, adding that it has been a privilege to serve alongside him.

Standing for election as churchwarden:

Jenny Prigg, proposed by Paul Barton, and seconded by Sarah Kelsey;

Phil Bristow, proposed by Heather Fooks and seconded by Kevin Fooks.

Jenny Prigg and Phil Bristow stood unopposed and were duly elected churchwardens until the APCM of 2023. The meeting showed appreciation with applause! The room prayed for Jenny and Phil, led by Kath.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(i) Apologies for absence

Received from: Paul Barton, Nat Colthurst, Rachel Colthurst, Sue Dickens, Sam Greenstreet, Ben Kelsey, Mark Pirrie, Joy Pollock, David Warren, Abby McCaskill, Lynn Tresidder, Simon Tresidder, Geoff Pritchard, Hannah Gillies, Mark Gillies, Janet Price, Sue Price, Steve Chase, Ivanna Giles, Chris Giles, Maggie Chase, Dave Christmas, Heather Christmas, Les Gonzalez, Julia Gonzalez, Wendy Taylor.

(ii) Approval of the Minutes of the APCM held on 29th March 2021

Proposed: Amy Williams

Seconded: Bryan Mason

In favour: 36

Abstentions: 9

Objections: 0

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

(iii) Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

(iv) Receipt of Annual Report and Accounts 2020 and Annual Review 2021

Rich referred the participants to the Annual Review of Ministry available on the website. He gave particular thanks to Sue Price, Parish Safeguarding Officer and to Mark Carrington, Operations Director. The Annual Report and Accounts are also available to view on the website.

a. Electoral Roll report

At the APCM on 29th March 2021 the roll stood at 179. Since then 11 names have been added and 13 names have been removed. Today the electoral roll stands at 177. The roll is available to view on the website and in the building.

b. Treasurer's report

Grahame introduced the Annual Report and Accounts 2021 which (are also available on the website). Special note to the list of gifts in kind and all the gifts of hours given by people in the church.

Church funds have reduced by 23K. Though we have been able to keep expenditure down, our income is down by £48K.

At the beginning of 2022 the PCC made decisions about longer term financial planning. We want to sustain our service to the parish as well as service to the Diocese

as a resourcing church. We have a grant from the Strategic Development Fund (SDF) of the Church of England and this funding will taper off as we get closer to 2026 when we need to be self-funded. We need to grow income by £30k each year in order to replace the SDF funding.

The headline from Foodbank is that God has provided! The generosity of volunteers and donors has been incredible. We are glad to have funds in reserve and are very clear that this is in store to serve the city where there is such great need.

Sarah Kelsey acknowledged Grahame's hard work, dedication, openness and transparency in the way he does the treasurer role. She urged the congregation to ask questions. The congregation gave him a big applause.

(v) Elections of lay representatives to the PCC

a. Election of PCC representatives

Rich thanked the PCC members coming to the end of their terms: Bryan Mason, Andrew Jackman, and Jenny Prigg. In addition, Amy Williams is standing down as she and Alex head off on their travels shortly.

The meeting paused to thank and pray for our outgoing PCC representatives.

There were 8 PCC places to elect. 4 three-year terms, 3 two-year terms and 1 one-year term to fill.

Standing for election to PCC:

- Sandy Bannister, nominated by Di Levins and Philippa Barton
- Purvi Wood, nominated by Andy Sheppard and Chris Giles
- Andrew Jackman, nominated by Sue Stone and Judith Mason
- Bryan Mason, nominated by Chris Barton and Mark Carrington

These people stood uncontested and were duly elected as PCC members until 2025.

b. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

It was noted that James Roe has served as our only Deanery Synod representative since 2021, but he will be moving to start curacy in June so will step down from this role shortly. No one stood for this role so it will remain vacant until the PCC can nominate a representative.

The meeting paused to pray for the new members and the work of the PCC in the next year.

(vi) **Appointment of Independent Examiner for the year to December 2022**

Rich proposed that David Hibbett be appointed as the independent examiner for the year to December 2022

Proposed: Mark Carrington

Seconded: Alex Williams

In favour: 43

Abstentions: 0

Objections: 0

(vii) **Questions**

- a. What will our ordinands be doing next and do we have any more in the pipeline? James and Emily Roe will be leaving us in July, and though we cannot announce yet where, we can say that they will not be staying here at All Saints, which is a great sadness, but we will wish them well. Rich Wood will continue as ordinand with All Saints while he completes his training.

(viii) **Vicar's report**

- a. Rich started by saying thank you to everyone. It has been such a difficult time, but we are making it through. This is largely down to the community - their grace, and because they have been reaching out to support one another. He thanked our ministry leaders, the PCC, the staff team, Sue Price, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, and most of all Kath and their children, who pay the biggest cost of Rich leading the church.
- b. There are lots of new faces which is great, but we know there are some that we are missing, who haven't come back since church came back in person. We also miss those who have left to start something new, the Smiths, Pettifers, and Tim over in St Peter's Bengeworth; and the Gallachers who moved to Oxford. And yet we have enjoyed new beginnings - Annabel started as Children's Worker in November and has already had a great impact.
- c. Rich shared a sense that things are firing up – words of encouragement, buy-in of the church family for the Big Weekend in the summer, and spiritual openness of the people around us.
- d. Re-ordering work for St Helen's is about to begin and the project is going out to tender now. The final plans were up on a board to look at as people came in at the beginning.

- e. Two areas we want to lead out on as All Saints within the Diocese of Worcester:
 - i. Youth mission – we have funding for a Youth Commissioner. Last year’s ROC (Redeeming our Communities) conversation with community stakeholders identified the crisis for young people as one of the main priorities. There is potential to work together with Worcester community for youth across the city.
 - ii. The other is a Communities Commissioner to coordinate the ways we serve the community and engage in social action.
- f. We need everyone to be ‘all in’: Rich reminded us of our church family commitment to pray, play (our part by serving) and pay (to fund church ministry).

3. Closing prayer

The participants prayed together on their own and in groups after which Jess closed the meeting in prayer.

Present at the APCM and Annual meeting of parishioners on 4th April 2022 and on the electoral roll (43):

Hilary Auty, Rhys Auty, Christine Barton, Peter Barton, Philippa Barton. Roy Bannister, Sandy Bannister, Mark Carrington, Rich Colthurst, Richard Corral, Mike Croft, Sarah Croft, Helen Dean, Tim Dean. Bev Dickens, Keziah Greenstreet, Andy Hodgkiss, Eric Holland, Kath Johnson, Sarah Kelsey, Helen Khogali, Diana Levins, Gillian Lucas, Grahame Lucas, Liz Marshall, Bryan Mason, Judith Mason, Annelise Nunn, Philip Nunn, Alice Pirrie, Tom Pollock, Jenny Prigg, James Roe, Carol Rogerson, Andy Sheppard, Mark Stone, Susan Stone, Kay Vincent, Phil Wade, John Warren, Alexander Williams, Amy Williams, Purvi Wood

Watching online:

Heather Fooks, Kevin Fooks, Christine Haig, John Taylor, Rose Adams, Paul Long, Ruth Long, Joanne Oates, Colin Whitehead, Janet Whitehead,

In attendance at the meeting and not on the electoral roll (6):

Diana Drew, Annabel Wade, Trina Fernando, Alison Hopkins, Fraser Oates, Jess Fellows