

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, OLD BASING AND LYCHPIT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, OLD BASING, ON SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2020 AT 10.30 a.m.

The Annual Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Parochial Church Council for the year ended 31st December 2019 had been previously circulated to everyone on the church electoral roll in electronic or booklet form. This report included all the statutory information. A full copy of the 2019 Financial Statement plus notes was on display in the church foyer.

Present: Revd Heather Leppard & 38 Parishioners: Pauline Chamberlain, Jeanette Edwards, Fay Farrant, Rowena Hackett, Alfred Harding, Katharine Harding, David Headlong, Helen Holley, Mark Holley, Janet Jackson, Mike Jackson, Robert Jackson, Vena Jackson, Joanna Jarrett-Kerr, Alan Jones, Rosemary Kershaw, Julie Leaming, Mike Leaming, Myrna Lewis, Jill Macfarlane, Mike Pavier, Penelope Potter, Ann Price, Geoff Price, Tricia Renwick, Paul Skinner, Sue Smith, Vaughan Snook, Rosey Stevens, Gary Taylor, Chris Walker, Karen Walker, Julia Wright

Present on Zoom: 5 Parishioners: Debbie Filer, Ian Kershaw, Beryl Mullender, Malinda Snook, David Stevens (from item 5).

The meeting opened with prayer.

1) **Apologies received from:**

Apologies received from June Brant, John & Mae Keary, Mike & Celia Moore,

2) **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of 28th April 2019**

These minutes had been on display in the church vestibule for two weeks prior to the meeting. All present were in agreement with the minutes and they were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

3) **Vicar's Report**

Reverend Heather gave a verbal report on the year, a copy of which is attached. In particular, she thanked everyone for the support and welcome she, Dominic and the children have received since their arrival. Penny Potter, after many years, has decided to stand down from the post of Sacristan and in recognition for her service, Revd Heather presented Penny with a gift. Penny stated that it had been a privilege to serve as Sacristan and gave thanks to all those in the Sacristy Team for their support.

4) Formal adoption of the Annual Report and the Accounts

St Mary's Treasurer, Julia Wright, gave a presentation on the financial position of St Mary's for 2019 (copy attached).

No queries on the Accounts were forthcoming and there were no objections or amendments to the Annual Report and Accounts. By a show of hands all present were in agreement that they be formally adopted.

Proposed: Tricia Renwick; seconded: Rosemary Kershaw.

Julia encouraged anyone to submit any questions on the finances to her at any time.

5) Presentation of the new Electoral Roll

The Chair reported that at April 2019 the Electoral Roll numbered 123. Since then 1 person has died, 2 have moved away and 9 have been added so there are now 129 on the Roll. 25 are non-resident.

6) Elections of up to 3 lay persons to the Basingstoke Deanery Synod for a 2 1/2 year term

Nomination forms have been submitted by Jo Jarrett-Kerr and Paul Skinner who would like to continue on Deanery Synod for a further term. A nomination form has also been received from Rebecca Aldridge. All three were elected for a 2 ½ year term.

7) Elections of up to 3 lay persons to the Parochial Church Council for a 2 ½ year term

Nomination forms have been submitted by Mike Leaming and Sue Smith. They were both elected for a 2 ½ year term.

8) Appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2020

Colin Bezant has confirmed his willingness to continue to act as Independent Examiner in 2020/21.

9) Postal Voting at Vestry & Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The Chair reported that in order for postal voting to take place, this has to be agreed at the previous APCM. The Diocese discourages postal voting as ideally they would prefer it if people attended in person. Postal voting takes place after the APCM, with a deadline of two weeks for votes to be submitted. There is therefore a delay in the relaying of any vote decisions. It was noted that voting would only take place on particular issues, eg. PCC and Churchwarden elections, not matters such as approving the accounts.. A 2/3 majority in favour is required in order for a postal voting proposal to be accepted. A Presiding Officer would also need to be appointed. The Chair invited comments.

Tricia Renwick stated that she felt that not offering postal votes it disenfranchises a number of people who are long standing members of the congregation and who may not be able to attend due to mobility issues. It was agreed to put a proposal that postal voting be permitted from the 2021 APCM, proposed by Trish Renwick, seconded by Alan Jones. 71% of those present were in favour of the proposal. Postal voting will therefore be permitted from the 2021 APCM.

10) Consideration of any matters raised by any member of the Electoral Roll

Mike Pavier expressed his gratitude to Revd Heather for all her efforts since she became Vicar at St Mary's in June 2019, particularly during the current pandemic.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 11.30 am.

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