

St. Michael and All Angels Church Hughenden

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 27th September 2020

40 members of the congregation were present and others on live stream.

Rev. Keith Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with a prayer.

- 1. Apologies.** Sara Badrick, Andrew Cole, Stan Cole, Anu Thompson, Lyall Thompson.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29th April 2019.**

Copies of the minutes of last year's Annual Parochial Meeting along with copies of the Annual Report Booklet were available for everyone to read. The minutes were approved, after a correction to Antony Rippon's name, as being an accurate record and signed by Keith.
- 3. Election of Deanery Synod Members (4)**

There were 4 vacancies for 3 years. 3 nominations were received and Mike Hill, Arthur Johnson, and Christopher Tyrer were duly elected.
- 4. Report on the numbers entered on the revised Electoral Roll.**

183 persons on the newly constructed six year roll. In the period to March 2020, 5 were added, making 188 at the start of the annual revision, notice of which had duly been advertised before lockdown. AVMs and APCMs were duly postponed. In accordance with Church Representation Rules meetings were to take place before the 31st October. The new notice of revision at the end of August has led to the latest revision, completed on 12th September, and this has been statutorily displayed in the porch for fourteen days. The Revision has led to 5 deletions and the addition of 4 qualifying members. The roll starts the second year with 187.
- 5. Election of PCC members.**

There were 7 vacancies, 4 for 3 years, 2 for 2 years and 2 until April 2021. 3 nominations were received and James Gamon, Brian Morley and Antony Rippon were duly elected. The vicar thanked all those who had been on PCC and now stepped down.
- 6. Presentation of the Annual Report.**

Thanks were given to Louise Stallwood and Lynn Brooks for putting the book together and to the contributors for the articles. Thanks for those who contributed to the life of the church. Keith picked out some snapshots from it: Community Day, new curate, Bell Tower project which continues as a challenge, youth work and Tiny Tots. He read out a prayer from the Bishop of Oxford, which Helen Peters had included in her report, Jean Godfrey's 25 years flower arranging, Friendship Morning and Penny, Church House Teas, Mission Support and Santanas, November weekend for Homeless Connection, Comms and the enhanced social media presence, use of Churchsuite and the vision of Youth and Children.
- 7. Presentation of the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2019 by Ian Faulkner.**

Accounts were displayed in the porch and booklets were available. Surplus of £113,383 achieved through donations of £122,444 which included a legacy from Kathleen Moxham of £117,000. Income from Church Teas was down but over the years teas had raised a substantial amount. All those who had helped with teas over the years were thanked. Wedding and funeral fees increased by £7,000. Expenditure had been kept down.

The PCC has agreed the budget for 2020. Planned expenditure is £169,258 against a projected income of £152,170, giving a deficit of £17,088. Bell Tower final costs will be produced later.

Ian thanked Arthur Johnson, assistant treasurer, who did the banking, Mike Morgan for assistance in finalising the accounts, Mike Dean keeping him on the straight and narrow, PCC for continued support and Kathie Faulkner for her support. No questions were asked. On behalf of everyone Keith thanked Ian for all his work over the last 9 years. He is moving from Hughenden but will assist Brian Morley until December. Keith said we owed Ian enormous gratitude and presented him with a gift.

It was noted that Ben Brice has put accounts and reports on the website.

8. Looking Forward to the Coming Year.

The vicar talked about the unusual situation that we are all in with national Lockdown and being compelled to close the church in March. Many good things had come from it in the community. For half a year St Michael's @10 and JC Club Online had broadcast. This had been a learning curve for the exceptional tech team which had produced worship online appreciated by friends old and new. Our faith must be placed afresh in God – a constant place in the future. 2020's report will be very different with Zoom social interaction and we must be mindful of those we have not seen for months. Vision group and PCC are mindful of the challenges we face. Our hope and prayers are for normality in the future.

9. Churchwardens' Report.

Nothing to add to the report in the booklet.

10. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Report

Christopher talked about the strength of synodical governance. New church planting is still a major part of Living Faith and Christopher asked for prayers for the development and direction of this work. Christopher announced Bishop Steven had made him Chairman of the Oxford Diocesan Council for the Deaf and asked for our prayers. Deanery Synod is an open meeting and all can attend.

11. PCC Task Groups and Church Activities

The report booklet contains information about the many and varied church activities.

12. Any Other Business.

No matters were raised.

Retiring PCC Secretary was thanked and given a gift.

Frank Hawkins from Social and Outreach group talked about ways to keep people connected. Zoom quizzes, a Car Treasure Hunt and Zoom Bake Off competition were in hand but other ideas would be accepted.

Keith closed the meeting with prayer at 12.16pm.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Vicar)

Louise Stallwood PCC Secretary