

# **St. Michael and All Angels, Hughenden**

## **Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 11.49 am**

The vicar welcomed those attending and those joining by Zoom.

### **1. Apologies**

Andrew Cole, Stan Cole, Richard Stallwood, Louise Stallwood, Alan Jaycock, Jan Jaycock, Ben Sharp, Susan Devereux.

### **2. The minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 27/09/2020 were approved and accepted.

### **3. Election of Deanery Synod members**

There were no nominations for the 2 places available so the Deanery Synod members remain as Mike Hill, Arthur Johnson and Christopher Tyrer.

### **4. Electoral Roll**

In the absence of Arthur Johnson, Susan Brice (PCC secretary) read out his report.

This stated that there were 177 people on the current electoral roll.

### **5. Election of PCC members**

David Tester, as Licensed Reader, was moved to the Clergy List of members and thus becomes ex officio. There were 7 places available on the PCC but no applications for membership and so no election. The Vicar commented that this was a tricky time for people to take on new commitments and he thought next year might be more fruitful.

### **6. Presentation of annual report**

The Vicar expressed thanks to all involved.

### **7. Presentation of annual accounts by the treasurer Brian Morley**

Brian disclosed a loss this year of £20,000 due to a lack of weddings, visitors and services. However, the regular income had not changed. He expressed thanks to Ian Faulkner who had strongly encouraged the move from yellow envelopes to direct debits and also thanks to those who had continued to give throughout the last 18 months.

The streaming equipment which had been installed in church had cost £17000, with the majority of the money coming from local grants and

generous, unsolicited donations. Very little had needed to come from church reserves.

The work on the Belltower is due to begin in spring 2022 to comply with the requirements of the diocese. Brian told the meeting that £110,000 was the financial ceiling for this work. Grants will be applied for with the results expected later this year. The aim is to keep the monetary reserves of the church for community projects. Brian suggested that the congregation could contribute by raising their direct debit or by giving a one-off donation. If one wanted to give specifically to a community project, this would be possible a little later on.

The Vicar offered thanks to Brian for his work as treasurer.

#### **8. Vicar's Report - Reflections on 2020**

Keith began by remembering the pilgrimage that he led to Israel in February of 2020 and how on our return this was swiftly followed by the pandemic and the lockdown, resulting in locked churches and (incredibly quickly) online services. Particular thanks are due to Tony Sackville, Richard Peters, Ben Sharp, Guy Mannerings and also to Bex Hawes for her online JC Club material. Keith noted that the lockdown affected the mental health of many in a wide variety of ways. The way that people stepped up to help, volunteer and assist in various charitable projects was amazing.

In between lockdowns we were able to be in church for Christmas with services led by the organist Neil Brice and the choir.

Keith paid tribute to Helen and TJ and thanked them for their support in many events that were both strange and varied. He commented that some people had not felt able to return to church as yet and he was leading a small working group to make 2021 'Back to church year.'

#### **9. Churchwardens' Report**

As in the report booklet.

#### **10. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Report**

As in the report booklet.

#### **11. PCC Task Groups and Church Activities Report**

All these reports are within the Report Booklet and also on the website.

Questions were welcomed at this point and Helen wanted to thank Bex Hawes for her youth report.

Keith closed the meeting in prayer at 12.12 am.

Susan Brice (PCC Secretary)  
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