

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, ENBORNE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Held on 27 May 2023

At 10.00 am in The Barn

Present: Rev Becky Bevan, Mr Julian Dickins, Mr Peter Seabroke, Mrs Phil Vockins, Mrs Margaret How, Mrs Marian Burton, Mr John Bolan, Mr Glenn Wycherley, Mrs Pat Attwool

Opening Prayer

Words of welcome and introduction

By Rev Becky Bevan

Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Mr John King and Mr Paul Apps.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

1. Election of Churchwarden(s)

- i) Mr Julian Dickins was elected as Churchwarden - proposed by Mr John Nolan, seconded by Mrs Margaret How and unanimously agreed by all present.

Rev Becky confirmed that JD will now be sworn in and given a term of office by the Bishop.

Mr Peter Seabroke confirmed that he would no longer act as Churchwarden but agreed to continue as a deputy, which all present gratefully acknowledged.

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1. Approval of Minutes of the APCM held on 7 May 2022

These were agreed and signed by Rev BB.

2. Reports:

- i) **Annual Report** - A Report had been prepared and was presented to members of the PCC at an Extra Ordinary Meeting prior to the APCM. This was unanimously agreed and signed.

Following further discussion it was noted that:

- There could be benefits in making changes to some current methods of payments, eg SSE and Thames Water.

ACTION - PS to set up DD or SO as appropriate

- A proposal to consolidate all funds at Lloyds Bank was made but JD and PS felt this should be kept separate at this time, which was agreed.

- It was agreed that Fiona Jones should be appointed as paid PCC Treasurer subject to annual review by the PCC. This should include her attendance at PCC meetings.

ACTION - JD and GW to confirm appointment with FJ

- Raising funds and an increase in covenants:

Social evenings and events had taken place and funds raised - Shelley evening, Cromwell Singers - it is hoped that these could be added to, eg Jane Austen talk.

ACTION - JD and others to liaise with interested parties

- Use of the Barn - income from use during recent elections had been received. It was suggested that once we are as one Benefice a notice could be displayed for enquiries to Alex at St George's admin office in order for future bookings to be made.

ACTION - Notice to be prepared by Alex and displayed on notice boards, including at St M's and on the benefice website in due course.

- Quinquennial inspections: the repairs needed have been identified and are being considered, priorities discussed and costings sought. The installation of a water meter was suggested and is to be investigated.

ACTION - JB, JD, PS

ii) **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll was updated in 2022 and included 23 names. There was some discussion involving others' names which raised some questions about the accuracy of this Electoral Roll. Rev BB explained 'Ground Zero year' - where everyone is removed and then have to request to be rejoined. JD suggested that some residents and businesses local to the church, ie the Vine Yard, might be interested.

ACTION - PA to investigate and discuss the update of the Electoral Roll at the next PCC meeting

iii) **Proceedings of the PCC**

Rev BB talked through the report for the APCM beginning by paying tribute to former Churchwarden, Roger Pope. BB highlighted the main focus of the PCC throughout 2022 as being:

- The pattern of worship and clergy cover from, the South Newbury Team

- Enborne Primary School and the Church's link through Revd Becky Bevan with assemblies conducted fortnightly and school services in church
- Management of the Churchyard and an application for the reservation of a grave space.
- Repairs to the fabric of the Church, including to the roof
- Social events to encourage outreach, such as coffee mornings and a tour of the Vineyard and Harvest Evensong
- The success of Forest Church, an innovative outdoor service to attract people of all ages. This took place three times through the year.
- The pastoral reorganisation to enable Enborne to join the South Newbury Team. At the the PCC meeting on 26th November 2022 the PCC of St Michael and All Angels, Enborne, reviewed all the documentation from the wider church relating to the new benefice and voted unanimously in support of the draft proposal. Rev BB commented that the process is now in the hands of the Diocese and we are yet to receive the public notices for display.
- A particular highlight of the year was the Advent Carol service with the Enborne Consort.

Overall, Rev BB described 2022 as being a year of moving towards working together as the South Newbury Team. Much has been achieved in a relatively short space of time. Work has begun on raising awareness of St Michael's, encouraging engagement, and seeking to increase income so that the Church can fulfil its mission to share God's love by serving the people of the parish. Rev BB thanked everyone for all they give to the work and mission of St Michael's.

iv) Churchwardens' Report

PS advised that the roof repairs had been carried out but that there is still more required to the sum of £6,000. External water access is recommended in another location and needs to be investigated. Monthly grass cutting has been on-going. PS gave thanks to Phil and Marian for overseeing the cleaning and flowers at the Church. PS added that David Church looks after the car park and edging and Paul Apps has looked after the Lych gate. PS added that some of the cords required to open the windows need replacing. There was some discussion about cars blocking the grass area to enable parking and this led to concerns relating to the use of the area.

ACTION - Plans to secure the car park area to be considered and ideas discussed at a future meeting

JD advised that the transition had enabled two monthly services, one morning/Holy Communion service and an evening 'forest' service. The Advent Carol Service and the Harvest Festival was particularly well attended. Three school services had been well supported by parents of Enborne School, one wedding and funerals. Social occasions had been really well attended which it is hoped will continue.

3 Elections

PCC

Julian Dickins (Church Warden)
Peter Seabroke (Deputy)
Pat Attwool (Secretary)
Marian Burton
Margaret How
John Bolan
Glenn Wycherley
Steve Kerry (Parish Safeguarding Officer)

Deanery Synod

John King (Deanery Synod rep via Zoom link)

4 Appointments

l) Auditors: not applicable but an Examiner was appointed:

Andrew Richardson: Examiner, Mulberry Accounting Services

5 Any Parochial Questions

None

Closing Prayer

Rev BB closed the meeting with prayer.

SIGNED:

DATED: