**St Mary the Virgin, Bletchingley**

**Minutes of PCC Meeting held on**

**Tuesday May 25th 2021**

**Present:**

Rev’d Phaedra Pamphilon-Green (Rector) Jennifer Hyde

April Alexander (churchwarden) Jeff Marks (Safeguarding Officer)

Bill Alexander (treasurer) Valerie Muller (PCC Secretary)

Pamela Cock Cyril Mighall

Trevor Dawson Jackie Puleston

Rosa Diacon Clementine Sellick

Sandie Hooper

**Apologies:**

Kate Doody Richard Fowler, Vicki Gillespie, Lynn Hargreaves McCallum, Chrissie Markham,

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting in prayer

**Appointment of PCC Secretary:** Valerie Muller

**Appointment of PCC Treasurer:** Bill Alexander

**Appointment of Vice chair of the PCC:** The churchwardens

The Rector thanked April Alexander for her contribution as churchwarden, she said she had been a hardworking, good and faithful servant.

**Ushers/Welcomers:** Ann Pressey, Beverley Green, Jeff Marks, Beverley Green, Jennifer Hyde, Louise Tantum, Mark Tantum, Oliver Jackson, Pamela Cock, Richard Fowler, Rosa Diacon, Severine Hemms, Sue Morris, Trevor Dawson, Val Muller, Vicki Gillespie

**Deputy Warden:** Sandie Hooper

**Standing Committee:** The Rector, Churchwardens, PCC Treasurer, PCC Secretary, Deputy warden, Trevor Dawson and Jennifer Hyde**.**

**Finance Committee:** Rector, PCC Treasurer, Churchwardens, Lisa Swan, and PCC sec will confirm whether John Trott and David Sellick are happy to continue**.**

**Worship**: Confirm whether Kerry and Penny would like to be on this committee. Sandie Hooper.

**Social Committee:** Confirm whether existing members are happy to continue. Jackie Puleston, April Alexander

**Ecumenical Committee:** Confirm existing membership

**Fabric working party:** Confirm existing membership. The Quinquennial Inspection last year has highlighted a number of jobs that need doing. Some will need to be done professionally.

**Youth and Young People:** Kate Doody, Rosa Diacon, Chrissie Markham

**JPIC:** Jennifer Hyde, Ed Muller, Val Muller, Richard Fowler

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been circulated in advance, were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

The area of hospitality. The cupboards have been moved to create a larger space behind the organ, very useful for meetings and hopefully for coffee when we are able to serve coffee again. The Holy

Spirit Chapel now feels more like a chapel. This is an experimental arrangement to see how it works over the next few months.

The area in front of the Clayton memorial will be developed as a Chapel of Reconciliation.

Although official guidance permits distributing Communion in both kinds it was decided to wait until after the next easing of restrictions to make a decision as to whether this is right for St Marys.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The only correspondence received had been from the diocese about coping during the pandemic.

**Twitter Account.** In February 2017 one of the then churchwardens set up a Twitter Account for St Marys using the link **“STMARYSRH1”**. However this account is, it says, owned and run privately but still says ‘What is going on at St Mary the Virgin church in Bletchingley?. The views expressed are not those of St Marys but of an individual who is on occasion economical with the truth. The PCC unanimously agreed that the Secretary should write to the current owner requesting that ownership of this site should be returned to the rector and PCC. This letter is attached for reference.

Howard, who worked on the DSAR, has written to the owner of this site but has received no reply.

**Children in the Church Choir,** a lot of misinformation is being circulated about why we don’t have young people in the church choir, that the choir is unsafe etc etc. The Rector, together with the Diocesan Safeguarding team are preparing a statement (which you have now received and is also attached to these minutes) to be circulated and read out in church. This states very clearly why the choir is an adult only choir.

**DSAR** there has been no reply from the subjects who requested this.

**Finances to end of April 2021**

The treasurer had circulated the balance sheet to the end of April. He said finances were in good shape with a surplus to date of £5404. Each month varies but he is optimistic about the year end figures. Finances are still dependant on income from the Thomas Chapman Charity.

Churches in Southwark have been hit hard by the pandemic so it would be good to aim to increase our giving to the diocese if at all possible. The treasurer will review the budget at the end of June to see if this is possible.

The treasurer was thanked for his hard work.

He thought it would be a good idea if some-one else took an interest in the accounts, not as an assistant treasurer but rather as a second pair of eyes.

**JPIC**

This committee has not met but Jennifer has become very involved with RASJF, Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus who have recently produced webinars covering both County Line drug dealing and Modern Slavery.

**Life after Lockdown!**

Activities are gradually returning to Church House. The Hawthorns school have already booked their Christmas Carol services, and both our local schools are exploring ways to connect with the church.

Everything is being carried out respecting Covid Precautions.

**AOB**

**At Nutfield’s APCM** there were no nominations for churchwardens, so these duties are being shared by members of the PCC

**Churchyard** This maybe looking a little untidy but the mower is being serviced

Meeting finished at 10pm with everyone saying The Grace together.

**Dates for future PCC Meetings**

**All PCC meetings will be in church starting at 7.30pm**

**Monday September 6th**

**Monday November 1st**

**Monday January 10th**

**Monday March 7th**

**APCM Sunday May 8th**