

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH DOWNEND

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 23rd MAY 2021

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

JV welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those joining from home. JV advised that those at home could vote via a text message to Paul Peterson. JV opened the meeting with prayer.

1. JV advised that the Minutes from the meeting held on 18th October 2020 would be circulated online during the following week. JV and PP have found the details to be an accurate report.
2. JV reported that Maggie Nicholls and Bryan Ashton will continue in their role as Church Wardens. JV offered a prayer of thanks for their exceptional hard work during the year.

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JV advised that the Annual Report was a glimpse of the life through the Spirit at Christ Church. JV felt privileged to have worked with such amazing people. God has blessed us with resources, finances, buildings and tech. He has witnessed the building of openness and love within relationships which has been extraordinary during the Pandemic. We may need to think differently as to how we 'do' church. We need to look at what is significant and should be implemented and what we could do without. He reiterated that we are so blessed to have Paul Peterson to lead us through a vacancy with the PCC until the appointment of a new vicar in due course.

PP reported that Christ Church has Patrons (CPAS) which have a duty of care to ensure a good appointment. A representative will take a lead and work alongside the Diocese and the PCC. On 6th July there will be a PCC meeting with the Patron and the Archdeacon. A Parish Profile is to be drawn up which will detail our vision, mission hopes and dreams for the future along with information about our Parish and community. During a meeting in the autumn, the PCC will elect two Parish Reps to serve on the interview panel. PP advised that the views of the whole community at Christ Church will be sought. Please can we all pray for patience during this lengthy process.

JV formally invited MN and BA to continue in their roles as Church Wardens.

PROPOSED

SECONDED

ALL IN FAVOUR

JV wished to express his thanks to all PCC members and concluded that Christ Church is a multi-generational family and we are so blessed to have such a willing set of people to serve the Lord.

Financial Report

JP gave the highlights of the financial situation with CCD, drawing out significant aspects from the Accounts. His summary appears in the Annual Report document.

JP reported that the finance work in our Church is a huge team effort. Many thanks to Dave Tooby, the G4L team, our office team, all those who maintain separate funds and bank accounts and all those who collect, count and bank church income. A special thank you to our Bookkeeper, Sally Coates, who is leaving us shortly, after nearly 5 years of valiant support, and a big welcome to Gabrielle Foster, her successor.

Pauline Pearce asked whether the Parish Share contribution would increase in 2021?

JP replied that it would continue to be monitored with the hope that it could be increased in due course.

JV thanked JP for his sacrificial work as Treasurer.

PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

NORMAN LOW PROPOSED

DAVE TOOBY SECONDED

ALL IN FAVOUR

JV advised that David Owens will not be continuing as a member of the PCC as he was moving with his wife Helen to Wiltshire. The following would however, be standing: Eloise Phillips, Rosie Brydon, Julian Cox, Laura Powell, Adam Parfitt, Andy Pound and Sally Green.

These people had all been duly nominated and seconded – ALL IN FAVOUR

Jamie Paddon was happy to continue as Honorary Treasurer, Paul Peterson as Chair of PCC and Caroline Plummer as Clerk.

The Deanery Synod Members are Richard Ward and Roger Cholmondeley.

RW and RC had been duly nominated and seconded – ALL IN FAVOUR

The Deputy Wardens at Christ Church Centre are Mary Massey and Sally Green. JV expressed his sincere thanks for the continuing service of these two members of CC.

The Electoral Officer is Elissa Wiltshire.

MN reported that there are 248 members on role. This was made up of 10 new members. 7 members died last year and 3 had moved away.

Health and Safety Officers are Maggie Nicholls and Bryan Ashton.

JV reported that the Diocese has commended CC at our worshipping in safety during Covid. 75 people can sit safely in church at this time.

Appointment of Independent examiner/auditor to the Council for the coming year.

Burton Sweet were happy to continue in this role and JP affirmed their work.

ALL IN FAVOUR

JV advised that this would be his last APCM at Christ Church and he considered himself to be incredibly blessed in his 20 years at Christ Church Downend.

JV closed the meeting in prayer.

signed

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