

St. Michaels and All Angels Colehill

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 23rd April 2023 following the Parish Eucharist

Minutes

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Numbers in attendance – 38

Apologies – 11

Election of Church Wardens – Graham Kewley and Hilary Motson elected unanimously.

2. Annual Parochial Meeting

Numbers in attendance – as per Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Apologies – as per Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 10th April 2022 signed off as a true record. (Helen Hunwick later clarified that the correct figure for the Electoral Roll last year should have been 124)

Matters Arising – None

Election of Parochial representatives of the Laity

a) To the Deanery Synod 3 representatives. Jo Clayton and Muriel Jacobs elected unanimously leaving 1 vacancy.

b) To the PCC 4 representatives. Caroline Jones, Becky Bellows and Lindsay Wood duly elected leaving 1 vacancy.

3. To Consider the Variation of Elected representatives to the PCC from 12 to 9

Suzanne explained that we have been struggling to fill vacancies on the PCC and that it is often easier to work with a smaller committee. In addition, if the Electoral Roll drops below 100 then only required to have 9 members. The decision would be applicable from the next APCM in April 2024.

The proposal: to reduce the elected representatives on the PCC from 12 to 9

Proposed by Malcolm Chisholm. Seconded by Alan Motson

Passed with 36 votes for and 1 abstention

4. Appointments

Tony Raymond to continue as Independent Examiner.

Proposed Lindsay Wood, Seconded Jill Laybourne. Unanimous decision

5. Electoral Roll Report

Written report submitted. Helen Hunwick reported that there were 124 on the Electoral Roll last year. 8 members have died and we have gained 1 new member bringing the total to 117

6. Safeguarding Report

Written report submitted. Thanks were given to Debbie Stevenson for her diligence and to Jo Clayton for her position as choir chaperone.

7. Churchwarden's Report on Terrier & Inventory

Verbal report by Lindsay Wood. Additions to the inventory over the last year include 121 new chairs; oak dais for the nave altar, mobile platform for the Viscount Organ, Shark re-chargeable vacuum cleaner; donation from the diocese of Evreux of a brass cross.

Deletions of 140 chapel style chairs.

Terrier – replacement of notice board.

8. Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 2022

Copy attached to this document. Alan Motson (treasurer) gave a slide presentation on both the General Fund and the Church Centre Fund. The General Fund has a surplus of £6824 after 2 years of deficit. It has been a collective activity to get to this position. Planned giving should remain the same but the Parish share has increased to £66920 and we are looking at a potential deficit of £4000 this year. The Parish share has increased by 3% this year and will be increasing by 5% next year as Salisbury Diocese aims to break even. Our energy costs are up £1600 on the previous year. Contactless payments are increasing with £759 via Goodbox and £5405 via Sum Up and £1627 via the Church website.

Colehill community Café – Surplus in 2022 of £697. Half of payments now made by card. Payments made via Collect tin can be gift aided and the details only need to be taken once. (Recommended by Diocesan Advisor)

Church Centre Fund – net deficit of £1889 due to some one off maintenance costs.

Cleaning now undertaken by Karen Scott

Peacehaven Project – driven by Sharen Green. Alan Motson has been administering the financial donations but no other church involvement. The project has received donations of £27,500

James Westgate gave thanks to Alan for all he does and for his dedication, openness and clarity which builds confidence in church finances.

A vote of thanks was given to Alan and to Nigel Butler for all they do.

9. Vicar's Report

See attached summary.

Suzanne highlighted the return to normal and is encouraged by the quality and variety of worship. Thanks were expressed to Jo Clayton and the organists, to the Lay worship team, to Barbie Watson and the flower team, to Hilary Gooding and the craft group, to Eric Jones, to the Fabric committee and Nigel Davies, to Robin Hill for the nave altar dais, to Becky and Wayne and to Emily and Luke for the organ platform, to Graham for his behind the scenes work, to Alan for the finances and to Karen Rimmington for her work as booking secretary and for her voluntary work with the Community café. Suzanne highlighted the need for new people to lighten the load. Thanks to the dedication of the congregation in re-starting the Community café and Cherubs.

We have had a number of significant losses to the congregation and we give thanks for their life. We have also lost those who have moved due to family circumstances; Lorraine whose valued working relationship is missed and Daphne who contributed so much to the parish in many roles.

As Suzanne goes on sabbatical she knows that she leaves a wonderful team in place and that she will return refreshed and renewed.

10. AOB

None received

Trustee Declaration form were distributed to PCC members for completion and return.

Next Meeting of PCC Wed 25th April at 7.30pm

Next APCM Sunday 21st April 2024 at 11.30am