

Saturday, 31st October, 2020

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Election of Churchwardens

Stu Hulbert proposed by Diana

Seconded by Barbara Smith

All Agreed

Ben thanked Grahame for his years of service. He will step down from the role of church warden, but is going to continue to help in practical ways as a verger.

Ken Pimenta was proposed by Diana

Seconded by Ali Hulbert

All agreed

Ben thanked Ken for his help in editing our online services and said that he is very much looking forward to having him on our team. Ken has only just joined the electoral roll, but we haven't renewed our electoral roll for 18 months and this is allowed due to the irregularity of this (due to Covid 19).

APCM

Apologies

Jenny Miles, Mike Watkins

Minutes of 2018/2019 meeting

Ben asked if there were any corrections from last year's minutes. There were none.

The minutes were taken as an accurate account of the meeting and Ben said that he will give Ali a signed copy of the minutes tomorrow at church.

Receipt of reports and questions:

Chairman's report

Ben asked if there were any questions.

Ingrid asked who is on the Friends and Social Committee, which is mentioned as part of the online meetings that have been continuing over lockdown. Ben explained that this was only

in Hinton and not relevant to Bransgore, or Thorney Hill. Ingrid also asked who is on the Standing Committee. Ben said that this, again, is relevant to Hinton.

Treasurer's Report

Ben thanked Damian for assembling the reports and Jim MacJanet for checking the reports.

Damian thanked Mike for taking on the role of treasurer and also thanked everyone for supporting him during his time as treasurer. He reiterated that he is happy to continue to work with Mike for the rest of the year to ensure a smooth handover.

Ben said that the role has expanded enormously during Damian's time as treasurer and thanked Damian for all his hard work.

Ben explained what the Wiseman Fund is, for those who didn't know.

Deanery Synod's Report

Ben thanked the Deanery Synod members - Diana Ward, Ali Hulbert and Alison Clark.

Ben asked if there were any questions about the reports. Diana said that she is often unable to make the meetings because she is at work.

Stu asked if there are zoom meetings now and if this meant that meetings were more accessible. Ben said that there are, but they often take up a whole Saturday morning, which doesn't work with family life.

Electoral Roll

Ben said that, since the last electoral roll, we have said goodbye to three dear friends Ron Baldwin, Dennis Osgood and Yve Gerwat.

He only knows of eight people who want to be added to the electoral roll. He believes that the electoral roll now stands at 97. If we reach 100 members, then we can elect three Deanery Synod, but, until then, we can only send two.

PCC Elections

We have resignations from Derek Miles, Anna Hickling and Mel Warman (who was a school governor and was co-opted onto the PCC as a result of that).

A year and a half ago, we elected Kerry Stopper and Alex Gifford. Ben said that he has not insisted on them attending the PCC because their duties as school governors are already quite significant and he doesn't want to burden them unduly.

Sue Barrett has agreed to stand as a member of the PCC.
Ingrid Tomkins proposed

Helen Perkins seconded
All agreed

Deanery Synod

Diana Ward has agreed to stand again for Deanery Synod
Damian proposed
Pauline seconded
All were in favour.

Mo Pimenta has also agreed to stand
Stu Hulbert proposed
Julie Melvin seconded
All were in favour.

Mo is a candidate to be ordained as a deacon. Ben said that she will bring a lot of wisdom and experience to her role in Deanery Synod.

Sidespeople

We don't have sidespeople in Bransgore as such.
Ingrid Tomkins and Pauline Lewis both serve as sidespeople at All Saints. They officially welcome people to All Saints and do a wonderful job.

Any other business
Pauline asked what will happen regarding Bernard Sharp Trust, which she and Derek were both elected to be trustees of a year or so ago. Derek has resigned from the PCC, but Damian said that this won't be a problem, as there is not much to be done at present with this account.

Grahame is a trustee of the Wiseman Trust and Stu asked if this is OK. Damian said it may have to be considered as this is a more demanding role.

Ben thanked everyone for coming.

Ben proposed a vote of thanks to Damian for his work as treasurer.
Stu seconded
All were in favour

Ben closed in prayer.

PCC Meeting

Present: Ben Sargent, Ingrid Tomkins, Stu and Ali Hulbert, Diana Ward, Pauline Lewis, Maureen and Ken Pimenta, Sue Barrett

Apologies: Jenny Miles, Mike Watkins

Ben asked each person present to introduce themselves.

Ben introduced Alison Clark and John Prince.

Ben explained that Mike will be the treasurer and supervise Ann Mace as the book keeper, so that the role is not too demanding for a single person to juggle alongside work and family life.

Election of treasurer Mike Watkins

Pauline proposed

Diana seconded

All were in favour

Election of secretary

Ingrid proposed

Mo seconded

All were in favour

Any other business

Covid-friendly Sunday School. Ben said that there is a risk assessment regarding safe Sunday School. Ali will email that to the PCC and it will be voted on electronically.

New lockdown rules will probably come into force on Thursday, for a month, meaning that churches will once again be closed. Tomorrow's service will go ahead as planned, with all precautions possible.

Christmas will not be at all normal this year and Ben said that the PCC must meet very soon to put together a picture of what will be able to go ahead.

Ben and Kelly's two main ideas for a Covid Christmas:

Church on the road - a little group of six people carol singing in four places in the village, to bring the church to people's doorsteps.

A walking tour of the nativity. You travel through the church (one way), seeing different stations of the birth of Christ.

Ben advised that we can think up new events that hopefully don't evoke a sad comparison with normality. He asked the PCC to come up with ideas. Every church will hold communion on Christmas Day and Ben will try to incorporate music in some safe way.

Ingrid said that she would like some clarity about Remembrance Sunday, but Ben said that the Church of England has yet to issue guidelines. This will be in line with government advice, which has not yet been issued. Ben is keen for the church to meet together as much as possible.

Diana asked if the Smart Water has yet been done at All Saints. Ben said not yet.

Ben said that, sadly, Christianity Explored will have to be cancelled.

Stu closed in prayer.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th November 7:30