

# **St. John the Evangelist, Milford**

## **Annual Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

28 members of the Church, including officials, attended the above meeting.

Welcome by Revd. Clive Potter who opened the meeting with prayers after a reading from 1 Peter Chapter 2, v.1.

Appointment of Miranda O'Brien to act as Clerk for both meetings was agreed.

### **Apologies for absence:**

John and Nicki Herring; Chris and Tricia Boynton; Pauline Garlick; Rob Andrews; Liz Burrows; John and Clare Sandy; Alison Turner; Pier Farrell; Karon Sewell.

### **Minutes of Vestry meeting 2021**

Minutes were approved and signed by Revd. Clive Potter as a true record.

### **Matters arising**

None

### **Election of Churchwardens**

Clive thanked the Churchwardens for all they have done and do. The meeting went on to elect: -

Judy Downing – proposed by Pam Hewson and seconded by Jackie Hills.

Jackie Hills - proposed by Pam Hewson and seconded by Miranda O'Brien.

Both elected unanimously.

## **Annual Parochial Meeting**

### **Apologies for absence:**

As above

### **Minutes of Annual Meeting 2021**

Approved and signed by Revd. Clive Potter as a true record.

### **Matters arising**

Nothing further to add

## **The Vicar's Annual Report**

As read in the report pack.

## **Report of the Churchwardens**

As read in the report pack.

Jackie and Judy thanked Sylvia Foster for her organ playing and Andy Papworth for his sterling work mowing the Churchyard.

Jackie presented the Church Log and Terrier which were signed off by Clive and witnessed by Frances Cousins.

## **Presentation of Accounts**

As read in the report pack.

Nick highlighted some key points.

At the beginning of the year Nick had budgeted for a £17,156 deficit but 2 grants we received nicely filled in most of this hole in our finances. We received an "Additional Restrictions Support Grant" of £14,565 from Waverley Borough Council because our Church Centre was closed and not earning any money due to the Pandemic. This seemed to be overly generous compared with our actual loss of income but we were clear about our actual losses. It seems from their web-site that the decision of the Grants Manager is final and not to be argued with. We also received a smaller grant of £740 from the National Lottery Community Fund for equipment to support services by Zoom. Before we stopped Zoom services, we had spent some of this.

Nick thanked Clive for pointing out the Additional Restrictions Support Grant and to Judy for applying for both this grant and also the National Lottery Community Fund grant.

Most of our sources of income were down due to the pandemic but due to good donation income our total income excluding the grant was only slightly down on our budget while our expenses were more significantly down resulting in a final deficit of £1,437.

We were able to hold our Quiz Night, on Zoom, which raised £419 for St John's and £419 for the Samson Centre.

The Fabric Fund this year paid out £14,149 for new Church Centre doors and refurbishment of the lobby space including a new carpet. The old commercial boiler heating the Church was exceeding the meter capacity which was the cause of cut-outs and a cold Church. This was resolved by replacing it with a smaller but high-capacity domestic boiler which was calculated to be still able to support the heating load. This cost £5,937. However there has since been found a leak somewhere in the heating system but we may be able to get some of the cost back from the insurance.

Gifts for Outward Giving causes have been maintained at 10% of all income (excluding the incoming grants) at £5,663, down £509 (-8%) on last year. Money has been given to our 5 regular charities (The Warehouse Christian Trust, Chandler School, The Children's Society, The Samson Centre and CHIKS). Without our normal matching income, the PCC agreed to give a small amount to the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the Royal British Legion. We were assuming that the money given to the

Warehouse Christian Trust would mostly go to Skillway but it did actually go to the Cellar as Skillway had received a large grant.

One item of expenditure was new Marriage registers as a result of the changes to the licensing of marriages. There are no longer wedding licences but the couple receive a document which they sign during the service and then they have to get their own licence within 21 days. Each marriage service is numbered, e.g., Milford 001. There will still be the reading of banns.

For 2022 we will move on to the third year of the transition programme to the new Parish Share system and so our Parish Share will increase from £57,217 to £65,000 (up nearly £8,000) with a corresponding increase in our budgeted deficit of about £25,000.

Nick then asked the meeting to accept and adopt the financial statements which was done. Proposed by Nick O'Brien and seconded by Judy Downing.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner**

Nick said that Alison Sanderson, from St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park, Woking has been our Independent Examiner again this year and she has agreed to do the same for 2022. He asked the meeting for a formal vote of thanks to Alison which was unanimously given.

Clive thanked Nick for all the work he does as Treasurer.

### **Electoral Roll**

As read in the report pack.

143 at the end of 2021.

### **Report of the Proceedings of the PCC:**

As read in report pack.

Clive thanked Miranda for her accuracy and promptness of the PCC Minutes.

Clive thanked Carol Thomas, who had served 6 years on the PCC, and John Hambly, who had served 3 years. They are both coming off the PCC. However, John would still like to continue on the Building and Maintenance team.

Clive thanked Peter for his ministry and support; Barbara Steele-Perkins for her support and her theological mind with her sermons and the Lent Course; all the PCC members; and of course, Janet for her support and ministry.

### **Election of PCC members:**

Before the APCM there were 5 vacancies on the PCC filled as follows:

- Jonathan Hills, proposed by Janet Potter and seconded by Jackie Hills.
- Pier Farrell, proposed by Penny Clark and seconded by Pam Hewson.
- Lynne Callender, proposed by Janet Potter and seconded by Jackie Hills.
- Karon Sewell, proposed by Janet Potter and seconded by Penny Clark.
- David Pepe, proposed by Maddie Murray and seconded by Jackie Hills.

All candidates elected unanimously.

**A.O.B**

Clive mentioned that the PCC had agreed to adopt MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) as our overseas charity for Outward Giving, instead of CHIKS which is closing down. Wendy Stevenson's daughter Fiona was working for MAF in Papua New Guinea for 4 years but is now preparing to go out to Southern Sudan.

Frances asked if anyone would like to have a Children's Society collection box as she had some spare.

Jackie thanked Clive on behalf of the Churchwardens for leading us through services during the year.

John Bickerdike thanked Alison Turner and the Zoom team who had provided Zoom services throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm with prayers.