**The Parish of St Luke’s with the Church of the Holy Spirit, Burpham**

**THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

**Sunday 23rd April 2017**

52 people were present at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Burpham.

The minutes of the 2016 meeting were approved.

**Appointment of Churchwardens**

The following two people had been duly nominated and seconded and had declared themselves willing to stand: John Michael Pocock (Proposer Daniel Knight, Seconder Joy Peart) and Diana Boyden (Proposer Daniel Knight, Seconder Joy Peart).

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared these two elected.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Held at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 23rd April 2017**

52 people were present

Minutes Secretary

In the absence of the PCC Secretary, Mike Pocock was appointed to take the minutes for the meeting.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Rex Thorpe, Claire Pocock, Lisa Scott, Susan Denton, John Denton, Ann Wright and Jean Davey.

Minutes of the 2016 meeting

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Electoral Roll report

The electoral roll report was prepared by Lisa Scott. 3 names had been removed (including 2 deaths) and 12 new names added making the electoral roll 133 in total compared with 124 last year.

Report of the proceedings of the PCC

A written report had been made available on the church website and in paper form at church the week-end before. Martin Jones briefly presented the report. Comments and questions on the report were invited. The only response was a question in relation to the sound system in CHS and difficulties for some people in hearing at the 9.15 service. It was felt this was not a fault in the sound system but it was agreed to check whether the settings could be improved.

Presentation of 2016 accounts

Printed accounts had been made available on the church website and in paper form at church services the previous Sunday. They had been approved by the independent inspector and the PCC.

Martin Jones, PCC Treasurer, presented a summary of the accounts, noting a reduction in giving, in spite of the generosity of the church family, leading to a small deficit. He then invited questions from the meeting. The only question related to the financial effect of Pippa Ford no longer being our curate. MJ responded this would only lead to a marginal reduction in costs, and noted that we hoped we would have another curate in the future.

MJ was thanked by the Chair of the meeting and those present for the hard work of being treasurer and preparing the accounts.

The accounts were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Appointment of independent financial examiner

Alastair Michie was unanimously reappointed by the meeting.

Report on fabric and goods

A written report had been made available on the church website and was available in paper form at the meeting. Questions on the report were invited but none received. Thanks were given to the various people who have worked to help maintain and improve the fabric of our buildings

PCC elections

First James thanked Roger Salter, who was standing down from the PCC at the end of his three year term, for the invaluable work he had done while on the PCC. Jean Davy was also at the end of her term but had agreed to stand for re-election.

There were three vacancies but with the possibility to expand the PCC if more than four nominations were received. Two nominations had been received in advance with all candidates declaring themselves willing to stand.

Jean Davy (Proposer: Mike Pocock, Seconder: Alan Wells)

Alan Whicheloe (Proposer: Daniel Knight, Seconder: Joy Peart)

There being no other nominations, these two were declared elected.

James thanked the PCC and praised them for their positive and diligent approach.

Election of sidespeople

A list of names for approval was had been published with the documents for the meeting. All were elected unanimously.

Report of organisations

A written report had been made available on the church website and in the Burpham Times and was available at the meeting. There were no questions on this report.

Vicar’s Remarks

James followed the theme of the services that day and the many events, achievements and developments in the life of the church in the last year, which we were celebrating. These included:

* The further success of Free and for Nothing, which had been on a Sunday with over 1000 people attending
* The number of people coming to faith through the many church activities, leading to many adult baptisms
* Our growing work with church partners having given over £11,000 to them in 2016, and particularly Happy Child where jenny had been very active, and the spread of CAP courses into George Abbott school with the help of Daniel Knight.
* The growth of prayer in the life of the church with a Prayer Room at key times and prayer sessions every weekday morning
* The creation of the Barnabas room, which was already having a significant effect on the church’s ministry
* The many developments and rapid growth in the youth and children’s work
* The number of people coming forward and volunteering to help the work of the church. Many people quietly assisted behind the scenes but made a huge contribution to the church, which was vital to the overall success of the church

James concluded by thanking (and with Jo presenting gifts in appreciation) many specific people who had contributed to the life of the church, but also everyone who helped.

Conclusion

Mike Pocock concluded by thanking both vicars, James and Jo, for the multitude of things they do for Burpham Church, demonstrated by the many achievements since they came five years ago, creating an enjoyable and fulfilling atmosphere for the church family. He pointed out how much more time they committed to their ministry than they were supposed to and how everyone greatly benefitted from it. All present concurred, ending with a very warm round of applause to our vicars.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 13.15