

Drafts for approval at 2022 meetings

BURPHAM CHURCH

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING was held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 on Zoom

'Present': Rev Jo Levasier (chair), Jane Agg, Alistair & Elodie Barry, John & Valerie Boon, Ruth Boughton, Evelyn Brown, Trish Collins, Nigel Cooper, Olive Crosby, Jean Davy, Marcelle Falconer, Jennifer Galloway, Nicola Geraghty, Joan & Robert Gibbons, Ann & Peter Hooper, Barbara & Victor Howarth, Martin & Sandra Jones, Sue & Brian Kethero, Grace & Martin Luke, Darlene McCarley, Alastair Michie, Paul & Pauline Mitchell, Hilda Nethercott, Joy Peart, Claire & Mike Pocock, Gay Rickman, Jasmine Runnacles, Carol & Roger Salter, Lisa Scott, Deborah Smith, Jennie Sullivan, Ann Thirkettle, Rex Thorpe, Ann & Roy Wigmore, Lewis Williams, Gillian Wood.

Apologies for absence were received from Graham & Liz Rutherford.

1. Rex Thorpe was appointed to act as secretary
2. The minutes of the 2020 vestry meeting were approved without amendment.
3. There were two nominations:

Paul Mitchell (nominated by Murray Jennings and seconded by Jean Davy)

Lewis Williams (nominated by Marcelle Falconer and seconded by Jean Davy)

There being no other nominations, **Paul Mitchell** and **Lewis Williams** were declared elected.

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING was held on Tuesday 18th May 2021

Present: same as for the Annual Vestry Meeting.

1. Rex Thorpe was appointed to act as secretary
2. The minutes of the 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Burpham Church Review: short video presentations, as listed below, that represented important events and activities from 2020/1 were shown:

- Nicky Geraghty on Children & Youth
- Jane Agg on growth groups online
- Grace Luke on Burpham Preschool

who reported that the preschool has been open to all since June 2020. It has been open to the children of key workers throughout. Only 14

children were attending when it restarted for a new academic year in September, but this soon rose to 24 with a record number of aged 2 years.

- Jennie Sullivan as retiring churchwarden spoke about the extra insight of all the activity at church she has gained. An increased load at work and at Happy Child means she has to step down.
- Paul as churchwarden spoke about the well-attended prayer meetings on Zoom
- The Mission Action Team

about the large donations to Mission Partners that were made possible out of the tithe of the exceptional gift. Street Angels. CAP. Burpham Christmas blessings. Foodwise. Friends International – specially challenging for overseas students this year. Money has enabled there to be international chaplains on the campus of Surrey University. Happy Child money kept the charity going through the Covid-19 crisis in Brazil. Also repairs to the buildings.

These video reports were available on the church website the day after the APCM

4. Jo mentioned the Report on Fabric and Goods which was available online
5. Overview of Financial Information

Martin Jones gave a presentation on the 2020 Accounts which had been approved by both the PCC and the independent examiner. He reported that the church's income from voluntary donations has held up well though the year. However, when the exceptional gift is stripped out, there is an underlying deficit of about £20,000. Martin explained the apparently large increase in staff costs was caused by less than usual expenditure in 2019 because of a vacancy for a youth worker and exceptional expenditure to support covid-19 activities. There has been no change in staffing levels. Martin also explained that the short-term loan to the diocese of about £200,000 will be repaid gradually over the period 2021-3. About £13,000 is retained for MAT projects to be used as the county and world come out of the pandemic.

Martin Jones thanked Alastair Michie for his time and careful work as independent examiner to the completion of the 2019 accounts and reported that the 2019 accounts have been signed off by Alastair.

Martin had addressed in his presentation two questions from members of the church that he had received in advance. Jo invited further questions on financial matters from those 'present'. There were no further questions.

The meeting accepted the Annual Report and 2020 accounts

6. Report on Electoral Roll 130 (125 in 2020)
7. Election of Deanery Synod Lay Representatives: no nominations
8. PCC elections

Jo thanked Ella Nash and Joan Gibbons for their faithful service as members of the PCC. She declared that the following nominations had been made:

Martin Jones, nominated by Jean Davy and seconded by Marcelle Falconer.

Debbie Smith, nominated by Gillian Wood and seconded by Ann Wigmore

Grace Luke, nominated by Rebecca Hughes and seconded by Debbie Smith

Further nominations were invited but none were forthcoming.

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of vacancies, Martin Jones, Debbie Smith and Grace Luke were elected for three years.

9. Re-appointment of independent financial examiner.

Andrew Wye was appointed to act for the accounts for 2021.

10. Minister's Remarks part I

Jo thanked the church for its good humour over the difficult last six months. She looked forward to the further reopening of church but with no certainty as to timing. She mentioned the questionnaire about future activities and indicated that had shown a wide range of views. The only consistent things were the need for flexibility in service types and a dislike of being on rotas. Jo said that the church leadership is looking into getting the equipment needed to broadcast/record services from church. Jo invited the church to pray for God's will to become clear.

Jo reported that there is no plan to reopen St Luke's yet. The PCC has designated most of the exceptional gift for major projects. One idea is for a community café at one of our two locations. The church is making a grant application to Guildford Borough Council for additional funds to make this idea reality. However, with a change of churchwarden and James being suspended from ministry, decisions are unlikely to be made before the autumn. Jo concluded the first part of her remarks with a prayer for the peace of Christ rule in all our hearts.

Jo invited questions from those attending of any matter covered so far at the APCM. No questions were forthcoming.

11. Minister's Remarks part II

Jo expressed her thanks to and appreciation of the whole church family.

She mentioned a number of individuals who had or were making special contributions amongst whom were:

Jane Agg, Debbie Smith and Ann Wigmore for devising, trialing and running the Zoom call from the APCM from CHS.

Darlene McCarley for devising and presiding over Zoom Communion on Thursdays

and writing and delivering the sermons,

Jasmine Runnacles for finding a way to continue visiting on behalf of the church

Lisa Scott for finding a way to work as church administrator from home allowing Marcelle to continue to work from the church office.

Ann Wigmore for her diligent work as Safeguarding Officer in what has become a huge role, ably supported by Eleri Knight who is stepping down because she is moving to Pirbright.

Niki Geraghty for her very creative approaches to youth work including making Holiday Club work under very exceptional circumstances.

Jane Agg for leading Sunday Club online and for her support for special services.

Martin Jones and Paul Mitchell for their work on the finances including making the change to a commercial accounting software.

Mike Pocock as assistant warden in charge of buildings.

Paul and Jenny for their service as churchwardens in support of the clergy over this specially challenging time.

12. Churchwarden's response

Paul Mitchell thanked Jo for all her hard work and for taking on the whole role of minister and to James for his hard work over the year in review.

13. Conclusion

Jo closed the meeting with a blessing