

Annual PCC Meeting of St Michaels Bray with Braywood held on Sunday 18th April 2021 on Zoom

This meeting was recorded.

Present: Rev Ainsley Swift, Rev Kevin Collyer, Lynda Jones, Helen Pearson, Sian Adams, Linda Shepherd, John Seymour, Jim and Jackie Tucker, Ken Amery, Audrey Ashby, Susan Shaw, Penny and Ian Murray, Andy Giles, Mavis Dennett, Jasvir Banks, Natasha Teeder, Tony Ellison, Pam Woodruff and Katrin Brunning.

Apologies : None received.

Prior to the meeting Pam thanked everyone for the flowers, which were created by Maggie, which she had received earlier in the church service as thanks for all her efforts and hard work as Honorary Treasurer.

The Agenda set out for the meeting was followed which had been sent along with the Annual reports to those on the electoral roll.

The meeting started with prayers.

Meeting 1

Election of the Churchwardens.

The 2 nominations were Sian Adams and Helen Pearson. They both consented to continue as church wardens. They were proposed by Julie Graham and seconded by Katrin Brunning. Everyone was in favour. Therefore they were both duly elected.

PM and JT thanked the Churchwardens for all their efforts during the last year. Sian was thanked for her Ministry of Zoom, which last week had 34 windows open. Sian thanked Ainsley for his efforts and everyone at home for joining in on Zoom. Helen thanked those who have helped those who come to church and those who helped with track and trace. Lynda Jones was thanked for her Funeral ministry and our thoughts go out to those who have had a funeral in these difficult times. The PCC members were also thanked.

Meeting 2

- The minutes of the last meeting held on October 25th were voted on and approved. Thanks were given to Lesley Burch for her role as Secretary.
- The following members of the PCC were elected as there were under 11 candidates. Having all stated they were willing to continue. John Seymour, Ken Amery, Jasvir Banks, Andy Giles, Natasha Needer, Audrey Ashby, Penny Murray, Jim Tucker, Lynda Jones and Katrin Brunning. Pam Woodruff stood down from the PCC. New people would be very welcome.
- The elections on sidesmen for
8am : Anna Frizell (with limitations) Richard Smart, Tony Ellison and Katrin Bruning.
10am: Jim Tucker, Ken Amery, Tim Cooke, Ian Murray, Jilly Rothwell, Penny Murray.
KA commented on the number of sidesmen. PM replied that a number of sides people have stepped down. HP will make an appeal for more help. LJ will put

something in the newsletter. There is an upcoming Wardens meeting when this can be discussed. JT thought some people would just like to be asked. NT said she would but she needs to be in the Sunday School.

- **Electoral Roll** Wenda Fowles has sent a letter to Rev Ainsley wishing to retire . The wardens have sent flowers as thanks for her many years of service to the PCC. She has sent thanks for the flowers. We have no updated electoral roll The roll list is now on email. It is revised yearly and updated every 6 yrs. Rev Ainsley will ask for volunteers in a forthcoming Church service.

- **Annual Reports**

These were sent out to those on the electoral roll last week. There has also been a copy in the church Porch from last Sunday .

The Vicars Report

The figures have reduced though many have taken to Zoom . There were no questions raised from the printed report. SA thanked Rev Ainsley commenting that Zoom had played to his strengths along with Porch Services and Churchyard ministry. With his help we can be steered to still calm waters. AS thanked Rev Kevin Collyer for all his help with technology and his Minecraft Ministry This pioneering element has been heard of in many places. JT thanked AS and KC for their friendly guidance with Zoom.

Financial Report

The report was as printed . Pam Woodruff gave additional reports, that the independent examiner has read the reports and will sign them off these will then be signed by PW and AS. A search for a replacement Independent examiner is in hand. Any questions : IM thanks PW and will put together a “Wish list” to access any funds. JT responded that if we sell any shares the funds must be used for what it was requested for. JT thanked PW She has been an outstanding treasurer, PW replied she had the help of Tony Ellison and Jasvir Banks for which she thanked them. AS thanked PW for prompting him to claim expenses !

Remaining Reports

Childrens Society . See HP report. It is hoped to hold some kind of fund raising though is mindful of detracting funds from the church .

Church Teas As reported though PM commented there is hope to hold Church teas in August outside.

St Michaels on line As reported . Facebook presence and Zoom Zoom is unlikely to end anytime soon .It has been useful to those still wary of returning to public spaces and those who are housebound and those not able to come to church . It was commented that it may be useful to younger families as well.

It was commented that todays service on Zoom was very quiet. JS almost inaudible. JT said quiet to start better when on gallery view. KS will try again for next week's service.

Social Events. As reported. Though KA is planning the Christmas trip to Thursford again this year. Look out for notices on booking your place. Churchwatch discussed. No plans as yet.

Young Church NT will keep trying to raise numbers attending the Sunday School. ? Online like Minecraft. Sunday Morning may not be a good time for children with many outside activities.

St Michael's Mission Plan LJ will keep an eye on the mission report She has had an update and there may be another one due. LJ will send her thoughts to AS and discuss them with him. KC will be our Minecraft guide. Mission plan to include Porch and Churchyard ministry. AS said these had been Jane Swifts ideas . LJ and AS will discuss with PCC.

Music Report JT gave his report which was as detailed in the written report, commenting the money raised has gone to Church funds and Alexander Devine. It is hoped that Jazz on the Lawn can take place this year. The new Piano has not been in action as yet AS thanked JT for his efforts.

Fabric Report IM added comments to his written report adding That the Organ had needed work . Sadly Mr Collins has passed away so another company is now required to work on the organ. AS thanks IM for all his work. IM reported that next year's expenses will be an electrical inspection. A solar powered system is being looked at Thanks to Steve Adams and Mike Henely for their input. Solar may not be possible for the church to use - Batteries etc. Looking at Under Pew heating Heat the people not the church. To reduce expense.

Deanery Report There were no questions raised from the report.

Tower Captains Report As reported . Additional information was given. The Bell tolled for Prince Philip. Hand Bells have been rung outside the church for some services. They will follow the road map shared by the Bell Ringers Guild who have been good at updates. No further questions raised.

Friends of St Michael's

LJ reported she had nothing more to add to her written report. There has been no fundraising, more members also wanted. Their primary purpose is to support the Church. There are a number of ideas in the Pipeline. The AGM is planned for 16/5/21 at 11.30 am on Zoom. There were no further questions.

Appointment of Independent Examiner This is being looked into by RS perhaps someone from Crawford Hale. PCC can appoint at another time KA commented this could be at our next PCC meeting.

Date of next meeting . Easter is Sunday 17th April 2022 . The proposed will be Sunday 24th April 2022 Hopefully in Church.

Pam Woodruff was thanked again for all her services to the PCC

AOB None.

Meeting Closed 12.37 pm with Grace.