

SHERBORNE WITH PAMBER ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

HELD IN SHERBORNE ST JOHN VILLAGE HALL

On Sunday 15 April 2018 at 7pm

Present: John Hamilton (Chairman), Annabel Errington, David Cullum, Emily McKewan, Jenny Spence Tim and Pippa Aslet, Chris Woodward, Scott Seivewright, Chris and Liz Gwynn, Kerry Watson, Keith and Nicky Bunker, Liz Rees, Elaine Montegriffo, Andrew and Aileen King, Rob and Gayle Vermeer, Sue Marrison, Caroline and Nick Elphick, Andy Spence (Secretary)

24 members of the Church family attended the meeting

1. **Opening prayers**

2. **Apologies for absence**

Nick & Lynda Harding, Steve & Wendy Howe, Peter Marrison, Jenny Cooke, Anthony and Mfyanwy Huggett, Roger and Lorna Coombes

3. **Election of Churchwardens**

As the only nominees, Peter Marrison and Tim Aslet were duly elected as Wardens.

4. **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2017**

Minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting – this was proposed by Liz Rees and seconded by Nick Elphick and unanimously adopted by the APCM.

5. **Matters arising from the above minutes**

None.

6. **Declaration of items of 'Any Other Business'**

Data Protection Coordinator – Sue Marrison.

7. **Electoral Roll Report**

There are 110 people on the electoral roll: 71 in Sherborne St John, 9 in Monk Sherborne, 7 in Pamber Green, 4 in Marnel Park, 4 in Merton Rise and 15 who were non-resident. This has decreased by 9 since March 2017. Marnel Park and Merton Rise are new areas within our parish.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Emily McKewen delivered the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Jenny Cooke. This is the first year when accounts need to be filed with both the diocese and the Charity Commission. There is a favourable variance on the end of year budget forecast resulting from Gift Aid receipts, a saving on expenses and the sale of some non-performing investments. The General Fund has been topped up from general funds and although the current balance looks very healthy this reflects the relatively low expenditure in 2017 but with the various planned projects, expenditure will be significantly higher in 2018. The PCC has met its target of donating 11% of its income to mission partners. The Parish Trust has a sufficiently healthy balance to continue with the recruitment of a new Parish Assistant once Scott leaves later in the year. The Parish Share remains the same this year as last year – which has been agreed with the Deanery. A Gift Day looks likely in 2018 based on anticipated income versus budgeted expenditure – although it should be noted that one-off giving is impossible to forecast with any accuracy.

9. **Appointment of an Independent Examiner**

Susannah Coleman has confirmed she is willing to continue to act as Independent Examiner for another year for both the PCC and the Parish Trust. She was formally nominated to act as Independent Examiner by Pippa Aslet. Her nomination was seconded by David Cullum and this was unanimously supported by the APCM.

10. Written Reports

The following reports were included in the booklet given to the church family:

Stewardship; Building & Grounds; Evangelism & Outreach; Marnel Lodge; Sherbornes with Pamber Parish Trust and PCC Secretary (including submissions from SwP Toddler Group, Basingstoke Foodbank, Money Lifeline and Prison Fellowship (Sycamore Tree).

David asked what the estimate was for the works required at All Saints following the Quinquennial Inspection. Some of the works are needed urgently while others are less urgent and could be deferred. The anticipated cost of these works will be in excess of £50,000.

11. Verbal Reports

Youth and Children (Pippa Aslet)

The youth and children's ministry continues to play an important part of the work at Sherborne's with Pamber. Rob Bowen has joined the Y&C leadership team. Please pray for the entire team as they seek to do God's will in the youth and children's ministry. We have some challenges as well as many things to give thanks for.

Sunday Club - We continue to run groups for all ages on Sunday morning made up of Crèche, Climbers, Explorers and Pioneers. Within these groups we are able to teach the bible to our younger members of the church family in a fun and engaging way. Please give thanks for the faithful teachers who give their time to run Sunday club week by week. Give thanks for all our young people, for their growing understanding of what it means to love the Lord Jesus. We pray that the children would want to come back week by week and that we as leaders would be sensitive to the challenges they face.

Toddler groups - Please pray for the outreach work to the mums and tots group and the dads and tots group. This is an amazing opportunity to meet with mums and dads of babies and toddlers and to get alongside them and to plant very early seeds of Bible stories.

Holiday club - Super heroes - Plans are underway. Rob and Ali Bowen have joined Lynda Harding and Pippa in leading HC. Please pray for all the preparations, give thanks for those who have already volunteered their support to help and lead for the week and pray for the children who will join us for the week especially for those for whom it will be their only exposure to the gospel. Pray for faithful teaching and great fun.

Church weekend away - Rob and Pippa will be running the children's work for the weekend away. Please pray that while the adults are fed from the Word the children will be equally encouraged.

Points for prayer

- 1) Building links with St Mary's Eastrop, for the pathfinder (Pioneer) 11-14 and youth group 14-18. We hope that this will provide a bigger peer group going forward while we continue to run our groups for the younger ages during the Sunday service. Please pray for those discussions that we would be able to meet the needs of our older children.
- 2) Leaders for Sunday club - We remain in **urgent** need of volunteers to teach the bible to our young people. The only essential criteria are that you love the Lord Jesus and have a heart for young people. If you would like to come and talk about teaching children and perhaps see what it is like and sit in then please contact Rob or Pippa. We would be happy to discuss opportunities. If we don't have enough leaders we cannot sustain this work.
- 3) Pioneers - This is a small group and that brings a challenge as it is hard for the leaders and the young people when the numbers are low. Please pray for the leaders, giving thanks for faithful service. Please pray for all the young people that they would attend regularly, that Christian friendships would be forged, and that they would really start to have a living faith on Jesus for themselves.

The meeting had a time of prayer particularly focused on our Youth and Children's work and needs.

Inventory and Terrier

Four new music stands and 3 microphone stands have been added to St Andrew's Church while 3 broken microphone stands were retired as were two of the music stands.

Deanery Synod

Nick Elphick delivered this report - there are 13 parishes within the Basingstoke Deanery Synod and because of the numbers attending our church we have three elected members of this Synod, plus John as incumbent. The meetings have become more relevant, less focused on administration and process and more on how the parishes can work together and better spread the gospel message of salvation. The last meeting focused on youth and children so Pippa and Tim attended to see what is happening in other churches and this perhaps accelerated the growing links with St Mary's for youth work.

12. Church Warden's Report

The Wardens thanked those who serve particularly those who serve in unseen ways plus the various officers, deputy wardens and the Parish Assistant. We have lost a number of brothers and sisters who have been real stalwarts in the faith but Tim reminded us that they would want us to be encouraged by both their faith and their service. The men's and women's ministries and home groups have had a positive year helping our church family to grow in their personal faith. Tim also reflected on the Cornhill Mission which had the theme of 'Hope in a hopeless world' and it is our prayer that some people not within our church heard the gospel message.

13. Election of PCC representatives

There was only one nomination for each of the vacancies to the PCC so Ali Bowen, Chris Woodward and Caroline Elphick who have been appropriately nominated and seconded were duly elected to serve a 3 year term.

14. Election of Welcomers and PCC Officers

Welcomers:

Helen Boyce, David Cullum, Jenny Cullum, David Corbett, Sarah Corbett, Julie Crawley, Nick and Caroline Elphick, Annabel Errington, Chris Gwynn, Liz Gwynn, Clare Harding, Nick Harding, Wendy Howe, Aileen King, Marion Leeds, Ron Leeds, Jean Linford, Pat Linford, Sue and Peter Marrison, Mary Plester, Liz Rees, Colette Vonka, Michael Vonka, Kerry Watson

These were proposed by Pippa Aslet and seconded by Nick Elphick and duly elected.

PCC Officers

There was only one nomination for each position so Steve Howe was duly elected as Vice Chairman; Jenny Cook was elected as treasurer; Andy Spence was elected as PCC Secretary and Lynda Harding as Stewardship Secretary. All these nominations were proposed by Liz Gwynn and seconded by Tim Aslet.

15. Dedication of the new PCC

This will take place on Sunday 29th April 2018 – all members of the PCC will be emailed this date.

16. Any Other Business

Data Protection Coordinator – Sue Marrison. Someone needs to take on the role of data protection coordinator building on the work carried out by Peter Marrison. It is a minimal commitment but does need to be carried out on behalf of the church family. Jenny Spence offered to take on this role.

17. Rector's Report

Many people serve in many different roles and we should take the time to recognise our dependence on this service and thank them – especially Sunday Club leaders, the Band, those who preach and lead, the ministry team and staff, those who clean, those who manage the church finances in a confidential and efficient manner.

We should be grateful and supportive of our Parish Trust, which is responsible for paying the Parish Assistant and which holds the torch for continuing evangelical teaching separate from the

church finances and the diocese. This is important because the Church of England at large has in many ways come adrift from its reformed, protestant foundations.

As a church we support AMiE, Reform and Gafcon which share the same evangelical and gospel principles that we have – they promote the growth of healthy churches and we want to stand with them and encourage them in the work they do.

We need to pray for the new estates being built within our parish boundaries – especially given they have not been built around a village hall or other facility that we could use to meet in.

The power of the gospel was clearly seen in the three believers' funerals and Thanksgiving services recently – all within the same week. The church was full for each of these services and it was a powerful evangelistic witness that so many heard the gospel message centred on the service of Doreen, Grace and Julian.

Sadly our Sundays at Six meetings have stopped because attendance dropped to such a level that sustaining the services became impractical.

The proposal to build a closer relationship with St Mary's to provide better opportunities for our young people to meet with others of their own age is to be warmly welcomed.

John acknowledged the service of the PCC and looks forward to their meetings where there is commitment, humour, service but most especially unity. This unity in fellowship is essential and this unity is something that should be prayed for.

John closed with thanking Trish for all her work and support in his ministry.

18. Closing prayers

The meeting closed with The Grace.