

CHRIST CHURCH KILNDOWN

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held at Christ Church on 8th May 2022 at 10.30am

Present: Rachel Robertson (Vicar and Chairperson), David Denton (Churchwarden), Helen Fisher (Hon Treasurer), Neville Gallagher, David Edwards, Lynette Edwards, Angela Pakenham-Walsh, Tina Gallagher (PCC Secretary) Robin Mitchell (Deanery Synod rep), Janet Mitchel, Jill Dunstall, Tom Crookall, Mark Parsley, Della and Colin Fox, Anne Coombs, Ray Lane, Liz Learmond, Patrice Springett, Tom Fisher, Clive Roberts, Caroline Davis, Angie Westmacott, Ann Wilkes, Brigid Wakehurst

RR opened the meeting with prayer.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Penny and Brian Ferdinando, Richard and Lindie Hillier, Margaret Mascall, Anne Torry, Clare Gates, Jean Mayhew
2. **The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2021 by Zoom** having been circulated beforehand were taken as read and agreed as being a correct record to be signed by the Vicar.
3. **Election of Churchwardens:** David Denton being the only candidate for Churchwarden confirmed that he was willing to stand again. Rachel said how grateful we all are to David and that he does an absolutely amazing job not only as Churchwarden but as Organist and Choirmaster, Editor of the magazine and for all his numerous printing and designing capabilities. He is a stalwart. Rachel asked if she could enlist the help and prayer of church members in the coming year to find someone to join and help David as a second Churchwarden. She said that we honour David and thanked him very much for all he does. Rachel asked that David Denton be formally accepted as Churchwarden and he was unanimously elected by those present. Rachel prayed for DD and thanked the Lord for who he is and for all his many gifts and talents and the way he humbly serves God every day of his life in Kilndown and for the wider community, and she asked for God's blessing on him as he serves again as Churchwarden.
4. **Election of Deanery Synod Rep:** Rachel thanked Robin Mitchell for serving on the Deanery Synod as the Christ Church representative for the past year and for all he gives to Deanery Synod meetings and reports back to us. Robin Mitchell indicated that he was willing to stand again and was duly elected.

The Vestry Meeting closed at 10.35

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held at Christ Church on 8th May 2022 at 10.35 am.

Present: As per Vestry meeting

1. **Apologies:** As per vestry meeting
2. **The minutes of the APCM meeting held on 20 April 2021 by Zoom** having been circulated were taken as read and were agreed to be and approved and signed by the Vicar as a correct record.
3. The following reports were received:
 - a) **Report from PCC Chair** Rachel Robertson: (circulated beforehand and available at the meeting)

Rachel shared some of her thoughts, from her written report, from the past year. She is so grateful to God for drawing her to this place. She wanted us to take away God's 'Well done'. It has been a difficult year and a difficult journey during the pandemic but Rachel said we have been so faithful in enabling God to receive our worship continuously throughout that period. She had felt that the pandemic and life's experiences have enabled us to dig deep foundations which have made our roots grow deeper too.

Rachel said that our main vision can be summarised in the words 'You shall love the Lord your God with all you've got, with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and will love your neighbour as yourself'. Rachel shared five things that help her think that we are 'of God'.

 - i. **Who is our God?** –Preaching by a range of preachers and small groups has helped us to become more confident in articulating 'Who is Our God?'
 - ii. **Go deeper with God** – again small groups help with this, and Rachel encouraged us to be part of one. It's by the power of the Holy Spirit too that we can grow deeper with God.
 - iii. **Camp Fire** – We can stand close or stand at a distance as we 'gather'. Rachel hoped that we will continue to be welcoming to all and easy to join.
 - iv. **Beacons of Christ's light:** We are to be beacons of Christ's light and be one of many to shine as Christ's light.
 - v. **I am the Lord's:** Rachel said that each person matters, one by one people will come to say 'I am the Lord's' - for example through Alpha, through Baptism, through confirmation. As a church we must cheer people on as in a Marathon.

Rachel went on to thank:

Her family: Dan, Catriona, David and Kirsty

The ministry team: David, Angie, Neville and Tina

Other members of the PCC: Helen, Mark, Lynette. Angela, Clare

There were no questions on the Vicar's report

b) Report on changes in Electoral Roll. TG reported that there were 2 names to be added to the Electoral Roll for 2022 and one member who has left the area so there are now 49.

c) PCC Annual Report (PCC Secretary) as circulated beforehand and available at the meeting – TG said that as the PCC Annual Report and other PCC Reports had been circulated beforehand she would not go through them but hoped that everyone had had a chance to read them. There were no comments or questions.

d) Financial Report: as circulated and available at the meeting: Rachel asked Helen Fisher to report on last year's Jan 2021-Dec 2021 financial report which Helen had prepared and which had been independently examined by Clive Roberts (whom Rachel thanked). Rachel thanked Helen for does an enormously brilliant role of clarifying the finances for us and holding it together and seeing us through every month so that we know where we are at. Helen reported that we are to receive and agree the Annual Financial Accounts which had been independently examined by Clive Roberts whom she thanked. The total receipts for unrestricted funds were £20889 and income was generally in line with forecast. Our expenditure amounted to £22500 of which £14500 went towards providing our Ministry for the church ie the Parish Share which largely provides for the Stipends for the clergy. Helen went on to summarise how the money is spent – mainly on repair and maintenance of the building and to thank people who have given generous donations throughout the year. She said that we are in a good position with 54K in the General Fund account. She went on to summarise the various events for fund raising for the Toilet extension project which is kept in a Restricted Account. All these are detailed in the written Report. Helen expanded on future expenditure and confirmed that there will be increases. Our Parish Share, which historically has been subsidised by St Mary's, will be increased to at least £14500 over the next 5 years. She said that the increase to the costs of oil and electricity and other utilities will add to our future expenditure. The Toilet budget has been forecast as 160K with the hope that some can be grant aided or VAT reclaimable – at the moment we have 28K – the total that has been raised is about 40K but we have already paid architect and planning fees.

There were no questions.

Rachel prayed a Blessing for Helen in thanks for her faithfulness and faith and all gave Helen a round of applause.

Clive Roberts made the observation that it made a great difference to the financial support that the congregation has increased from around 10 to 30 over the last 10 years.

e) Fabric Report: as circulated beforehand. Rachel asked David Denton if there was anything to add to his written report. He said that because everyone works together and gives so much support in so many different ways means that he

feels that the church is meaningful, and we are able to get on with the jobs that are needed with the help of so many different people. Rachel confirmed that the Fabric report is duly received and thanked David for his oversight.

f) **Deanery Synod Report:** as circulated within the APCM Report beforehand and available at the meeting.

Rachel confirmed that Robin does a great job working with other churches in the Deanery and it is not always easy to work out what is the right thing to do.

Rachel thanked Robin for his listening skills in this respect. Robin said that he hoped that the Deanery Synod Meeting on 11th May will clarify difficult points in the document that has already been published by the Deanery.

4. Election of PCC: It was confirmed that the following were willing to be re-elected or co-opted onto the PCC for the ensuing year:

Rachel Robertson (automatically appointed onto the PCC as Vicar)

David Denton (Churchwarden – elected at the Vestry Meeting)

Helen Fisher (Treasurer)

Robin Mitchell (Deanery Synod rep – elected at the Vestry meeting))

Angie Westmacott

Mark Parsley

Christina Gallagher (PCC Secretary)

Lynette Edwards

Angela Pakenham-Walsh

Clare Gates

Co-opted

Revd. Neville Gallagher

Tom Crookall proposed the PCC en bloc, Clive Roberts seconded – all elected. Rachel prayed for the PCC.

5. **Appointment of Sidespersons:** Penny, Janet, Angie and Lynette were appointed.

6. **Appointment of Independent Examiner:** Clive Roberts is happy to take on the role of Independent Examiner again and was duly appointed.

7. **Any Other business:**

Neville Gallagher said how we are delighted that God had sent Rachel here and thanked her for all she is doing and how she has picked up the ball and run with it so energetically. All applauded Rachel who said she was honoured to be here.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05 with a blessing

Approved and signed as a correct record: