PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE. BOLNEY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, HELD ON 18th APRIL 2021 VIA ZOOM VIDEO LINK

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Tony Bond, and attended by 12 parishioners plus Rev. Michael Windridge and Fr. Martin Mills.

1. Apologies for Absence.

No apologies. (The Rev. Ruth Bond holds a PTO licence which precludes her from being on the PCC or taking part in APCM's. In physical meetings which have taken place post service she has sat on as an observer.)

2. Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church meeting held on 18th October 2020 These were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Annual Reports.

The reports had been made available to parishioners prior to the meeting and were not read out.

Attached Reports Document

1. Churchwardens

Rev. Michael Windridge noted the electoral roll presently stands at 61 and wondered if more names could be added to the Pew News distribution list. Sue Ayres replied that she always asks people on the roll of they wish to be added to the list.

2. PCC Secretary

3. PCC Treasurer

Tim Hutchings reported that 2020 had been a quiet year. The good news is that giving has held up well in lockdown and we ended up with a small profit, however things could change so we must not be complacent. Tony Bond added we are hoping to fund the next phase of the church tower repairs this year which could alter things. Also to be aware of the unforeseen.

4. Electoral Roll Officer

5. Cuckfield Deanery Synod 2020 Report

Claire had used the minutes from 2020 meetings for this report

6. Bolney CEP School

Tony Bond reported that we must continue to pray for everyone at Bolney School where it was very encouraging that lots of things were happening.

7. Safeguarding Officer

We are now 100% compliant.

8. The Bolney Guild of Ringers' Report

9. Parish Magazine

Michael Windridge to have a meeting with the present editor Penuel Ellis - Brown, who has expressed she would like to stand down from this role, to discover what we can do to find a new editor.

5. Nominations for, and election of representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod and The Parochial Church Council.

Election of Deanery Synod Representatives

Mrs Peta Pratt and Mr Rodney Pratt's period of office had not expired.

Election of PCC members

None of the member's period of office had expired.

Nomination for Martin Wood to be elected to the council. Proposed by Martin Burgess, Seconded by Tim Hutchings

All agreed.

PCC members 2021 (Changes in bold)

Vicar The Revd Michael Windridge

Chairman/Reader Dr Anthony Bond

Incumbent The Revd Michael Maine Curate The Revd Martin Mills

Churchwardens Mrs Susan Ayres, Mr Tim Hutchings

Treasurer Mr Tim Hutchings

Deanery Synod Representatives Mrs Peta Pratt, Mr Rodney Pratt

Acting Deanery Synod Representative Mr Ron Leggett

Secretary Mrs Claire George
Safeguarding Officer Mrs Linda Barker
Member Mr Martin Burgess
Member Mrs Janice Warren

Member Mr Martin Wood

Tony Bond said we are delighted that Martin Wood has been elected for a three year period, and gave thanks to all who serve on the PCC. He added, our thoughts and prayers are with Rodney and Peta and thanked Ron for deputising for them. Ron added this has been with their full agreement.

6. Election of auditor to the PCC

Tim proposed Susannah Bowen to be re-elected in the honorary role as independent examiner at no cost to the PCC. Tim to pass on our thanks to Susannah. Her re election was agreed.

Clergy report

This report had been made available to parishioners prior to the meeting and was not read out.

Fr. Martin added how well everyone had pulled together, with two wonderful wardens and now Michael and Sabrina joining us too.

Michael Windridge said he had had 27 Sundays with not being able to enjoy a cup of coffee! The flag remains at half mast following the death of HRH Prince Philip and will remain there until Wednesday when it will be raised to full height for the Queen's birthday and for everyone who has served St Mary Magdalene Church.

Any Other Business

Marigold highlighted the fact we have no children in church. It was mentioned that we have strong links with the school and Cuckfield Hub* meetings had been taking place.

*Hubs are being created across the Diocese for each deanery by Irene Smale (the Diocesan Children's and Family Adviser) aiming to provide networking support for volunteer children's and family leaders (over 600 in the diocese) across parishes, with training, sharing of ideas/resources, and prayerful encouragement /pastoral support. Helen Swift, is leading a Cuckfield Deanery 'Hub' assisted by Hilary Turner King, both Cuckfield Children & Family Lay Ministers). Claire attend a couple of meetings pre Covid. Helen and Hilary are happy to come to talk to our PCC to help us work towards our congregation's age profile reflecting Bolney's community.

Emily commented that we could pay someone with the correct technical knowledge to edit the Parish Magazine. Sue added that the Parish Magazine should be back in full print from the next issue.

Tony thanked everyone and the meeting closed at 12.00 noon

Signed ...

Dr Tony Bond. (Reader and Chairman of St Mary Magdalene Church PCC)

Claire George PCC Secretary 18th April 2021