

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD

MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

26TH MAY 2021 AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Present: Shellie Ward (Chair); Carole Collis; Ken Maden; Jackie Knight; (minutes); Jenny Tweney; Alison Remes.

1. Prayers

2. Election of Wardens, including Deputy Wardens

a) The following Wardens were re-elected:

Ken Maden: proposed CC; seconded JK.

Pat Clinton: proposed CC; seconded JK.

b) Following a discussion on the possibility of electing Deputy Wardens it was decided to continue with 2 Wardens with assistance from other members of the PCC as necessary.

c) Key holders: it was decided that the key held at The Vicarage should be passed to JK to facilitate cleaning etc whilst the Church is closed.

ACTION JK to collect key from The Vicarage.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. **Apologies:** Pat Clinton

2. **Minutes of the last meeting on 4th October 2021 and approval of minutes:**

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed KM; seconded CC.

3. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of PCC members:**

a) CC and JK re-elected unanimously.

b) Alison Remes elected to PCC unanimously.

c) Jenny Tweney elected to PCC unanimously.

d) CC to continue as Treasurer.

e) JK to continue as Secretary.

5. **Electoral Roll Report:**

a) The report is available on the website and was read out on behalf of PC.
Accepted by CC; seconded; KM

b) There are 14 names on the roll, 12 female, 2 male, representing 13 households.

c) PC was re-elected as the Electoral Roll Officer unanimously.

6. **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31st December 2020.**

a) The report and statements are available on the web site. Accepted: JK;
seconded: KM.

b) Income is down on the previous year due to Covid restrictions limiting services and fund-raising opportunities.

c) In 2020 between one third and one half of the Parish Share was paid. This was well-received and a letter of thanks received from John Preston.

- d) There was a discussion on electricity suppliers. SSE are the current suppliers.
- e) Thanks were given to CC for her hard work as Treasurer.

7. Appointment of the Examiner of the Accounts:

- a) Mr D F Harwood has agreed to continue as the Examiner of Accounts.
- b) SW proposed thanks to Mr Harwood.

8. Reports:

a) Churchwardens' Report

- i. The report will be available on the website.
- ii. Hopeful that things will get better in 2021 and services will be resumed.
- iii. Hopeful that there will be some movement on the roof repairs following the visit from Ms Evemy.
- iv. The Churchwardens thanked The Rev. Shellie Ward and other members of the PCC for their support.

b) Safeguarding Report

- i. Joan Redding's report is available on the web site.
- ii. A brief report for Wickhamford is available on the web site, with no issues to report.
- iii. Joan Redding has completed the Safeguarding Toolkit for the joint parishes.

c) Secretary's Report

- i. The report is available on the website.
- ii. The need for better communication during lockdowns was highlighted.
- iii. PCC meetings have been continued via Zoom during the lockdowns. This is not ideal as not all PCC members are able to participate.
- iv. Thanks proposed to Ken, Pat, Carole and Lee for keeping the Church and Churchyard together during the prolonged closed period.

d) Deanery Synod Report

- i. The report prepared by Jo Williamson is available on the website.

e) Diocesan Deanery Synod Report

- ii. The report prepared by Jo Williamson is available on the website.

f) Vicar's Report:

- i. The report is available on the website.
- ii. SW is very pleased to be able to resume worship in Church. During some periods of lockdown some services and private prayer opportunities were offered in the churches.
- iii. SW proposed thanks to the Churchwardens for maintaining the Church through lockdown.
- iv. Delighted to see how parishioners have been networking and supporting each other through lockdown. The Parish has learnt to be a community and realized how important human contact is.
- v. SW thanked all those who have joined in services and meetings through Zoom, What's App.
- vi. Different methods have been used to keep in touch, including cards, email.
- vii. The Ministry Team have decided to offer Morning Service at St John's on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, starting 13th June.

- viii. To achieve necessary budget cuts Broadway Church has made 2 cleaners redundant and will not replace the Clerical Assistant who has resigned.
- ix. New style registers have been introduced to record marriages, births and deaths.
- x. Two documents are available online to provoke conversations. LLF /'Living in love and faith' examines how language used by the church can affect attitudes to relationships, sexuality and racism. Available at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk . A second document looks at how under 30s see the Church of England.

9. Any matters of Parochial or general Church interest:

- a) Roof – Pat Evemy's visit discussed. The next stage is to get quotes for the work required.

ACTION: KM to contact the architect to discuss builders and quotes.

- b) Best kept Churchyard competition discussed. Agreed not to take part.
- c) Treasurer reported £2000 in the HSBC current account after insurance paid. It was agreed to pay a further £250 towards the Parish Share.

ACTION: CC to pay £250 to Parish Share.

10. Date of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022: No date set.

Date of next PCC meeting: Wednesday, 30th June 2.30pm in the Church/Churchyard

11. The Grace