

St Michael and All Angels Colehill

Annual Vestry and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 25 April 2021, 11.30 am following the Parish Eucharist

In person (places limited to 25 in line with Covid-19 Risk Assessment)
and on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84104487102?pwd=aUZONWdGTzhHdXJTZnp2V3hTVUN5dz09>

Meeting ID: 841 0448 7102

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Chair: Vicar, Suzanne Pattle (SP)

Minutes

1. Annual Vestry Meeting

1. Numbers in Attendance – 33 via Zoom, 11 in person
2. Apologies – 7 - Rod Chapman, Garth & Barbie Watson, Philip & Jenny Horobin, Liz Chant, Anne Prince
3. Election of Church Wardens
Marjorie Shaw & Lindsay Wood re-elected unanimously

2. Annual Parochial Meeting

1. Numbers in Attendance – as per vestry meeting
2. Apologies – as per vestry meeting
3. Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 11th October 2020 – signed off as a true record
4. Matters Arising - none
5. Election of Parochial representatives of the Laity
 - a) To the Deanery Synod 1 representative – no candidates
 - b) To the PCC 4 Representatives – 2 elected unanimously
Meg Wood – Parish Secretary
Graham Kewley

3. Appointments

- 1) Independent Examiner – Tony Raymond – unanimous decision

4. Electoral Roll Report

Written report submitted, 126 on roll

5. Safeguarding Report

Written report submitted.

Thanks were given to Debbie Stevenson for her diligence, especially with the new online system. Report is available on the Parish website & has been sent to all PCC Members.

As a result of St Michael's charitable status, a DBS will be required for all PCC members. 6 will need to complete. DS to liaise with MW, parish secretary.

Volunteer confidential declaration forms will also be required by all PCC members so we have a benchmark to refer to for renewals etc. This is an

institutional requirement for National Safeguarding. Church wardens will be updated 6 monthly on new guidance and training requirements.

6. Churchwardens' Report on Terrier and Inventory

Verbal update- New additions include the painting of St Michaels gifted to the parish by a relative of the artist, a new projector to cope with the demands of live streaming & the piano & stool, omitted from last year's report.

Chairs were not able to be counted as at present many are being stored by members of the congregation, to assist with the implementation of Covid 19 measures of social distancing.

7. Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Copy attached to this document. Alan Motson (AM), treasurer, gave a slide presentation which was shared via Zoom; a snapshot was given of what has been a challenging year, particularly for the Church Centre as a result of Covid19. Fortunately, the reserves the parish holds have been able to cushion the effect. Special note was made of the ability to pay our parish share, through the generosity of the parishioners & special thanks given by AM & SP. People had continued to donate with standing orders, the parish giving facility on the website both to the Church & the Wimborne Food Bank, individual donations to fund specific projects & cash/cheque donations. Admin costs had fallen because of lockdowns but only limited reduction in insurance & standing charges on utility bills possible.

Diocese of Salisbury Deficit stands currently at £1.5 m. The aim is to balance the books by 2025. 2021 Parish share capped as last year – diocese covering from reserves.

Looking ahead, AM warned there is likely to be a 10% increase in our parish share, amounting to £6K. Cuts in clergy posts are expected. Muriel Jacobs added many parishes struggling.

Church Centre bookings picking up and groups returning after May 17th (next date for lockdown easing).

New bicycle parking area has been funded by Dorset County Council (hoops) & Community Lottery Fund (installation)

Sharen Green asked about staff costs for the Centre. Catherine Crowfoot had agreed to work 5 hours at the start of the pandemic, & these have been taken on, following her resignation, by Karen Rimmington as Booking Administrator. No one had been furloughed.

Question asked as to what the valuation of the Viscount Organ was within the General cash fund of £20K. - Organ = £13K

A vote of thanks was recorded to the Treasurer & to Nigel Butler as assistant treasurer, for all the hard work put in.

SP had reported she had recently attended a recent meeting on general giving across the diocese & added there had already been a loss of 4 stipendiary posts with a potential of more to come. Muriel Jacobs as Deanery Synod member asked if anyone was interested in becoming a member, they'd be very welcome.

Archdeacon had been consulted re what the parish share might be- as yet no clear guidelines. SP added a note of hope/caution – with the impact of the pandemic across the nation, how will we maintain a committed Christian presence in Colehill.

8. Vicar's Report: Emergence out of Lockdown

See attached summary.

SP shared the roadmap out of Lockdown on screen & via Zoom & explained all the various stages that needed to be gone through re the safety of the congregation & the risk assessments needed to be implemented. Documents were listed which informed decision making. PCC had seen this at their March meeting & roadmap updated as the Government & C of E had issued new guidance. (This was often at very short notice). It had been done with the assistance of the Standing Committee & the APCM attendees were asked, if any were prepared to stand on any committee their help would be appreciated. Please approach SP.

Re Church Centre, SP wanted to publicly acknowledge the role of the Standing Committee in preparation for the reopening of the Church Centre. The feedback from hirers had been very positive with regard to clear guidance. Karen Rimington, the newly appointed bookings manager, has been working with prospective hirers & also been proactive in publicity of hire. It is hoped that books can be balanced at the end of the year.

Holy Communion has resumed on Wednesday mornings and LPAs will be informed of people who would like to receive communion at this time or after the Sunday service.

Choir rehearsals & performance have resumed with a quartet and home groups, subject to the rule of 6 outside. Coffee groups may later be allowed with suitable risk assessment in place. (e.g., table service, groups of 6 etc) It is not known what developments may happen after June 21st – supposed end of any lockdown conditions. SP will await guidance to clarify move forward. Point emphasised that in rebuilding community life & using the Church & Church Centre effectively, we move forward in a creative way. Possibilities might include offering space to medical, self-help & baby groups so that more of the whole community becomes involved.

9. A.O.B.

Lorraine & the Standing Committee were thanked personally by SP & gifts & cards distributed.

Alan Motson proposed a vote of thanks to Steve Pattle for all work done on the Live Streaming.

Lindsay Wood, Church Warden, thanked SP for her leadership though this very difficult time.

PCC: Date of next meeting (on Zoom) **Weds 12 May at 7.30pm** (zoom codes to follow)

Date of next APCM: Sunday 3 April 2022