

Benefice of Blagdon, Compton Martin and Ubley

Minutes of the Parish Meeting & Annual Parochial Church Meeting of The Parish of St Michael's, Compton Martin, for the Year 2019

DATE Tuesday 20 October 2020

VENUE Zoom Meeting

TIME 7:30-9:30

Names of those in attendance

Revd. Simon Lewis (priest) Laura Williams (administrator) Kate Reynolds, Jonathan Reynolds, Susan Owst, Andrew Owst, Lucy Hemsley, James Bragg, Helen Palmer, Axel Palmer, Jean Luckett, Gill Durbin, Gene Joyner, Julia Halling-Brown, Margaret Woodford
Apologies - John Allen

Minutes

Part 1 7.30-7.40pm: Parish Meeting (PM)

1. Opening Worship
2. Apologies - John Allen
3. Approval of Minutes of last vestry meeting held on Sunday 17th March 2019
Proposed by Simon Lewis / Seconded by Gill Durbin / Approved by all present and signed by Simon Lewis
4. Matters Arising - none
5. Election of Churchwardens
1) Jonathan Reynolds 2) Kate Reynolds
With no other nominations Jonathan and Kate were duly elected unanimously
Grateful thanks were recorded to Helen Palmer and James Bragg for all their hard work and dedication to the responsibility of being a Churchwarden over the years.
6. Meeting Closed

Part 2 7.40-8.40pm: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. Approval of Minutes of last meeting held on Sunday 17th March 2019
Proposed by Simon Lewis and unanimously passed.
2. Matters Arising - none
3. Annual Report of 2019 - This had been circulated in advance of the APCM
Comments: Helen Palmer asked that Ally Griffiths, the Foundation Governor at the School, be asked for a contribution to the annual report.
The Annual report was accepted by all
4. Elections
 - a. PCC Members were duly elected
1) John Allen 2) Sue Owst 3) Lucy Hemsley 4) Gill Durbin
 - b. Deanery Synod representatives were duly elected
1) Jean Luckett

6. Appointments

a. Financial Independent Examiner: Simon Lewis asked that the PCC continue to use Chris Ball and all were in agreement.

b. Stewards (*Churchwardens present list of names*) :

The current Stewards were to be asked to continue to serve and support worship at St Andrew's. Dave and Karen Salmon / Julia Halling-Brown (with Dick Hyde) / Helen Palmer and James Bragg / Pat and Sasja Patten

c. Electoral Roll Officer

Andrew Owst was asked to stand again and all were in agreement.

Thanks again were recorded, to Helen and James, for their work as churchwardens and to Gill Durbin for her work as Treasurer.

5. Our Future: Presentation by Nigel Crocker

Nigel gave a presentation on the transformation of the Benefice which we hope will move to becoming one church family and one parish. He recommended a holistic approach, of developing our strengths, being prepared to change and grow and reaching out to our communities.

Nigel confirmed that he would be presenting to the other parishes in the Benefice at their APCMs later in the week and that the Diocese is in discussion with our Benefice over these proposals.

The PCC recorded their concern that this could mean the end of services in St Michael's Church and Simon Lewis offered reassurance that this was not the planned outcome.

Axel Palmer questioned where churches and benefices fitted within the Church of England's new deployment report and Simon Lewis introduced the idea of 'focal ministries'. James Bragg felt that it was time to look at the situation with honesty and to look at models provided by other local churches.

6. Closing Prayer

7. Meeting Closed

Part 3 8.45-9.30pm: First meeting of the 2020/21 PCC

Present: Revd. Simon Lewis (priest) Laura Williams (administrator) Sue Owst (Sec) Lucy Hemsley, Jonathan Reynolds, Kate Reynolds, Jean Lockett, Gene Joyner

1. Approval of Minutes of the first PCC meeting held after the APCM march 2019
Unanimously approved
2. Matters Arising - none
3. Confirmation of Facilitator of PCC Meetings
 - a. Facilitator - *Priest*
 - b. Vice-Facilitator - *Churchwarden*
4. Appointment of
 - a. Secretary: Sue Owst
 - b. Treasurer: No appointment made but Simon Lewis had approached someone who he hoped would be a bookkeeper for all three parishes.
 - c. Parish Administrator (*co-opted*) Laura Williams
 - d. Standing Committee (SC) member : Kate Reynolds, Jonathan Reynolds, Sue Owst
5. Dates for 2020/21 SC & PCC Meetings up to April 30th 2021 were provided to PCC members

Simon noted that we would be moving to united PCC meetings. Four times per year would be dedicated to finance, fundraising and fabric (with breakout groups for individual parishes) and eight times per year would be One Church meetings. The first meeting would be on Monday 23rd November via Zoom