

## **ST. MARY MAGDALENE, ASHTON ON MERSEY**

**Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held in the Church, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

### **SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

- 1 The meeting opened with a prayer.
- 2 **Present:** 17 members in church, 28 members online and the Vicar (chair).  
**Apologies:** Sue Gormley, Martin Haywood
- 3 The Summary Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved and signed.
- 4 **Churchwarden's Report:**  
Wardens: Matthew Holland and Anne Keast.  
Steve presented a summary of the report on behalf of Matthew and Anne.
  - Thanks to all who serve the church, both volunteers and staff
  - 10 new sidespeople have volunteered over the year
  - The terrier report has been completed, everything is present and correct.
  - General maintenance has been carried out by Norman Elston and Alec Brownsmith to the church centre and clergy houses.
  - The quinquennial has not taken place due to COVID, it is expected next year.
  - A survey of temperatures took place within the church, and no further action was needed.
  - Traffic cones are now in use to manage parking on the roads around church.
  - CCTV in the church car park is in the process of being installed.
  - We have 2 leaks in the church centre roof, both are ongoing and professional advice is being sought.
  - Safeguarding teams meet on a regular basis and are keeping updated on advice and requirements as provided by the diocese.
- 5 **Election of Churchwardens:**  
Two nominations were received and duly elected: Matthew Holland and Anne Keast.  
Proposer: Jeremy Barnes, Seconder: Brian Macfaden, all in favour no abstentions.

### **Ministry updates**

**Youth** – Fuel has continued online via zoom. Shauna is now involved in this ministry and with Steve Rankin, they are soon to start a youth version of Faith Matters.

**Faith Matter** – Steve's highlights during the year have been the Faith Matters courses which have continued to run online and have attracted people who would not otherwise have been able to get to church.

**Admin team** – the team continues to work behind the scenes implementing new systems as we have moved online. Coming up, there will be an update to the website to enable better viewing on mobile devices and a church members app is due to be launched soon.

**Children and Families Worker, Sale West** – Keep calm and craft has launched during the pandemic which provides support to families in Sale West through weekly craft sessions online. The opportunity to interact with others has reminded them that we're not alone, despite the circumstances, one member of the group commented "you are a God send".

### **SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Present:** 17 members in church, members online and the Vicar (chair).  
**Apologies:** Sue Gormley, Martin Haywood

- 1 The Summary Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were accepted and approved.
- 2 **Notification of Any Other Business:**
- 3 **2019 Accounts:** Brian Macfaden presented the summary accounts.  
The accounts were approved. Proposer: Anne McBurney, Seconder: Helen Jarvis, all in favour no abstentions.  
Brian gave an update on income and expenditure for the church and church centre in 2020.  
Brian thanked everyone for their faithfulness and generosity.

## Ministry update

**Jane Beaumont** – Throughout the pandemic Jane has been involved in developing:

- Prayer resources - including a series of 3-minute videos, opening the church for private prayer and new online prayer meetings.
- Courses - 2 courses coming in Jan 2021 (Kintsugi well-being course, Bereavement journey course), and a relaunch of the discipleship course 'Come Fly with me'.
- Discipleship groups, which have thrived during lockdown.

Ministries with Betel are on hold during this time, as is the healing ministry. Jane gave thanks to all the volunteers who help to run these ministries.

4 **Electoral Roll Report:** Following the statutory renewal of the Electoral Roll, there are 439 names on the Roll.

### 5 Elections:

a) **Independent Examiner:** An independent examiner is required. Sue Suchoparek is willing to re-stand.

Proposer: Brian MacFaden, seconder: Jeremy Barnes, all in favour, no abstentions.

### b) Deanery Synod:

5 places are available for Deanery Synod 2020 for a 3-year term.

3 names were submitted for 5 places. Following on from an election the following people were appointed to serve on the Deanery Synod: Avtar Diggwa, Jeff McBurney and Rosemary Sigee. All in favour, no abstentions.

### c) Parochial Church Council:

Agreed that 12 places will be available for PCC 2020/21 for a 1-year term.

10 names were submitted for 12 places. Following on from an election the following people were appointed to serve on the PCC: Dave Atkinson, Jeremy Barnes, Janet Darlow, Joan Heys, Lorna Hitchin, Simon Hollingworth, Helen Jarvis, Elaine Jones, Matthew Kay and Barbara Shimmings. All in favour, no abstentions.

Proposal to accept the Deanery synod and PCC elections, proposer: Anne Keast, seconder: Ann McBurney,

## Ministry Update

**Brian** – keeping connected has been running during the pandemic, reaching out to church members by making weekly phone calls. 102 people are still being contacted regularly. Various stories were shared. Thank you to all involved in this ministry.

**Julie** – So far 31 junior church videos have been produced. Facebook has been used to communicate with parents which has been a great platform to share parenting support. Involvement with St Mary's primary school has been through an online transition workshop with the Yr 6's and the junior church videos being used for worship. Junior church in church is on pause due to infection rates, but volunteers are on standby ready for when we can meet in person again.

**Steve gave thanks to all the staff for their creativity as they pursue ministries in new ways and to the church who have continued to gather in new ways.**

6 **A.O.B.**

7 **The meeting closed with worship and prayer at 5.30pm.**