HOLY TRINITY, COLEMANS HATCH

Minutes of the

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING 2022

Held in Holy Trinity Church, Coleman’s Hatch

25th April 2022

Present Revd Julie Sear C J Payne Donald Clarke

Paul Double John Van Maurik Sheila Van Maurik

Donna Dewar Karena Meyer Robin Meyer

Penny Dickens Barrie Dickens Roger and Rosalind

Keith Luckhoo Jane Luckhoo Andrea McGlew

Barry Tilston Pauline Maynard

Apologies Jonathan Bruce Angela Ogle

The Chairman, Revd Julie, opened the meeting with prayer

Welcome The Chairman, Revd Julie, welcomed all those attending.

A. VESTRY MEETING

Paul Double and Angela Ogle were elected unanimously by all those present at the meeting.

The vestry meeting was then closed.

B. ANNUAL MEETING

16 Church Members were in attendance with 2 apologies prior to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the 2021 APCM** had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read and acceptance proposed by Paul Double and seconded by Keith Luckhoo as a correct record. They were unanimously approved.
2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – none were noted.
3. **The Trustees Annual Report** had also been circulated before the meeting.

Donald Clarke addressed the APCM. Our income from giving has kept up from the previous year. The Art Sale was a terrific boost to our income. The Church has spent funds on the fabric of the church and hall and made donations. The Bell Repairs are £24K against the £15K on the previous year. A reduction of £50K on the year but an improvement on the value of our investments of about £24K. Year-end figure from £240 - £210K which still leaves us in a very strong position. It has been augmented by a bequest from Godfrey Dann of £200K which leaves us in a great position. His bequest will be put into a Trust to keep it separate and we do have a programme of expenditure that has been approved for essential works on the grounds and the Hall.

Donald highlighted the projects – tarmac of the drive, lighting of the drive (safety access), French windows in the hall along with disabled access and in the Church exchange the interior doors with glass doors which will come out of our reserves.

Penny asked about the Trinity Hall kitchen and refurbishments. The PCC agreed that if there were sufficient funds, the PCC would go out for tender. Penny stressed that the Hall Kitchen needed to be upgraded if we are to let out for events also from health and safety. The month to have it would be August. Separate washing up area and a double oven was requested.

Pauline asked about disabled access to the field and grounds. Donald explained the plans in place and the costs involved. She asked for the current ramp area to be cleared by the gardener. **ACTION CJ**

Donna Dewar proposed and Keith Luckhoo seconded its approval of the Accounts and the Trustees annual Report.

1. **Karena Meyer reported on the Holy Trinity Electoral Roll**

There are 81 on the Church Electoral Roll – this is at closure 7th April 2022 and one less than as April 28th last year which was the date of our last APCM.

Of these 81 – 31 are from the Parish of Colemans Hatch, 15 from the Joint Benefice and 35 from outside these Parishes.

Leavers - Nancy Hill, Godfrey Dann, David Rosling, Tony Shillingford and Michael Watkins. Andy and Cherry Kent moved away. Joiners - Tony Dazweska, Frank Deane, John Grantham, Adenike Oshinowo, Thomas Stenhouse, Nicola Stenhouse

1. **Warden’s Report**

Paul addressed those present on the contents of Trustees Annual Report circulated prior to the meeting and reflected upon the last year. The report speaks for itself. Services back to roughly pre-pandemic levels. The congregation has come back more substantively than other parishes. Trinity Café is back in operation and the Art Sale earlier in the year. Continuing problems with the Clock and the hour hands which is still complex. In terms of the Church, it is all very positive. Service numbers are in the Report. That concluded his reporting.

1. **Safeguarding Report - To receive and adopt the Safeguarding Report**

Andrea McGlew was in attendance as she represents both Churches. Her role is quite tough, and she has just completed Level Two Safeguarding. Revd Julie thanked her for all her work for the Church in her role.

Andrea addressed those present. Her role meant that the church must be compliant, and we all need to be vigilant looking out for the vulnerable. She reinforced the message to speak out if anyone thought or witnessed to someone. She did recommend that everyone watch the Panorama programme about the ‘Church’s Darkest Moments’ and this would give you an idea of why the Church needs safeguarding.

2022 has brought in a change. Previous DBS renewals were five years but once you get to that first renewal, but it is now requiring renewal every three years.

Paul asked if there were any concerns in our Parish and the answer was in the negative.

Donald Clarke proposed and Karena Myer seconded its approval and adoption of the Safeguarding report.

1. **Elections and Appointments**

**The PCC** - The Rector, Paul Double, CJ Payne, Donald Clarke, Robin Meyer, Keith Luckhoo, John v Maurik, Sheila v Maurik, Angela Ogle and Jonathan Bruce were re-elected. Unanimously approved.

**Sides persons** – Revd Julie thanked all those involved who are involved in the Welcome.

Hon. Secretary - CJ Payne re-elected.

Hon. Treasurer - Donald Clarke re-elected.

Assistant Treasurers – Rosalind Cowsill re-elected.

Giving Officer - Donald Clarke re-elected.

Electoral Roll Officer - Karena Meyer re-elected.

Choir Director - Angela Ogle re-elected.

Churchwarden – Paul Double and Angela Ogle re-elected.

ix) Safeguarding Officer - Andrea McGlew re-elected.

x) Independent Examiner – Tim Jackson

xi) Other offices – Julie thanked Liza Jones (Flowers), Anne Hodge (Flowers), Rosalind and Roger Cowsill (Bell Captain), Penny and Barrie Dickens (Trinity Hall) were confirmed.

Sheila thanked Barry Tilston and Revd Julie said he would be mentioned later.

1. **Rector's Report**

Revd Julie addressed the meeting commenting on the past year. During the Pandemic and since we have emerged, community has become even more important. Events such as the Café, lunches, Jubilee lunch etc, are all important. It is also important to remember that the Church is here and needs a worshipping community otherwise there won’t be a church. It is important that we invite others into Church, and this will help people feel they belong.

We hope to have an Events Co-ordinator in the coming months, but we are probably not in a position to employ one until all the works have been done on the Hall and Grounds. This would include events and concerts in the Church and Hall. Very few of those present make reference to the website on a regular basis but it is the source of What’s Going on in the Church and Trinity Hall Calendar.

Revd Julie thanked Paul and Angela in their roles as Churchwardens and both complement each other. She thanked Paul for his work on the Bells and Faculties. She thanked Angela for her work with the Choir. It was difficult not being able to sing in Church when we were wearing masks. Both Angela and Barry have been heartened with the Choir numbers. She thanked Barry as well and emphasised how important they are to the Choir. She handed Barry a gift.

She thanked Donna for all her work in the Church and for contacting people to become more involved in readings and prayers at Services. She thanked her for her preaching and leading services as it gave Revd Julie a bit more time at St. Mary’s. She handed Donna a bunch of flowers.

She thanked Donald for all his care and hard work. Being Treasurer is not an easy task. She appreciated how much time is involved in looking after the accounts and all matters financial.

She went on to thank Rosalind and Roger for not only their financial gift but all the work and the care that they have given to the church over the many years. She is really grateful and it makes a huge difference to the running of the church. She emphasised that we miss them when they are not here and glad they are staying on as Bell Captains.

She went on to thank CJ (me) for all that is done in the grounds and for the Diocese.

She went on to thank Andrea for all the Safeguarding work that she does for the Church.

She went on to thank Penny and Barrie for all their work on Trinity Hall and managing the bookings for the hall. She recognised that they work very hard ensuring the smooth running of the Hall and all that goes on there.

She thanked Liza and all the Flower arrangers and how grateful everyone is for the beautiful flowers in the Church.

She thanked Trinity Café team, now in its eight year. It is such an amazing gift to the community and although the team has changed over the years, it only marginally changed. The Café has come a long way, and she particularly thanked Sheila, John, Caroline, Pauline and all the team. It has spilt into so many aspects of the events at Trinity Hall and Church and she really wanted to thank them all for their contributions over the years. Revd Julie requested an up to date list so she can say a proper thank you to all the team.

Sheila addressed those present about Trinity Talks and read out the list of events coming up in the Hall. The Vintage Fete on the 14th May required donations. Jazz on the Lawn 26th June among other events and the Jubilee Lunch on 5th June.

The Mission Action Plan is a working document and we want to encourage our Children in the services and engage with them during the services. It is important. We want to make this a welcoming place and we need to encourage others in church who might want to help with some of the things on the Mission Action Plan and get involved in Church.

There are serious discussions about deployment of Clergy in the Diocese. Revd Julie is very grateful to our Diocese by not making Clergy redundant and for increasing our parish share. She has taken over the role of Rural Dean which she is enjoying.

It has just been agreed with the Churchwardens that Revd Julie will alternate between the churches of Hartfield and Coleman’s Hatch during the month of August.

One of the key things we need to pray for is our community life translates into our worshipping community.

Shelia thanked Barry for his wonderful playing of the organ and the additional renditions after the service.

Penny addressed those present about the Trinity Hall Activities. Hartfield Singers have sadly disbanded due to lack of numbers. The Mother’s Union has also disbanded and there is a closing service on Tuesday May 17th. Regular users – Morris Men, Wood Turners, Thursday, WI, second and fourth Thursday, Horticultural Society and their Committee meetings. Alison Berry’s Art classes on Wednesdays.

Robin addressed those present about Ticehurst and Flimwell Parish having won the Eco Church Gold Award. Penny Evans is the wife of the Vicar who will be giving a talk in Trinity Hall 24th May and it is open to all members of our PCC and St. Mary’s.

John addressed those present about the Banners. The Banner posts are very insecure and asked if we could have something more stable. This will be looked into.

Julie closed the meeting at 8:20pm