

MINUTES OF THE STUDLEY WITH MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Those present: Kate Mier (chair), Diane Pannell, Glynn Jones, Erica Hayton, Linda Salsbury, Alan Greathead, Dan Corlett, Alan and Rosemary Tostevin. John Styler, David and Mercia Lee, Alan and Jennie Jarmy, Kay Middleton, Pat Smith, Ann Chance, Lynda Barr, Phil and Jane Pattison, Mike and Linda Moffat, Bob and Caroline Martin, Hilary Volrath, Keith Johnson, Roz Eden, Janet Green.

1. The meeting opened with prayer led by Dan, with a reading from John 14, based on the current series on The Holy Spirit as part of Pentecost.

2. **Appointment of Minute Taker:** Janet Green was appointed.

3. **Apologies:** Ann Bond, Joyce Duffin, Fred Young.

4. **Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting:** PCC looked at the draft minutes in February and confirmed their accuracy.

Proposal - to approve the minutes of 2020 APCM

Proposed by: Kate Mier, approved unanimously.

5. **Vestry Meeting:** (Anyone on the church electoral roll could vote)

Election of Churchwardens for coming 12 months, as nominated at each ADCM.

Studley **Phil Pattison**

Proposed by: Lynda Barr Seconded by: Mike Moffat All in favour.

Mappleborough Green **Erica Hayton**

Proposed by: Jennie Jarmy Seconded by: Diane Pannell All in favour.

There being no other nominations, the above were duly elected.

This will be Phil's sixth year as Churchwarden and Erica's second. Thanks were given by Kate for the enormous support and hard work Phil and Erica give to the Parish.

6. **Electoral Roll Report:** This will be posted on church doors within the next week. Mercia and David Lee will be joining the ER in the next six months. Linda Salsbury gave the following report to the meeting: Four people have left the Roll and we remembered with sadness the loss of Mary Greathead from Mappleborough Green and James Wilmott from Studley who passed away. A couple, Luke and Sarah, had moved away.

The total currently is 147. (90 for Studley, 57 for Mappleborough Green).

7. **Election of Deanery Synod members:** Two vacancies were not filled at the last APCM, one for each church. Pat Smith, PCC Treasurer, is willing to stand for Studley.

Proposed by: Phil Pattison Seconded by: David Volrath All in favour

Pat was duly elected and will represent Studley with Phil Pattison. Linda Salsbury currently represents Mappleborough Green.

8. **Election of PCC members:** there is one vacancy for Studley and two for Mappleborough Green.

Studley - **Ann Bond** nominated by ADCM.

Proposed by: Phil Pattison Seconded by: Judith McLelland All in favour.

Mappleborough Green - **Glynn Jones**

Proposed by: Erica Hayton Seconded by: Marie Cooper All in favour.

Vicky Davis

Proposed by: Roz Eden Seconded by: Joy Holland All in favour.

The above were duly elected.

We now have our full complement on PCC. Kate will update the lists of members for PCC and DCC's and circulate with the calendar of meetings for the year, plus minutes of recent meetings for the new members. It was also noted that new members may need to update their Safeguarding Training as the introductory level is needed for all PCC members. There is also a booklet for new members explaining what the PCC and DCC are all about.

Thanks had been given to retiring members at the ADCM's.

9. Annual Report: This had been posted on the website prior to the meeting and was a more condensed version due to coronavirus restrictions, meaning that many of the groups had not been able to meet in the usual way. However, some activities had taken place and building and repair works carried out to both churches. Lynda Barr said it was good to see how much had been done during lockdown.

10. Financial Report and appointment of Independent Examiner: Pat Smith reported on the appointment of an independent examiner. He had hoped to appoint someone from one of the schools but that person had not been able to take it up. Pat's former work colleague, Simon Billingham has agreed to be our I.E., however, and is someone Pat can vouch for.

Pat then reported on the church finances.

Covid has meant that it has been a difficult year in respect of income as we have had very little in the way of fees. Despite this Mappleborough ended the year with a very small loss of £190 which was balanced by a kind donation of £200 which meant that MG broke even on day to day expenditure. However, there is an unrealised loss of £18,000 due to the investment value going down. This will hopefully improve in the future. There has also been expenditure of £56,000 on the Vestry toilet and servery. Whilst this represents a significant usage of church funds it does not represent a "true" loss as the work increases the value of church buildings, however, as the value of church buildings are shown in the accounts of the diocese rather than in individual church accounts, this increase is not reflected in the Mappleborough Green accounts.

Studley had a loss of £4,500 on day to day expenditure, largely due to lack of fees. A small amount of reserves has been used to prop up the loss.

Gift Day was successful for both churches.

Unfortunately 2021 looks like a similarly tough year as we are not yet back to normal levels of activity.

Pat invited questions at this point. A question from Lynda about the transfer of funds between the different church accounts was explained by Pat. Alan Greathead said the Fabric Fund for both churches enables us to keep large capital expenditure out of the main church funds.

It was noted by Kate that income went up from general giving sometimes due to one off donations. We have also managed to pay our Parish Share, contributing more than £10,000 towards other clergy posts in the Diocese, which Kate thanked everyone for. Phil Pattison also noted that we have been able to pay our Administrator and a cleaner for Studley church during Lockdown which was appreciated by those concerned.

Pat recorded his thanks for all the assistance he has been given this past year as the new Treasurer and Kate also thanked Alan for his help and Pat for taking on the role.

The Accounts have been signed by the Independent Examiner and were approved at the February 2021 PCC Meeting.

Proposal: To adopt the Parish of Studley with Mappleborough Green Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2020.

Proposed by: Lynda Barr Seconded by: Mike Moffat All in favour.

11. Newly elected DCCs elect Officers:

The meeting divided into Studley and Mappleborough Green Break-out rooms for this item. The following were elected:

Mappleborough Green

(a) Lay Chair – **Glynn Jones**

(b) Secretary - **Linda Salsbury**

(c) Treasurer – **Erica Hayton**

Studley

(a) Lay Chair – **Hilary Volrath**

(b) Secretary – **Vacancy**

(c) Treasurer – **Joyce Duffin**

12. Newly elected PCC elects Officers:

(a) Lay Chair – **Lynda Barr**

(b) Secretary – **David Lee**

David is willing to be PCC Secretary for a trial period of 6 months as he gets to know everyone and will not be a voting member during this time.

(c) Treasurer – **Pat Smith**

All those present on PCC were in favour of the above.

(d) Standing Committee – This is made up of the Vicar and Churchwardens plus two lay representatives. It was agreed that the PCC Lay Chair and Treasurer would be the two reps.

Kate explained that the purpose of the Standing Committee is to conduct business between PCC meetings and prepare agendas. We rarely need to do this as the Admin. Team meet weekly but if there was a need for something to be done formally the Standing Committee would convene.

(e) Electoral Roll Officer – **Linda Salisbury** is happy to continue.

13. Open Forum:

- Lynda Barr – We registered our parish as a Fair Trade Parish some time ago. We have been asked to re-register. One of the commitments is that we will promote Fair Trade goods, using FT tea, coffee etc. in our churches and buildings and if possible use other products such as toilet rolls and cleaning products. Our use of FT goods and products has lapsed a little in recent years so we were asked if we want to carry on. A discussion followed with arguments for and against the use of FT goods. The feeling was that we would be mostly in favour of continuing and making more effort to buy and use FT products. It was pointed out that supply is much broader and better quality than it used to be and is also more readily available in shops such as the Co-Op in Studley. It would also help our Eco Church credentials if we were to re-register.

It was agreed that we could set up some ‘taster’ coffee and tea sessions with church members to encourage them to use Fair Trade. Kate said we are not in a position to commit yet but will carry the discussion forward to DCC’s.

- Keith Johnson – Keith is Foundation Governor at Studley Junior School and reported that the Head Teacher would like to give all the Year 6 leavers a copy of the book by Charlie Mackesy “The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse” as an extra gift for encouragement, following a very difficult school year due to the pandemic. It was suggested that some members of our churches might like to contribute towards the cost of this gift as it is more than would normally be spent. Both church schools usually give a copy of “It’s your Move” to each child. This will still happen but it would be very helpful if people could give a contribution or buy one of the books. Several of those present said they would be happy to do this. Mappleborough School children also receive a wooden holding cross. Roz asked if the gift of Charlie Mackesy’s book could be suggested for Mappleborough School as well.
- Linda Salisbury – Are we able to hold an Alpha Course this year? Kate replied that this has not yet been discussed and it would need a lot of people to get involved with catering, hosting etc. Some thought will be given to it in the future.

Kate concluded the meeting and reminded us that some key elements to our ministry are hospitality, welcoming and having an open door.

Kate will be taking a half day in June to find out how to run a “Difference” course and decide whether it might be something we could do ourselves.

The meeting finished at 20.40 pm with prayer led by Kate.

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