**Minutes of Holy Trinity Church Tewkesbury APCM**

**15th October 2020 by Zoom**

Stephen gave a warm welcome to the APCM by Zoom. The meeting opened at 19:30 with prayers committing this evening to The Lord and thanking God for the means to have this meeting and for Him to be glorified in everything we do and discuss

The reports for the APCM have been prepared prior to this meeting and are on The Holy Trinity Website for people to view and bring any questions

**Annual Vestry Meeting**

1. Apologies for absence and registering of proxies were given - None
2. The minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting of 29/4/19 were agreed that they are a true and accurate record of the meeting.
3. Election of Churchwardens. Two nominations received – Roger Workman and Sara Simpkins

A huge thank you was given to Stephen Cirel who has served as Church Warden for 6 ½ years. Stephen has served very thoroughly and it is very much appreciated for all that he has done. A small gift was presented

Sara brings lots of experience from her other community positions and thanks was given to her for serving the Church in this way

Roger and Sara were nominated and accepted as Church Wardens for the next season

All in Favour: Unanimous

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. **The minutes of the APCM 2019**.

It was proposed that these minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposal: Stephen Walker

All in Favour: Unanimous

1. **Electoral Roll Report.**

Ken Parsons, as The Electoral Roll Officer, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on. Thank you to Ken

Stephen W informed that last year there were 252 people on The Electoral Role and this year there are 258. This is a net increase of 6 people year on year

No questions were raised

1. **Treasurers Report and adoption of accounts**

Simon Holdsworth, as The Church Treasurer, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on. Many thanks to Simon

Simon reported that the accounts have been independently examined by Mary Adlard and our thanks go to Mary.

Our income is slightly lower than 2018 due to the monies raised in 2018 for the OMH and there has been a slight increase in expenditure due to the Cefn Lea weekend

Simon offered his sincere thanks to Mike Page, as Church Accountant, for his diligence and keeping us “on track”

Simon proposed that Mary Adlard continues as the Independent Examiner for 2020.

All in Favour: Unanimous

It was proposed that the APCM accept the Report and Annual Accounts of 2019.

Proposer: Simon Holdsworth

All in Favour: Unanimous

The question was raised if we have a reserve for this period of uncertainty. Simon informed that we do have a Reserve Policy and a reasonable reserve. However, 2020 is currently looking good

Stephen W also offered his Thanks to Simon and Mike for their attentiveness

Prayer was given for God’s faithfulness and thankfulness as we continue to reach out and connect through the congregation’s generosity

1. **Youth Worker Report.**

Sam Williams, as The Youth Worker, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on. Many thanks to Sam

Sam was not present at the meeting as she has been accepted for Reader Training and was at College this evening. However, a thank you was given to Sam and the team that support her during this challenging time to stay connected by Zoom. Please continue to pray for the teenagers to continue with their faith.

No questions were raised

Jo led us in prayer thanking Sam and the other leaders and also that the Young People have God’s hand upon them and continue to grow in their faith for Him

1. **The Children’s worker report**

Lucy Betts, as The Children’s Worker, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on. Many thanks to Lucy

Stephen W gave thanks to Lucy, not only for the Children’s Work but, for the huge amount of work that Lucy has put into the on-line services

Lucy shared that it has been a change: There had been about 30-35 children who attended TJC but then from March it has been drastically different. TJC has been on-line and Lucy has appreciated families encouraging their children.

Schools have just returned and are requesting virtual assemblies.

No questions were raised

Prayer was given by Gaz for Lucy and helpers of the Children’s ministry; For Lucy’s creative thinking and new initiatives; For the relationship we have with our schools and that our Children continue to grow in their faith

1. **Safeguarding report.**

Julie Northcott, as The Safeguarding Officer, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on.

Stephen W gave thanks to Julie for overseeing the Safeguarding of our Church.

Julie informed that she would like to add to the report that work was carried out with the Welcome Team and Church Wardens and that there is a good, supportive Safeguarding Team at the Diocese. She thanked Rachel Hargreave as office Admin for undertaking the work of DBS checks and also Lucy who has bridged this gap in the absence of an office admin. (Helen H will now be overseeing this, as new office admin)

No questions were raised

It was proposed that the Vulnerable Adult and Child Safeguarding Policy is approved and accepted for this next year.

Proposer: Stephen Walker

All in Favour; Unanimous.

Prayer was given for God to guide us in any difficult decisions; To thank God for the Diocese Safeguarding Team and for God’s protection over us all.

1. **Churchwardens report.**

Roger Workman and Stephen Cirel, as The Church Wardens, prepared the report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on.

Stephen W gave thanks to the Church Wardens and to Kevin Lambert, who has been continuing to work around the Church during “Lockdown” whilst it has been empty. Thanks were also offered to all of those who work behind the scenes.

Roger paid tribute to Steven Cirel and others who do so much and welcomed Sara as the new Church Warden.

Stephen W thanked Allen Snow for the decades of electrical work that he has carried out in the Church. A small gift was offered in appreciation.

John H led us in prayer thanking all who have contributed to The Fabric of The Church: For Sara as she takes on this new role and guidance for Roger and Sara for this coming period.

1. **Election of members to the PCC and Deanery representatives.**

Lyn Satchell has stood down from the PCC this year and with an additional space outstanding there have been two new nominations:

* Julian Dickinson
* Stephen Cirel, who has offered to continue to serve as a member

No voting was required and therefore, the new members were duly elected.

The Deanery representatives were appointed

* Tony Walker and Allen Snow would like to continue to serve
* Peter Herrick is stepping-down
* Emma Ash has offered to serve.

No voting was required and therefore, the members were duly elected.

Stephen W thanked Peter H for his faithful Service as a Deanery rep. Peter H commented that he hoped that the work on the Diocesan mission statement, L.I.F.E would continue.

Stephen W thanked Emma A for her enthusiasm and energy for Serving

Stephen Walker thanked the PCC members for all their time and work

Stephen W informed that there will be a Deanery Synod meeting by Zoom in November

1. **The Vicars report**

Stephen prepared his report which was put on the Website Prior to the meeting for people to comment on**.**

Stephen again gave thanks for all the Service and Commitment everyone gives, especially to The Leaderships Team and to his Wife, Sharon

Stephen thanked everyone for the other reports that have been prepared, which embraces the Church in many dimensions;

* Sunday at 3
* A Day for You
* Music and Movement
* Mission Partners
* Smarties
* Coffee report
* Deanery Synod report

David Rogers offered a Thank you to Stephen and Sharon for keeping our Services alive which are presented so well over the YouTube channel.

Sarah H gave prayer for the leadership, fun and enthusiasm Stephen and Sharon have given; For God to continue to inspire them, especially as the Christmas period approaches; That we continue to stand strong together and for protection until we can come back together again

1. **Appointment of the Welcome Team**

Stephen informed that the Welcome Team has taken a different shape since we have returned in September.

Stephen W gave a thank you to all who serve in this mission as it is so important that people feel welcomed as they enter the Church.

1. **AOB.**

Brenda Snow gave thanks for the Zoom coffee before the Service as a way of staying connected. The idea came from Dave Greenwood. Thank you Dave

Julie Pinder informed that the on-line service reaches out to people outside of our area and a colleague of Julie really appreciates our service as her own Church does not have the technology to do this. Stephen W informed that he has received emails from “strangers” to give thanks and appreciation for the on-line services

1. **The meeting closed at 20:40 with prayer thanking God for our meeting tonight and this was followed by The Lord’s Prayer**