**Minutes of APCM, Holy Trinity Church Tewkesbury,**

**22nd April 2021 – by Zoom**

1. **The minutes of the APCM 2020**.

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, has not prepared a report due to us not being able to meet in Church during this last year. Last year there were 258 on the electoral role but, unfortunately, we have lost Jenny Harmer and Peter Williams, who have gone to be with the Lord. So the new number on roll is 256.

No questions were raised

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

Mike Page as Church accountant prepared the report and Simon Holdsworth, as The Church Treasurer, circulated the report prior to the meeting for people to comment on.

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

Simon informed that nearly 80% of our voluntary income is given through the Parish Giving Scheme and gave thanks to all who give in this way as it has kept our financial position buoyant.

Simon offered his sincere thanks to Mike Page, as Church Accountant, for his diligence and keeping us “on track” and to the team who count the collection every week when we are in church.

Simon informed that the PCC had proposed that Mary Adlard continues as the Independent Examiner for 2021. A vote was then taken by show of hands.

All in Favour: Unanimous

No questions were raised

Stephen W also offered his thanks to Simon, Mike and Helen for their diligence in overseeing our finances and to all in our fellowship who support the life of our church.

John H led prayers of thankfulness for God’s faithfulness in providing for our financial needs.

1. **Youth Worker Report.**

Sam Williams, as The Youth Worker, prepared a report prior to the meeting for people to comment on. Many thanks to Sam.

Sam was not present at the meeting due to being at Reader Training this evening. Her report was read by Sharon.

Stephen W gave thanks to Sam and the team that support her - for their work in this challenging past year. Please continue to pray for the investment in our Young People.

No questions were raised.

Sarah led us in prayer, thanking Sam and the other leaders and helpers; also that the Young People might have God’s hand upon them and continue to grow in their faith.

1. **The Children’s worker report**

Lucy Betts, as The Children’s Worker, gave a verbal report

Lucy shared that TJC will be re-commencing in Church. Sadly, many leaders have stepped-down but a big thank you was given to those that have served. A thank you was also given for those that are returning. TJC urgently requires more helpers and leaders to serve once a month.

Lucy informed that she is looking forward to TJC, Smarties and Down to Earth returning. There are also 2 x sleep-overs planned.

No questions were raised

Stephen W thanked Lucy for her continued ministry and for facilitating the You-Tube services and Social Media over this past year.

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

1. **Safeguarding report.**

Julie Northcott, as The Safeguarding Officer, gave a verbal report and informed that Holy Trinity Tewkesbury is piloting a new Dashboard.

Julie gave thanks to Rachel H for her work with the DBS checks and is looking forward to working with Helen.

Stephen W gave thanks to Julie for overseeing the Safeguarding of our Church and refreshing our policies

No questions were raised.

Sharon led in Prayer thanking us for being a Church Family together; for the safeguarding team and for God’s protection to keep our Church family safe.

1. **Churchwardens report.**

Sara Simpkins, as a Church Warden, presented a report.

Sara informed that much of 2020 was taken up with the actions from the Quinquennial Report – most of which have been completed. Sara gave thanks to Kevin Lambert for his service; to Allen Snow for his service and to the Deputy Wardens and Welcome Team.

Stephen W thanked Sara and Roger for looking after our building; for Roger who has served for the past 3 years; to Steve Burden as he joins the team and for wisdom, skill and the decisions that the Church Wardens have to make.

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

Tony Walker is stepping down as Deanery Rep. Thank you to Tony who has served in this role for the past 3 years.

Stephen Cirel is stepping down from the PCC. Thanks was given to Stephen for serving on the PCC, for serving as a Church Warden and overseeing the office IT (oversight of the IT will continue).

There is now one vacancy on the PCC. Stephen W suggested that perhaps a Young Person may be interested – they have to be over 16 years of age and to have been Baptized. Please discuss any interest with Stephen.

The Deanery representatives were appointed

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

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

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

1. **The Vicars report**

Stephen presented his report

Stephen informed how the Lockdown has had an impact on both society and our worshipping community. However, God has not left the Church.

Stephen gave special thanks to Roger for serving as Church Warden and to Sue Perks who is stepping down after her service in the leadership of the Worship Group.

Stephen thanked everyone for their service, which embraces the Church in many dimensions;

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

Jo gave prayer for our church fellowship; the amazing things that have happened over this last year; for Stephen and Sharon for leading us through this pandemic and for Stephen in his role of Area Dean.

1. **Appointment of the Welcome Team**

Stephen informed that the Welcome Team has taken a different shape since we have returned in September and thank you to those who have served.

It is hoped that this team will grow as we come out of Lockdown.

1. **AOB.**

The Church Weekend at Cefn-Lea will be held on the last weekend of June 2022

1. **The meeting closed at 20:45 with the saying of The Grace**