

MINUTES OF APCM

Taking place on Sunday 16th May 2021 at 6.30pm
ONLINE VIA ZOOM



Opening Worship, Prayer and Reflection was led by PC and FI. We sang, gave thanks and prayed over the meeting

Vestry Meeting

1. **Welcome** and opening prayer:
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mary Nelson Simon Iddon, Pauline Jones, Nev Willerton, Isabel Willerton, Barney Cansdale, Margery Pound, Arthur Allan, Dave Latcham, Gareth Evans, Janette Evans.
3. **Minutes of meeting** held on 18th October 2020 were received as an accurate record. Prop: Steve Jones. Sec Richard Boak
4. **Election of Parish Wardens** (two to serve for one year).

Nominations: Erica Staples, Richard Boak

PC Expressed gratitude to Erica, Richard and Georgia for their incredible hard work in the past year.

Erica and Richard were duly elected with no objections.

We prayed for Erica and Richard.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. **Minutes of meeting** held on 18th October 2020 were received as an accurate record. Prop: Jenny Surl, Sec: Erica Staples, all in favour
2. **Apologies for absence.** Already received.
3. **Matters arising** none not already on the agenda
4. **Brief reflections** on the life of our churches, and ministry and mission across the parish.

After an initial video outlining something of the last few weeks, PC introduced a snapshot of four different areas of our life and ministry as a church.

- (1) **Supporting the Local Community.** Amal Moore: Talked about Christmas hampers where over 128 Households were blessed. Food hub: emergency shopping and weekly food parcels to over 70 households. Gave thanks for teams and volunteers
- (2) **Work with children and families.** Fi Iddon and Judith Clarkson – supporting children and families through COVID: has been very different, pyjama church has been very successful. Parenting for

faith course. Judith is retiring this Summer, please pray for her and for the process of appointing her successor.

- (3) **Midweek Discipleship:** Holy Spirit, prayer and fellowship, alpha. Wellbeing course was attended by over 50 people each week. More courses are planned.
- (4) **Café Connect and Cloisters Café.** has gone really well. Café opens this week. Lissi Small is standing down at the end of May.
- (5) **Holy Trinity Belle Vue** – we have been supporting the work of HTBV for the past 9 months. Verity Lowe, Lay Vice-Chair at HTBV, expressed thanks for the support and encouragement received. Pre-school is going really well, prayers are requested for staff and children and families. Small community, spinning many plates at the moment - prayers are gratefully welcome.

Questions were invited in response to this, including:

- Flowers in church – Judith and flower team have been amazing, thanks expressed to them.
 - The importance of intergenerational ministry and worship
 - Affirmation of the beautiful display board in Café Connect
 - What will church look like going forward? We need to walk at a pace that honours all, and see what comes up, being alert for new ideas.
 - How do we keep everything going when things go back to normal? Again, it's about gauging the best way to do this as we go.
 - Cloisters Café – shall we continue? We are exploring this now and hope to have news soon.
 - Would be good to keep in touch with small groups of individuals, this is a congregational thing
5. A report from the **Electoral Roll Officer:** Ann Peppiatt reported that the latest electoral roll has 379 members on it; 336 at HTMB,43 at CTK. Sadly ten people had died during this period of the roll, and ten people had joined. The next complete revision is in 2025.
 6. **Annual Report** for the year 2020, which lays out ministry and mission across the parish

We received the Annual Report, Prop: Rachel Wood, Sec: Ann Peppiatt, All in favour
 7. **Finances**

JM expressed thanks to William Small for his hard work through this financial year which has been difficult. Parish share was reduced, and costs were minimised as much as possible. The Job Retention scheme has helped (this comes in as grant funding so does not appear as a reduction in salaries) and giving has held up.
 - (a) Annual Accounts for 2020, were received. We have not yet received the results of the audit, but PCC will continue to work with the auditors before a submission is made to the Charity Commission.
 - (b) Budget for 2021: we had decided not to set a budget because of the changeability of the immediate future, but now that there is some clarity, a budget can be set for the second half. There will certainly be a deficit. Reserves are: unrestricted £177,000. Most losses have been regained which is a blessing.

- (c) Appointment of Independent Examiner (2021), for approval. Jonathan Hill, Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance. Prop: John Mowbray Sec: Richard Boak, All in favour.

JM, WS and Jenny were thanked for their hard work and perseverance, and to all those whose generosity has been constant. Thanks also to Rob Surl and the stewardship team.

8. **Election of District Churchwardens**

There are no nominations for District Warden at CTK or HT

9. **Election of DCC members** (to also serve on the PCC):

1 (Holy Trinity) Dave Latcham,
1 (Holy Trinity) Sarah Irons
1 (CTK) Olwen Abbott
Duly Elected.

10. **Election of Deanery Synod members** (to also serve on the PCC)

1 current vacancy.
No one elected.

10. **Looking Ahead:** PC reflected on “He who began a good work in you, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”

- What will our online and in person life look like going forward, particularly at CTK for example? And at the Meet Place?
- We have seen ‘good works’ across all of our ministries during the pandemic – what does completion look like? What do we long for?
- We need to raise our perspective and widen our horizons, staying alert for the new.

We prayed into these things together.

11. **Any other business:**

- **How can we better support HTBV?** This is currently being explored, and we continue to talk to senior colleagues across the diocese about the future direction of travel and our supportive working across Shrewsbury churches.
- **Erica Staples:** expressed grateful thanks to Phil and the staff team on everyone’s behalf for their incredible hard work during the pandemic, for being there to lead and encourage us.

12. **Closing prayer: we said the grace together.**

Parochial Church Council meeting

1. **Apologies for absence:** were received Dave Latcham
2. **Appointment of Officers** PC (dec)
 - a. PCC Secretary, Steve Jones Prop: PC, all in favour.
 - b. PCC Hon Treasurer John Mowbray Prop: PC All in favour
 - c. PCC Lay Vice-chair Erica Staples Prop: PC, all in favour
 - d. Clerk to the PCC: Helen Hinton. Prop: PC. all in favour

3. **Co-options William Small, Operations Manager. Prop: PC, all in favour.**
PC (dec)

4. **Any other business previously notified to the Vicar**

“What are we doing to support our ministry in Radbrook and at CTK?” Phil outlined meetings with members of DCC, and the encouragement that once we are able to meet in person again then we will be more able to welcome CTK members to be more fully part of our discussions.