

# APCM and Vestry Meeting Minutes

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 afer the 1030am service

| Vestry Meeting |  |  |
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|                | Item   |  |
| 1.             | <b>Welcome and opening prayer</b>                                | Rev Phil Cansdale opened the meeting in prayer.  |
|                | <b>Present</b>   | Rev Phil Cansdale, Phil and Cath Cole, Ian and Bonita Campbell, Gwen Grafton, Verity Lowe, Sandra Lloyd, Sarah Wolton, Sheila Pilsbury, Keith and Jill Wigglesworth, Julie Hamilton, Jackie Preston, Jon and Janet Storey, Beryl, Barbara Calloway, Lake , Faith,  |
| 2.             | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>                                     | Shirley Corfield, Debi Harper, Janet Sheffield, Rob Cartwright, Fiona Iddon.   |
| 3.             | <b>Minutes of the last meeting.</b>                              | Minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as correct and signed.  |
| 4.             | <b>Election of Parish Wardens.</b>                               | <b>Sandra Lloyd</b> and <b>Sarah Wolton</b> stood as wardens. They were instated by a unanimous vote. They were thanked them for their service over the past 18 months, and responded with thanks for the amazing support that they have received by the congregation.   |
| <b>APCM</b>    |  |  |
|                | <b>Present</b>   | As above   |
| 1.             | <b>Apologies</b>   | As above   |
| 2.             | <b>Minutes of last meeting, held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b> | These were unanimously agreed as correct and signed by Phil Cansdale.  |
| 3              | <b>Matters Arising</b>   | There were none.   |
| 4.             | <b>Brief reflections on the life of our church</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil urged those present to complete a “<b>Keeping in Touch</b>” leaflet to enable more efficient communication with the church family. The details will comply with data protection and be kept within the office at Meole Brace.</li> <li><b>Future changes in services</b> to encourage families with children to come along were introduced. There will be a trial of “<b>Messy Church</b>” on the first Sunday of the month, from 9 - 10am, exploring a Bible story with crafts, followed by a short time of worship, and ending with a light breakfast at 10am. Regular members of the congregation will be encouraged to join in for the 10am breakfast and meet the families and children who are finishing their time of worship. Fi Iddon will co ordinate the session, and volunteers will be welcomed to help with delivery. The first Messy Church will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. The church service will then take place in the hall after breakfast.</li> </ul> <p>These proposals were met with enthusiasm from those present.</p> |
| 5.             | <b>Electoral Roll</b>  | Four people have been removed from the roll, (2 leaving and 2 deceased), and 3 people have joined. This gives a total of 45 members.   |
| 6.             | <b>Reports (as circulated)</b>                                   | <p><b>Pre School:</b> Sheila added to the Pre School report to say that numbers are high, with 18 children leaving in the summer. There is a waiting list at the moment which is encouraging for numbers in the Autumn Term. Covid babies and parents are beginning to come through the setting. Fiona Iddon has officially taken over the role of Chair person.</p> <p><b>Wardens:</b> The report included a Quinquennial report which was fairly positive. Kevin Pilsbury from the Meole Brace team has been a great support for the advice and action regarding the work that will be needed over the next 5 years. We need £25,000 worth of work over the next 5 years.</p>  |

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|     |   | <p><b>PCC and Safeguarding</b> report was circulated on the website. Continued problems with Safeguarding training certificates were raised. Jill Wigglesworth will contact Shirley to follow this up.</p> <p><b>Deanery Synod;</b> Phil and Cath Cole are the church reps, and provided a report on line. There are 3 meetings a year, which includes reps from all the churches in the area.</p> <p>All reports were received as proposed by Julie Hamilton and passed unanimously.</p>   |
| 7.  | <b>Financial Report</b>                     | <p>Kevin Pilsbury (Operations Manager at Trinity Churches) has been acting treasurer for HTBV and completed the accounts as presented on the web site. It was agreed that he is doing a great job for us, but we need to find someone more local to get involved as a support to Kevin, with the eventual goal of becoming treasurer.</p> <p>The accounts reflect a challenging year, with a <b>deficit of £2,376</b>. We had just over £10,000 in the account at the end of the year. Outgoings included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the failure of the church heating system</li> <li>• general increases in prices</li> <li>• a decrease in annual giving of 37%.</li> </ul> <p>To counteract this, expenditure has been reduced by 39%, with support from the Meole Brace team being given for no cost.</p> <p>A Gift Aid claim for about £8,000 is due; anyone who pays tax were encouraged to Gift Aid their offerings.</p> <p>We are paying £12,000 per year for the Parish Share, The PCC at Meole Brace have offered to donate £10,000 towards the Share at HTBV. Thanks were expressed from the floor for this generosity, and it was acknowledged that there is no easy way out of the financial situation we find ourselves in. Thanks were also expressed to Kevin for his hard work on the accounts.</p> <p>The accounts were proposed to be accepted by Jill Wigglesworth, and unanimously voted in favour.</p> <p>The Diocese of Lichfield was proposed as our Independent Examiners as proposed by Sandra Lloyd, and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Two Highlights were raised for the future:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fuel costs for church will increase enormously, and needs some work to look at our options.</li> <li>b. Permission from the meeting was requested to raise the issue of hiring out the hall to the community with the PCC. This would enable community groups to use the premises and raise some much needed finance. This was agreed by all at the meeting.</li> </ol> |
| 8.  | <b>Election of PCC members for one year</b> | <p>The following were nominated as members of the PCC: Sheila Pilsbury, Julie Hamilton, Jill Wigglesworth, Bonita Campbell, Janet Sheffield, Debi Harper. They were all duly elected.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Gwen and Verity who have served on the PCC over past years. Verity was presented with a rose (called "A Wonderful Life") and a ceramic pot. She expressed that the past years have been a privilege and honour to serve with such a special spiritual family.</p>   |
| 9.  | <b>Looking Ahead</b>                        | <p>Bishop Sarah will be visiting church 3 times in the coming months, visiting a Sunday service, a PCC meeting, and a Thursday morning for pre-school / Oasis.</p>  |
| 10. | <b>AOB</b>                                  | <p>There was none.</p>  |

The meeting ended with a prayer from Phil Cansdale.