**ST GREGORY’S CHURCH MARNHULL**

**Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**Held on Sunday 12 May 2019**

**At St Gregory’s Church, Marnhull**

The Meeting opened with a prayer by the Rev David Dunning who welcomed all those present and chaired the meeting.

**Apologies:** Joan Gaddes, Pat Budden, Ian and Pauline Treece

**Easter Vestry**

a.Minutes from the last APCM held on Sunday 22 April 2018 – there was an amendment to the Minutes as Eleanor Woodhouse had been omitted from the list of PCC members. The Minutes were then agreed to be a correct record of that meeting and signed by Stephen Sides, Churchwarden. Proposed: David Dunning Seconded: Chris Langhelt.

b.Nomination and election of churchwardens. Stephen Sides and Pat Budden were thanked for their work as Churchwardens. Both agreed to stay on as Churchwardens. Proposed: Heidi Jarratt Seconded: Clive Gibbs

**Parochial Church Council**

Minutes of the previous APCM were accepted as above

a.Churchwarden’s Report – Report attached. Stephen Sides reported that church attendance has remained fairly consistent, averaging at around 65. The electoral roll and Parish Share counts took place at around the same time which caused some confusion. This may explain why the electoral roll is down from 86 to 67 this year. Stephen Sides asked those members of the congregation who had not yet filled in the electoral roll to do so. The attendance of school families at the major festivals was of concern and an issue which Gaenor Hockey will need to address when she joins St Gregory’s in September. Stephen Sides thanked David Dunning, Dave Treby, Angela Syer and John Seaford for their support in keeping the services going and advised that there were only a few small gaps until September. Philippa Sargeant will assist us with this issue. Stephen Sides also extended thanks to many people whose efforts are unacknowledged and help to keep the church functioning and welcoming. More volunteers are always needed.

b.Treasurer’s Report – Report attached. Heidi Jarratt asked whether there were any questions about the Financial Report and Accounts. George Stephens queried the status of the churchyard fund which Heidi Jarratt said she would check.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Chris Langhelt, seconded by Stephen Sides.

Heidi Jarratt thanked Mali Gudgeon for her verification of the accounts. Mali Gudgeon was proposed as Independent Examiner of Accounts for the forthcoming year by Eleanor Woodhouse, seconded by Clive Gibbs.

Stephen Sides thanked both Heidi Jarratt and Hilary Parker for their contributions to the running of the Church’s finances.

c.Presentation of Committee Reports.

Fabric Report. Stephen Sides reported that there is to be an Archdeacon’s Triennial Inspection by the Assistant Rural Dean when all our documentation and policies will be examined.

A Quinquennial inspection showed that the sacristy roof has to be replaced and that the turret roof on the tower needs a permanent repair. Some work has already been made to lead guttering following damage caused by squirrels.

The painting conservator dated both the skeleton and the St Christopher from around 1400. He also discovered some graffiti on the west end arch which has yet to be dated.

The architect carried out a 3d measured survey which gives us a better picture of what can and cannot be achieved in terms of levelling floors etc as we proceed towards creating a new kitchen, more flexible space, better heating and lighting.

The old organ has been removed and some of the parts are destined for other organs in Grasmere and Europe. Once Gaenor Hockey arrives, decisions can be made as to what can be done with the empty space.

Churches Together. As reported in the Annual Report. Mij Goddard added that “Churches Together” had established good friendships.

Music and Choir, Marnhull Messenger, Flower Arrangers, Bell Ringers.

Healing Team , Website and GDPR. All as reported in the Annual Report.

Deanery Synod. David Goddard added that although this had been a year of changes for the Deanery Synod, the new Rural Dean and assistant Rural Dean were full of ideas and enthusiasm. South Sudan shows signs of improvement but living conditions are still tough and the Christian church there asks for our prayers.

d.Presentation of Electoral Roll. Helen Butler presented the electoral roll. There are 67 members on the electoral roll.

e.Election of PCC members. All current members are standing on the committee with the exception of Ian Treece, who is Deanery Synod and Pilgrim Parishes representative. There is therefore a vacancy on the PCC. The PCC consists of:

Stephen Sides and Pat Budden – Churchwardens

Heidi Jarratt – Treasurer Chris Langhelt – Secretary David Goddard-Deanery Synod

Susan Simkins Eleanor Woodhouse Clive Gibbs Ros Eveleigh (ex-officio)

f. Any other business. Clive Gibbs reported the theft of a microphone stand.

Helen Butler thanked Stephen Sides and Pat Budden for their hard work as Churchwardens.

A closing prayer was said by Rev David Dunning.

The Meeting closed at 11.58am.