

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, HITCHAM – ANNUAL MEETINGS FOR 2023

Held at St Mary's, Hitcham on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 10:15am

Church attendees 23, no one attended on Zoom

Chairperson: Chris Berry

Secretary: Debbie Rainer

### MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 and matters arising: minutes approved by David Ross-Hamilton and seconded by Margaret Woodley. No matters arising.

Apologies: Jo Trobridge, Harsh Singh

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS (VESTRY MEETING)

##### **Appointment of churchwardens for 2023-24 chaired by Debbie Rainer**

This meeting agreed to the continued appointment of Chris Berry of this parish as churchwarden, along with Carol Bader as churchwarden (stepping up from deputy), for 2023 – 2024. Mary Howarth proposed and Ann-Marie Hill seconded, no objections.

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

##### **PART 1: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

##### **1. Election of lay representative(s) to Deanery Synod**

Existing members Jo Cork and Ann-Marie Hill to continue in role. No objections.

##### **2. Election of lay representatives to serve on the PCC**

David Ross-Hamilton elected for a second term of office, Susan Dickins appointed. No objections.

##### **3. Side Person appointments**

There were no side person appointments.

##### **4. Appointment of Independent Examiner:**

This meeting agreed to the appointment of Sandeep Das as our Independent Examiner for 2023/24 Proposed by Sonia Hart, seconded by Ann-Marie Hill.

##### **5. Appointment of Treasurer:**

This meeting agreed to the appointment of Harsh Singh as our Treasurer for 2023/24. Ray Woodlock proposed, Mary Howarth seconded. No objections.

There were no questions arising.

## PART 2: REPORTS

(written reports were circulated online in advance and were not delivered verbally unless stated)

### 6. Report on the Church Electoral Roll

Ann-Marie Hill declared 76 church members currently on the electoral roll. 9 removed, two added. Any amendments to be advised to AMH within two weeks of this meeting. No questions arising.

### 7. Annual Report of the PCC for 2022

Debbie Rainer thanked Chris Berry for chairing the majority of PCC meetings. Sarah Naylor-Hagger is continuing as our safeguarding officer. DR then read from this section of the 2022 Annual Report that had been circulated by email two weeks prior, printed copies available in church. No questions arising.

### 8. Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church

CB referred to this section of the Annual Report. No questions arising.

### 9. Report on the proceedings of the Burnham & Slough Deanery Synod

CB referred to this section of the Annual Report. A quarterly written report is received in addition to verbal feedback. No questions arising.

### 10. Annual Report of the Financial Affairs and the Audited Accounts of the PCC

In the absence of Harsh Singh, CB referred to this section of the Annual Report. No questions arising.

## PART 3

### 11. Chairperson's address

CB said about this being a year of significant change, a big thank you to many people who have served and led worship. The variety of worship style has been a joy to witness. In Jesus' home, we are as one. The annual report has been put together by Carol Bader who was thanked, along with Debbie Rainer. Paula Darrall, who has joined us as musician, was also thanked. We will miss Sally Short who has served in various roles. Carrie Hedgeworth was thanked for her service as our administrator. Alan Woodley does a great deal behind the scenes taking care of Gift Aid, Margaret Woodley was asked to pass on thanks on our behalf.

### 12. Questions

None were submitted beforehand. Alan Merrington asked about pastoral care, CB thanked Mary Howarth for her work in this respect and explained that we look forward to her continued service.

### 13. Any other business

Date of the next Annual Meeting: To be confirmed in due course. The next PCC meeting will be Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The meeting closed at 10:45