## ST MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS, SUNNYSIDE

7.30pm in person at church or by zoom on Tuesday 27 April 2021

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

**In person:** S Baggs, L Beloe, C Cartwright, J Cartwright, R Coles, P Craig, R Fardell, L Fennell, S Fowler, A Fyfe, I Fyfe, R Hamilton, P Harrison, J Hyatt, H Kemp, K Jones, J O'Brien, K O'Dair, P Wager, T Wager, J Willacy (21)

Via zoom: G Batchelder, M Batchelder, A Beeley, E Butcher, S Chilton, J Coles, R Colderwood, M Craig, P Craig, L Culley, P Davies, B Davis, S Davis, G Fowler, C Geoghegan, A Hammond, M Hammond, J Harbron, S Harbron, C Hitchings, T Hitchings, P Hyatt, J Kirkby, J Lines, T Lines, R Lynn, A McIver, C Mitchell, M Mitchell, H Norrington, R O'Dair, R Partridge, R Phipps, G Phipps, K Randall Stratton, J Ridgway, E Stewart, J Vaughan, D White, L White, A Wilcock, F Wilcock (42)

**Apologies:** R Heath, C Stewart, K Stananought, P Stananought (4)

- 1. Rebecca, our vicar welcomed everyone to the AMP and APCM. This evening some people were present in church whilst others joined via zoom. Thanks to the staff team who monitored the Sunnyside feed and oversaw the technology.
- 2. Our warden, Tony opened the meeting with prayer.
- 3. There were 21 people in church, 42 joined via zoom and four apologies.
- 4. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting of parishioners in Oct 2020 were unanimously approved.

Proposed: Richard Coles Seconded: Kathy O'Dair

5. Election and swearing-in of Churchwardens.

Tony Wager is standing for a fourth year.

Proposed: Richard Coles Seconded: Charis Geoghegan

Kathy O'Dair is standing for her first year.

Proposed: Jenny Hyatt Seconded: Fiona Wilcock

The two nominees were elected unanimously until the APCM in 2022 and as churchwardens they are automatically members of the PCC.

Due to COVID restrictions the Bishop has delegated the Archdeacon's authority to admit churchwardens into office, to the minister of the parish. Our vicar, Rebecca administered the oath to the wardens who were sworn in before those Sunnysiders present.

Chris Stewart has stood down after seven years at church warden - a challenging time as this included time during the vacancy before Rebecca joined us and during the pandemic. Chris was unable to join us this evening, but Tony and Rebecca thanked him for his leadership and guidance throughout this time.

This meeting was immediately followed by:

#### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Rebecca continued to chair the meeting.

## 1. The minutes of the last APCM on Tuesday 20 October 2020 were unanimously approved.

Proposed: John Cartwright Seconded: Mark Batchelder

# 2. The Annual Report and Financial Statements (displayed on the website and available from the office) were unanimously approved.

Proposed: Shawn Baggs Seconded: Richard Coles

## 3. Treasurer's Report – Shawn Baggs

SB thanked the Finance Action group, led by Ian Fyfe for its support throughout the year. Thanks to John Willacy as he continues to maintain the day-to-day finances whilst adapting to a new way of working due to COVID. The treasurer explained that although our finances have been impacted by the restrictions, we have been more fortunate than many churches as although giving is down, 85-90% of our giving is now by electronic transfer, thanks to the TRIO campaign. The plan to launch a new TRIO initiative has had to be delayed twice due to COVID.

SB confirmed that the loans for the hall roof are due to be paid by 2024. The Maintenance Action Group are researching heating the church more environmentally in future, meanwhile we are maintaining the present boiler.

## 4. Future Outlook -video by John O'Brien and Shawn Baggs

The video launched an appeal to raise £35,000 (plus Gift Aid) to cover the shortfall until 2022 when we hope to run a new TRIO campaign to increase our regular giving. A leaflet will be circulated giving more details and the video will be made available.

# 5. Other reports

There were no questions about the reports from the PCC Secretary, Action groups and Deanery Synod which are included in the Annual Report.

# 6. Thomas Coram School Foundation Governor's Report

This was included in the Annual Report. Thanks to Nick Heath who is stepping down as nominated governor on the Castle Federation Board (Victoria- Infant and Nursery School and Thomas Coram) after successfully representing Sunnyside for 10 years. Alex Fahey will be taking on this role, after his nomination has been approved at the PCC meeting in May.

# 7. Electoral Roll Officer's Report –verbal report by Richard Coles

The electoral roll is stored securely on the Parish ChurchSuite database and the names have been displayed in the porch for at least 14 days prior to the APCM. There are 172 names on the 2021 roll compared to 168 in 2020 with the majority from outside the parish.

The report was accepted.

Proposed: Richard Coles Seconded: Chris Cartwright Richard Coles was appointed as Electoral Roll Officer for the next 12 months. Proposed: Tony Wager Seconded: Paul Craig

# 8. Safeguarding Officer's verbal report – Jenny Hyatt

The full report is included in the Annual Report. JH read out the following statement as required by Church regulations.

'The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).'

This means we have taken every effort to ensure our paperwork is in order and that those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults have had the necessary checks and training. The National and Diocesan Safeguarding teams have highlighted the need to look out for any people who may be at harm from themselves, as we come out of lockdown. Please contact Jenny or Rebecca if you know of anyone who might be at risk, physically or emotionally.

### 9. Churchwardens report on fabric and furnishings

There were no questions related to this report which was included in the Annual Report.

#### 10. Lament - RF

## Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord:

Lord, hear my voice. (Psalm 130.vs1-2a)

As we hopefully start to come out of restrictions Rebecca led us in acknowledging things that have been painful in the last year:

Isolation. No singing together. Not being able to give the support we want when someone is grieving. Restrictions at funerals. No Church Weekend away.

# 11. Thanksgiving- RF

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**His love endures forever.** (Psalm 136 v1)

We are still here. We have a full staff team. Support of church members when ill. The growth of prayer on zoom. Online worship and streamed services. Messy Church families. Community Café conversations. Growth of technical knowledge and the tech team.

## 12. Thank you from Rebecca

Rebecca acknowledged what a difficult year it has been for her personally and thanked everyone for the support and care she has received in so many ways. She reflected seeing God at work, both individually and communally. There are so many people she wanted to thank - Action Groups and their chairs, PCC members including those standing down- Chris, Lesley, Fiona, Shawn and Penny, leaders, preachers and our two curates, the committed staff and tech teams and not forgetting the whole church family.

### 13. Elections to the PCC

Lesley and Shawn must stand down as they have completed two x 3-year terms. However, as treasurer Shawn has agreed to take up the co -opted place on the PCC until the APCM in 2022. Penny has completed one 3-year term so can put her name forward again. Fiona has stood down with two years remaining.

Nominations for 3-year term.

**Penny Harrison** 

Proposed: Kath Jones Seconded: Peter Hyatt

Laura Cook

Proposed: Sharon Fowler Seconded: Penny Wager

Nomination for 2-year term

**Trevor Hitchings** 

Proposed: Kath Jones Seconded: John Cartwright

Nomination for 1-year term

Ruth Colderwood

Proposed: Lucy Whittingham Seconded: Hannah Smith

All were unanimously elected. We still have two vacancies – one for 3 years and one for 2 years.

## 14. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Geoff Mann was appointed as Independent Examiner until the APCM in 2022 Proposed: Shawn Baggs Seconded: Richard Coles

## 15. Vicar's report

Rebecca's report on Looking Forward was based on Simon Barrington's work on 'Disaster Relief' which identifies the phrases Response, Recovery, Reconstruction. It will be included in the newsletter email at the weekend and on the church website. Although the Weekend Away has had to be postponed until 2022 a Weekend Away at Sunnyside is planned for 17/18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 when Adrian Chatfield will be the speaker.

#### 16. Prayer

KO'D close the meeting at 9.05pm with prayers for Rebecca and the Sunnyside family.

#### 17. PCC meeting

There followed a brief PCC meeting at which Shawn was co-opted on to the PCC and appointed as treasurer until the next APCM, Kathy O'Dair was appointed as vice – chair and Kath Jones as secretary.

The next PCC meeting is on Monday 24 May 2021 with Action Group meetings in the previous two weeks.