

PARISH OF CORSLEY AND CHAPMANSLADE
17TH APRIL 2013 AT CHAPMANSLADE SCHOOL

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Election of Churchwardens

Charlie Thackway was nominated to be the Church Warden at St Margaret's Corsley, there were no other nominations. This was proposed by Keith Muston and seconded by Janet Aylesbury, all were in favour.

As there was no other business Rev Norma Payne closed this meeting.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The meeting opened with prayers.

Sue Fear was appointed as secretary for the meeting.

Apologies of absence were received from Ian Buick, Trudy Hopkinson, Rosaline Dean, Chris Hall and Steve Butler.

The Chairman Rev. Norma Payne welcomed everyone to the meeting

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING

The minutes of the annual meeting held on 19th April 2012, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report was studied.

Pat thanked Keith for the production of the report and the weekly email newsletter 'Through the Open Doors'

Thank you to Barbara Hughes for the organisation of the Monthly Coffee Morning which is held at The Three Horseshoes, Chapmanslade.

The 4th Sunday service is organised by a team of people.

FINANCE REPORT

Keith gave a brief overview of the financial situation, at the end of last year we owed the diocese £12,000. This will be carried over to this year.

Keith briefly explained how the share is worked out by the diocese.

Questions

Charitable giving - do we give money out of our funds as well as from lunches and special services? Yes, there is a spread sheet showing all charitable collections and donations within the Annual Report.

What is the actual amount given to charity? Keith explained where the money comes from and goes to.

Charlie explained that even with an increase in planned giving we will not close the gap. We need to increase our fundraising and keep a very close eye on all expenditure and our charitable giving.

The PCC has been looking at our Mission and has come up with a Mission statement. There were views that as most people give to charity themselves and then also give to church, that the money given to the church is for the church and not given away to charity. Norma doesn't agree with the point of view about giving to charity, but feels that it is part of our Christian duty to give to those less off than ourselves. A suggestion is that we set a limit to charitable giving. Do we ask when people give to the church about if they are happy that some of it may go to charity. The only preference currently in use is for the Fabric fund. We need to encourage more people to be involved, if not directly by coming to church but also in fundraising activities. Keeping contact with people on the periphery and encouraging them to come to church. A Parish Club had been discussed in 2011, and submitted to the PCC, Norma said that she was unsure about what had happened and would look into it.

Keith was given a vote of thanks for his work with the management of the Finances and the layout of the finances report made everything understandable. Adoption of Annual Report, this was proposed by Charlie Thackway and seconded by Pat Ryan, all were in favour.

Keith thanked David Edmunds for his work as independent examiner.

ELECTIONS

The following, duly proposed and seconded were elected unanimously.

Deputy Church Wardens:

Janet Aylesbury, Judith Helliard and Harcourt Gough were happy to continue in their roles.

Parochial Church Council:

There are 5 vacancies for PCC members Alan Hopkinson and Elizabeth Irvine have been nominated and are willing to stand.

Deanery Synod Representatives:

There is 1 vacancy for 1 year and Alan Hopkinson is willing to do this for the year. Phil Jefferson is willing to continue as a rep and has been for 2 years of a 3 year term. Claire Merritt is willing to continue as a rep and has been for 2 years of a 3 year term.

Secretary: The role is split between Phi Jefferson and Sue Fear, who are willing to continue in their joint role.

Treasurer: Keith Muston.

Planned Giving Officer: Judith Helliard, it would be good for someone to help Judith.

Electoral Roll Officer: Michael Taylor, who is happy to continue for the next year or two but would then like to retire from the role.

Co-opted PCC member: Stella Bayman (fundraising)

Independent Examiner: David Edmunds.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

As everyone will be aware, this year we have had to 'wipe the slate clean' and prepare an entirely new Roll.

I have been most fortunate in having had tremendous support from a group of willing helpers which has made the task comfortably manageable. Here in Chapmanslade Philip Jefferson and Barbara Hughes did all the footwork and in Corsley Nic Gray, Colin Cary and Pat Ryan covered most of our widely spread village. I wish to record my special thanks to them all and also to Norma and Di and Richard Dean for their support.

As we expected the number on the Roll has fallen and stands at 148 compared with 185 last year. Being a member is a serious commitment and I believe it was in recognition of this that a few previous members made a positive decision not to apply for membership of the new Roll. The largest group who did not re-apply was those who are now living outside the parish. For them to be on the Roll they need to declare that they habitually attend worship in the Parish and this was clearly not possible for the majority.

INVENTORY

Norma signed the inventory for St Philip & St James. She will sign the other Inventories when she next visits the other churches. Norma proposed that we update the inventories, buying new inventories and logging all the items.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The May Fayre is on 18th May and will include Bargains in the Barn a table top sale, (therefore not in July as stated in The Bridge).

Harvest Supper dates will be sorted at PCC meeting.

450 years of Manor Farm House celebration at beginning of September, will decorate the church and have a songs of praise on the Sunday evening.

Charlie gave a vote of thanks to Norma, this is her last APCM, as she is retiring in September, Norma, you will be hugely missed. You have been with us for 9 years, helping with our pastoral care. Her last service will be on 15th Sept.

RECTORS REPORT

Norma gave a brief overview of her time as Rector, thanking all those who had helped her in her role. She said that she had enjoyed her time here and was looking forward to the future.

The meeting closed with prayer.