

The Parish of Abingdon-on-Thames  
**St Michael and All Angels**  
**Annual District Church Meeting**  
**Monday, 19 April 2021**  
**7.00 p.m.**  
by Zoom because of Covid 19 restrictions

**Present**

The Revd. Paul Smith, Chairman

Dorothy Bell	Barbara King
Carol Bowman	Laurence King
Keith Bowman	Sau Ming Ng
Glynne Butt	Susan Reed (Treasurer)
Jane Cadogan	Alexandra Scott
Hilary Clare (Secretary)	Sue Scott
John Clare	Sue Sheppy
Beryl Clements	Gillian Squire
Louise Heffernan	Peter Squire
Joyce Kelly	

1. The meeting opened with prayer and welcome. **Apologies** were presented from

Adrienne Compton-James	Jane Duce
Frank Debney	Eileen Duckett
David Duce	

N.B. Because the meeting was held by Zoom, those members of the congregation who were not able to use it were necessarily excluded.

3. **Matters arising**

Glynne Butt asked whether anything had been done about the 'Who's Who' suggested in 2019. As there had been no progress she offered to compile it, which was gratefully received.

4. (a) **Electoral Roll**

Keith Bowman reported on changes since the last AGM (October 2020). There had been two losses by death, and one error reported, bringing the total to 68.

- (b) **Church Council's Annual Report**

This was posted on the church website, and paper copies were available in church. It was unanimously accepted, after confirmation that only one churchwarden (Peter Squire) had served on the Fabric Committee.

(c) **Presentation of the accounts for 2020**

This was made by Susan Read, who had taken over as Treasurer from Mike Collins; the financial report had been prepared by Mike to the end of 2020. This is posted on the website; hard copies can be made available.

There had been an increase in the deficit between income and expenditure, as income had been substantially hit by Covid 19 restrictions (loss of lettings from church and church room, loss of fund-raising events, etc.), even though some expenditure had also decreased. There had been no building works, but as the next quinquennial inspection was due this was likely to change.

Thanks were expressed to Mike for his hard work and to Susan for taking over. She hopes to produce more detailed accounts on a quarterly basis.

5. **Elections**

(a) Joyce Kelly (proposed Peter Squire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hilary Clare) and Louise Heffernan (proposed Laurence King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicola Ng) were nominated for election as **churchwardens** by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on 29 April 2021.

(b) John Clare (proposed Joyce Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sau Ming Ng) was elected to the **Parochial Church Council** for 3 years. There continues to be a vacancy for 2 years.

(c) Beryl Clements (proposed Nicola Ng, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyce Kelly) and Nicola Ng (proposed Joyce Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gillian Squire) were elected to the **District Church Council**. One vacancy remains.

(d) Jane Cadogan (proposed Sue Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexandra Scott) was elected as the St. Michael's representative on the Church-in-Abingdon.

6. There was no other business.

7. **Team Vicar's notes**

Fr. Paul announced that although he had expected to take his sabbatical (originally planned for 2020) later in 2021 he was going to defer it until 2022, in the hope that he would be able to follow his original travelling plans. He would be taking his annual leave in one block from mid-August to September this year.

He spoke of the difficulties during the period of Covid 19 restrictions. He hoped to be able to resume the Thursday mid-day mass from July; there would be a celebration at 12.30 on Ascension Day (and another in the evening at St Nicolas'). There would be a celebration on Corpus Christi (3 June), probably in the evening.

He expressed deep gratitude to David Duce for his work on preparing service leaflets during the last year, and for his much-appreciated work on the extended pew leaflet, to Ming for his work with Zoom for the Sunday serviced during the period when the church was closed, and to Graham and Glynne for the music they provided, to Peter and Joyce for their work as churchwardens and to Louise for taking on the job. He spoke warmly of Peter's dedication during his 4-year stint. The Archdeacon's Visitation for the deanery would be held on 2 September (information from Sue Scott). He concluded by thanking everyone for being there.

Joyce expressed her thanks to Peter, and to Fr. Paul.

Following a query from Ming about elections, it was agreed (proposed Dorothy Bell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Scott) that all the people proposed for the various posts had been unanimously elected.

The meeting closed with prayer at 20.11 p.m.