**PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM**

**Sunday 15th May 2022**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Present:**  Father Jeremy

Romey Poston

John Laing and Charlotte Every (Churchwardens)

Sue Laing

Anthony West

Sarah West

Paul Sermon

Nigel Gray

Jayne Gray

Mandy Sermon (Secretary)

**Meeting of Parishioners**

**Opening Prayers**

**1. Apologies & notification of any other business:** None

**2. Election of Church Wardens:**

Father Jeremy proposed that Charlotte Every and John Laing were both re-elected as Churchwardens for the year. He reminded everyone that although the two church wardens were happy to be re-elected there will be a time when perhaps younger members of the congregation would come forward. Both Church Wardens were thanked for their hard work and support to the Rector.

**3. Any other business:** There was no other business.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

1. **Minutes of the APCM on 25th April 2021 & Notification of other business** The minutes were circulated and were accepted as a true record of last year’s meeting. Adoption was proposed by Nigel Gray and seconded by Charlotte Every. All agreed. No notification of any other business.
2. **Election of representatives to the Deanery Synod and to the Parochial Church Council**

No new nominations were forthcoming for the Deanery Synod. There were no changes to the existing members of the PCC.

1. **Election of sidesmen:**  There were no changes.
2. **Electoral Roll:**  The Rector reported that the number of persons on the Electoral Roll was 43. There had been one death.
3. **Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts:** The Treasurer, Nigel Gray, had submitted his report:

General Fund:

The total funds under management at year end were £105,684, an increase of 39% compared to prior year. The Year End values of the individual funds were:-

General Fund £26,525 (Prior year: £7,879)

Hall Fund £46,814 (Prior year: £35,907)

Other funds were similar or the same as the prior year.

The increases in the above funds are encouraging despite the Covid pandemic still present in 2021. Donations helped to boost the General Fund and it should be noted that the full parish Share was paid for 2021.

Hall Fund:

Parish Hall income benefitted from an income of £16,000 from activities, wedding receptions and the use during Regatta.

As can be seen, the Parish Hall activities continue to provide a lifeline for the Church and it is really important that the Hall should continue to thrive.

Acceptance of the Financial Report was proposed by Sue Laing and John Laing. All agreed. The treasurer was thanked for his hard work.

1. **Report on Church Fabric and Churchyards:** John Laing reported that after the Quinquennial report some necessary testing and gutter cleaning had taken place. Nick Austen had been working on the upper Churchyard during the year and it was looking much improved. Thanks were expressed. It was noted that the lower churchyard is not being tended well by the present company. It was suggested that putting out tenders to new companies would be beneficial.
2. **Appointment of the Independent Examiner:** It was agreed to continue to use Villiers Hayward as the independent examiner. All agreed
3. **Deanery Synod Report** No report this year.
4. **Churchwarden’s Report** See earlier report (6). It was noted that Mike Dowsett had retired as a Churchwarden and a formal acknowledgement of his retirement should be made.
5. **Rector’s report** Father Jeremy reported that this year was proving much more positive. There are a number of weddings and baptisms arranged throughout the year and there were regular enquiries, some from a distance. There has been an increase in numbers in the congregation and Father Jeremy reminded the PCC to make new members feel welcome and it was good to see younger members in the congregation.

Father Jeremy took the opportunity to welcome Romey who arrived last year. He was grateful for her help with both St Nicholas, Remenham and St Marys.

He expressed his thanks to everyone involved with the running of Remenham Church, the Churchwardens, sidesmen, cleaners, flower arrangers, the carer of the roses, the PC and secretary.

1. **Any other business:** None

Anthony West thanked the Rector for his service within the Church.

**12**. The meeting ended with a blessing.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.