**Annual Parochial Church Meeting of The Parish of Three Saints**

**Minutes**

**Sunday 24th April 2022**

**Present**: Reverend Kevin Wright, Reverend Neil Biddiscombe, Frances James, Mike Smith, Dot Coles, Carla Searle, Sarah McClean, Ginnie Soffe, David Wilford, Tim Hannah, Gwen Hatton, Ron Hatton, Ged Keele, Sarah Cole, Chris Wright, Sally Wingate, Margaret Smith, Jeanne Champion, Carole Carter (Minutes)

**Apologies** :James Counsell, Victoria Daintree, Chris Hussey, Maxine Bashford, Nick Bashford, Anthony Barkle, Pauline Chadwick, Jane Hannah, Mary Ford, Paul McClean, Marcus Hatton, Geoff Searle, Rosemary Keele, Kate Wilford, Robin Leveridge

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| **Item** | **Subject** | **Actions** |
| **6** | Welcome and apologies | Led by Reverend Kevin Wright  Apologies recorded by Secretary  Attendance 19 recorded by Secretary. |
| **7** | AOB *(discretion of the Chair)* | None |
| **8** | Approval of minutes from previous meeting, APCM April 2021 | Approval of Minutes:  Amendment of recording attendance of Sarah Cole & Sarah McClean  Unanimously Approved by those who attended the meeting in 2021 |
| **9** | Matters arising from Minutes | None |
| **10** | Annual Report of 2021 | Annual Report was sent out previously via email and hard copies were available. There will be copies available from the Church Office or on our website.  Kevin briefly discussed some of the main items within the report including the Accounts. Kevin thanked Victoria for taking on the role as acting treasurer and keeping the accounts with support from Robin Leveridge still doing Banking and coordinating Gift Aid matters and Carole dealing with day-to-day billing/payments etc.  We are a charity as a church & as such transparency is essential and the PCC are accountable for the use of the money given. This is a legal document.  Church Life fund is healthy, and Kevin expressed his thanks for all those who generously give especially through this pandemic when fundraising has not been as normal. Because of this generosity we have still been able to pay our full Parish Share to the Diocese which supports in part our provision of a Rector.  Heritage funds are still struggling due to the lack of ability to host events, also increased costs including fuels. We do need to continue to get support from parishioners currently outside the Church family, both financially & giving of their time to support our many groups.  2021 Annual Report & the parish accounts were unanimously approved.  Carole was also thanked for collating and putting the document together.  Chris Wright is our Diocesan Synod representative, she advised the meeting that the Synod has approved the budget for the coming year, also a 5-year plan which will have further necessary cost reductions. This will include clergy. There has been a large drop in Parishes able to pay the parish share this past year.  It is important that we communicate our faith and look at what resources we have and can use.  Kevin again thanked all for the regular and generous giving here in the parish. C of E is property rich, but cash poor and parishes must support our church buildings & therefore, communication to our parishioners is important to maintain this level of support.  Kevin again thanked everyone involved, we must all nurture & nourish our parish. it is impossible to thank everyone by name, but everyone does a tremendous job keeping our parish together.  Kevin also thanked Chris, who as his wife, as with all partners of clergy, supports endlessly and acts as his confidante & guide. Without the support from Chris, he would not be able to serve God and our parish. |
| **11** | Elections:   1. PCC Members 2. Deanery Synod Representatives 3. Diocesan Synod Representative | There are 105 on the Electoral role so we can have 12 PCC members.  We have 4 vacancies for PCC Members this year due the expiration of current terms of office & one vacancy.  No nominations for election have been received.  Kevin asked that we pray & consider those who may be suitable to serve, who could be co-opted later as necessary.  Kevin again thanked all those who offer their services & time for us, including members not standing again.  The Deanery Synod is part of the legal structure of The Church of England. There are about 3 or 4 meetings per year. Which are open to everyone.  No elections were due this year, however, Maxine Bashford has had to resign due to other commitments. Kevin thanked Maxine for her service over the years. Dot Coles still stands. We have 2 vacancies.  Chris Wright is our Diocesan Synod Rep so also attends these meetings  It was mentioned that they are also open public meetings, and all are welcome.  Kevin mentioned that there are still vacancies for Foundation Governors at both Brent Knoll & East Brent Schools.  Anyone interested please contact him to discuss. |
| **12** | The meeting closed at 11.50 pm with The Grace | |