**Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of Preston Plucknett, Yeovil**

3.00PM 18th October 2020

Annual Vestry Meeting

**1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was chaired by Rev David Keen and the opening prayer was broadcast by Rev. David Keen..

**2 Apologies received from:**

Doug Beard.

The meeting in St James’ Church was attended by Rev’d David Keen, Graham Hardacre (Church Warden and Jackie Parsons (Secretary). The meeting was conducted via Zoom and youtube due to Cov’d 19 restrictions.

**3 Minutes of Meeting held on 28th April 2019**

The minutes from this meeting were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. Rev’d D Keen proposed that they be accepted. This was seconded by G Hardacre and agreed by a show of hands on Zoom.

**4 Election of Church Wardens**

There were two nominations for the position of church warden. Graham Hardacre was proposed by Doug Beard and seconded by John Hanson, Barry Julier was proposed by Doug Beard and seconded by Joanne Newton. Both the above nominations were unanimously accepted by all present on Zoom and duly elected to serve as church warden for a period of 1 year.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**1 Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th April 2019 were proposed for adoption by B Julier and seconded by R Kirton. An amendment to be made to the report showing the year for the minutes as 2019, not 2018.

**2 Presentation of the Electoral Roll**

Chris Harris reported via Zoom that St James had 93 members on the electoral roll.

**3 Presentation of the Log Book and Inventory**

This was presented by G Hardacre for members to see on Zoom and youtube. The log book and inventory was duly signed.

**4 Election of Members to the PCC**

There were three members of St James’ PCC that stood down this year and these three places were migrated over to St Peters, so that the split on the PCC became three places to St Peters and nine places to St James’ in accordance with the number of members on each Church’s electoral roll. This action was agreed at a previous full PCC meeting. Therefore there were no elections required for PCC members to St James this year.

**5 Election of Deanery Synod Representatives**

Linda Mason and Diane Braithwaite term of office had both come to an end and two new representatives for the Deanery Synod were required for St James. John Hanson was proposed by D W Beard and seconded by G Hardacre and Chris Harris was proposed by J L Newton and seconded by M Felstead. As there were no other nominations John Hanson and Chris Harris were duly elected as Deanery Synod Representatives for St James for three years.

**6 Election of Sidespersons**

There were sixteen people already serving as Sidepersons at St James and they had all indicated a willingness to carry on with this role. All sixteen people were elected en-bloc. Rev’d David Keen thanked all the sidespersons for providing a welcome to St James’ Church to old and new members

**7 Annual Report of the proceedings of the Church Council**

The annual report had been circulated to PCC members and included on the Church website. The report was accepted as an accurate record of proceedings up to December 2019.

**8 Annual Report of the Financial Affairs of the Church**

Rev’d David Keen thanked everyone behind the scenes who had helped with the preparation of these accounts. Rev’d David Keen proposed that the accounts be accepted as an accurate record of the Financial affairs of the Church, proposed Rev’d David Keen and seconded by James Cox. The accounts would be signed by the Incumbent and the secretary after the meeting

Rev’d David Keen proposed that Chalmers and Co be appointed as independent auditor of the accounts and this was seconded by B. Julier.

**9 Vicar’s remarks**

Rev’d David Keen stated that in the year 2019 the Rev’d Ruth Chapman had been appointed as Associate Vicar. Ruth Glenning had been appointed as Youth Worker.

St Peters had raised a considerable amount of money to build the new community centre and refurbish the Church.

The PCC was restructured with the aim of each Church dealing with day to day affairs by a sub-committee and coming together to deal with items that affect both Churches approximately four times a year. The two Churches have really come together over the past year and each feels they are part of the other Church.

Due to the Pandemic the majority of St James’ anniversary planning has not gone ahead for safety reasons.

At present the Vicars and youth worker cannot go into Schools, secondary and primary because of the pandemic.

New people have joined the two Churches either in person or via youtube, so some success in outreaching to the wider community.

Rev’d David Keen thanked everybody who played some role within the Church and kept the Church open and functioning.

**10 Any Other Business**

There were no items of additional business.

The meeting closed in prayer at 3.25pm.

Jackie Parsons

Secretary to the PCC of St James & St Peters