

# St Andrew's Church, Medstead

## PCC Meeting Minutes: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - 19:30hrs: 8 Abbey Road

Attending: Debby Barnes (DB), Sharon Blackshaw (SB), Kerry Prior (KP), Jackie Jurd (JJ), Anne Lofthouse (AL), Pat Griggs (PG), Ian Jurd (IJ), Jeremy Griggs (JG), Paul Shaw (PS)

### 1. DB opened with a prayer and blessing at 19:37hrs

### 2. Apologies were received from Wendy Busby (WB)

### 3. Church Wardens Report: DB

DB welcomed the new members of the PCC following APCM elections and went on to discuss how wonderfully the Easter services had gone, including:

- a marvellous Maundy Thursday service
- the moving Good Friday service Anne's comprising marvellously orchestrated series of readings
- and the wonderful Easter Sunday service with the Church back to its full splendour with wonderful flowers.

Thanks are given to all involved in creating and delivering the services and the amazing flower displays for Easter.

DB hopes the congregation continues to grow and maintain the happy environment that it is known for.

### 4. Treasurer Capacity: IJ

IJ raised that Tim Wettone (TW) had kindly offered to cover our Treasurer duties for the interim period (as the treasurer and not a PCC member, at this stage) between JM departure and the new single parish of Medstead/Four Marks being created. Acceptance of the kind offer was proposed by JJ, seconded by DB and agreed unanimously.

IJ then produced a list of requests/suggestions from Tim that were discussed and agreed with the following outcomes:

- a) Communication address for all Church correspondence be moved to one agreed central location and agreed as St Andrew's Church Hall, Castle St, Medstead, Alton GU34 5LU
- b) Authorities for NatWest Bank account needs at least 3 people. This was already in hand as DB, SB and PS were already in process of being added. TW agreed to replace JM
- c) Gift Aid claims requested to be passed to TW. It was agreed to retain PS also as signatory and for correspondence address to be changed to match a) above
- d) Messy Church fund agreed to be retained as it's a restricted fund and KP agreed to change address as a) above. Church Flower Fund also agreed with up to £300 pa approved for the purpose of decorating the church.
- e) Church collections agreed as already have a standard sidesman form and collation/lodging by SB/DB. An expenses form has been requested of TW
- f) Budget prepared for 2022/23? JM to provide the work completed so far.
- g) Restricted Property Fund in the accounts shows the cost of construction and the furniture only
- h) Designated Fund of £1000 holding donation for new lectern is a restricted fund to assist with St Andrew's Church Reordering
- i) Wedding and Funeral fees and the quarterly returns to the Diocese are handled by Ingrid OJ and JM
- j) FOSAC fit with Church finances as it doesn't appear to be a separate charity. Bill Dawson to be contacted for absolute clarity but it is thought to be a restricted fund for St Andrew's Church.

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k) Frequency of financial updates from TW to PCC? Agreed as monthly

## 5. APCM discussion topics : All

- a) Church Giving – The comments made at the APCM were discussed and it was agreed that we would do more locally with greater Christian assistance focus
- b) Church Giving Overseas – The comments made at the APCM were also discussed and it was agreed that we would look for a new suitable opportunity and take advice from Alton/Diocese
- c) New Parish – The comments made at the APCM were discussed including the follow up email from one of the congregation regarding promise to look at all options and consultation. It was noted that:
  - a. The Arch Deacon's recommendation/urge is to join Four Marks
  - b. The longer standing members of the PCC also recalled that several meetings had been held to help everyone understand the process, options and consultation being pursued
  - c. A Zoom meeting had been held on the topic with consultation
  - d. A Church Meeting had also been held on this topic with consultation the ended with advice being shared to members of the congregation that they should talk to the Bishop, if still not happy, as the recommendation has always to move toward the best solution to maintain regular services at St Andrew's Church in keeping with its tradition
  - e. The Hub – It was agreed to retain the Hub for now. Proposed IJ, seconded SB, carried unanimously

## 6 AOB: All

AL raised that she hoped it ought to be possible to maintain a service every weekend at St Andrew's Church when the new parish is formed.

JJ raised that she will happily be one of our Synod Reps

DB raised that she had received a letter regarding a request to allow some wild grass/flowers to grow in areas of the land surrounding St Andrew's Church. DB to raise with Parish Council as they tend this area.

KP raised that the Lent Lunches had each raised £142.66 for their individual nominated charities and requested that the monies each be topped up to £150.00. This proposed by KP, seconded by JG and carried unanimously.

Other, usual items not included in today's agenda will be picked up at the next meeting

DONM – to be agreed via email.

Grace was said.

**Meeting closed at 22:03hrs**