

## Minutes of the meeting of the PCC of Milborne Port

Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 2024 in Church at 7pm.

The meeting began with the Commissioning Service conducted by RBS.

**Those Present:** Rev. Rona Stuart-Bourne (RSB) (Chair); Susan Wales (SW); Nicki Edwards (NE); Harold Clarke (HC); Richard Redman (RR); Louisa Hughes (LH); Trevor John (TJ); Linda Mumford (LM); Amanda Mackintosh (AM); Tone Higgins (TH); Felicity John (Secretary) (FJ).

**Apologies for Absence:** Paul Springett (Treasurer) (PS); David Johnson (DJ); Graham Sharpless (GS).

**The minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. March 2024 had been previously circulated and agreed as a true record, with no amendments.

### Matters Arising:

- The large silver flagon has been returned and is not to be stored at Wells so is now in the safe.
- Helen Soloman has been researching leasing a photocopier. The cost would be about £300 per quarter and the service contract 5 years. **Final decision to be made.**
- All the floodlight bulbs have been replaced with LEDs.
- Felicity John is now secretary to the PCC. Proposed SW, all in favour. SW has stepped up to take on the role of Churchwarden.

**Milborne Wick:** AM reported that they have had their AGM which was well attended. They are to re-introduce a harvest festival service and a carol service instead of a Christmas Day service. The congregation enjoy the variety of vicars taking their services. The August (26<sup>th</sup>) bank holiday cream tea fund raiser will go ahead as usual. (AM then left the meeting).

**Goathill:** HC reported that the Rogation service went very well. Further to the process of amalgamation of Goathill in with St. John's Milborne Port, a questionnaire was put together and presented to the members of the PCC, focussing on how it will affect administration and how the inclusion with St. John's PCC would work. NE said the questionnaire made clear that Goathill need to ask what they would like to ensure they "buy into it" and we become a Body of Christ together. **Process ongoing.**

**Prayers of Love and Faith:** This continues to be contentious in some churches. There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, this month on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

**Deanery Synod:** NE reported that the proposed reorganisation within the Deanery had been discussed at the Deanery Synod and would be **explored further in future** to ensure that sensible decisions are made. Letters have been sent to the Archdeacon and the Bruton and Cary Area Lay Dean, Rob Sage. At the meeting a very interesting talk was given by Jill Perrett the Developing Ministries Advisor at Wells on how to use people's gifts to the best advantage, how to have conversations – and there are many excellent training courses available to support these.

**Finance Update:** PS is in the process of switching the General account from the Nat West to the Coop Bank. The Benefice Account used by DJ is now the only account left with the Nat West. PS will email the updated accounts – there is no significant increase or decrease.

**Fabric Update:** SW supplied and update (attached and sent out with the agenda of this meeting). It was noted that, extra to the needs of the Quinquennial, a request be made to clean the windows if possible. It has also been observed that the flagpole is “kinking” – Mark Andrews will be asked to look at it. LH mentioned that the light outside is broken (HC explained that it was the original light at the Goathill junction, put there to guide tradespeople to the market – it was later moved to the front lawn of the church). TJ suggested that Robert Hall look at it with a proposal it be fitted with a solar light and new top. It was noted that the Parish Council are responsible for the railings around the churchyard, so the Chair, Simon Pritchard is to be asked if the light could be done (sorted out/painted) at the same time as the railings. No conclusions have been come to with regard to the heating in Church – although PS has found a much reduced price for the gas.

**Safeguarding:** NE is going on safeguarding training.

**Health and Safety:** There is nothing to report.

**RSB/Vision:** (Googled) Gill (Sakakini) is a Pioneer Priest in the Arts in the Church of England. She is a painter, works in community engagement, leads retreats and workshops and speaks and writes on topics relating to Christianity and the Arts. She is co-author of *Imaging the Story: Rediscovering the Visual and Poetic Contours of Salvation*. Gill is leading environmental art workshops this summer in the diocese. RSB suggested Natural World displays for the Gift Day, SW a cider festival as the Tip is not having one this year (!).

**AOB:**

**Commonalty:** Terry Mitchell (one of the PCC elected trustees) has resigned. Mark Pattenmore has been put forward for this position. NE proposed and LM seconded. FJ to write confirmation letter to Helen Pinkawa. Action Completed.

**Sidespeople:** Linda and Peter Mumford have stood down. Anne Schreiber and Gillian Topp have stepped up. Wardens should all be on the PCC. Trevor John and Richard Redman are. Neil Briggs and Barbara Tindale to be re-titled “Senior Sidespeople”.

**Organist:** The expectation is that the organist plays for half an hour before a funeral, and a quarter of an hour after as people leave the church. NE is to ask Rachel Willets as Director of Music to ensure that this expectation is conveyed to any deputies.

**Website:** Graham Sharpless kindly sent an update which was included with the meeting papers. He is asking people to provide more updates/photos/information etc. Could this be an item for the next agenda?

The meeting concluded with reflection at 8.30 pm.