**St Mary the Virgin, Bletchingley**

**PCC Meeting held on Tuesday September 15th 2020 in church**

**Present:**

Rev’d Phe (Rector)

April Alexander (Churchwarden) Jennifer Hyde

Bill Alexander (Treasurer) Lynn Hargreaves Mccallum

Pamela Cock Jeff Marks

Kate Doody Cyril Mighall

Richard Fowler (Churchwarden) Valerie Muller (PCC Secretary)

Clemmie Sellick Penny Sherrington

**Apologies:** Vicki Gillespie and Sandie Hooper

The Rector opened the meeting by reading the collect for the day, St Cyprian’s day.

**Minutes of Meeting held on August 18th** were signed as a correct record of that meeting.

**Minutes of emergency PCC.** In the absence of the PCC secretary no minutes were taken. ***Please could someone who was there write some brief minutes about any decisions taken.***

**Matters Arising;**

**Worship and Attendance:** Sunday services are well attended. This last Sunday there were 43 in church and another 17 viewed the service on-line. We need to start to think about other services, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and of course, Christmas.
St Mary’s is very fortunate to have both services in church and on You tube.
It was decided to ask our regular ‘readers’ if they were happy to read in church.

**Correspondence:** There was none

**DSAR:** Still waiting to hear from the ICO, hopefully this will arrive shortly.

**Finances**

**The treasurer presented the accounts for 2019**Bill proposed, seconded by Richard Fowler, that these accounts be accepted. Everyone agreed.

Anthony Cock was thanked as our Independent Examiner
Bill Alexander was thanked for his hard work in maintaining the accounts
Lisa swan was thanked for continuing to manage the employment side of our finances.

It was suggested a project would be a good idea to keep us focused during the strange times.

**Financial Report to date**Finances are in good shape, income has remained good whilst expenditure is down. The treasurer predicted an accumulated surplus at the end of the year of £26,674.

The heating system has been repaired. It might last another 6 years but it might only last 6 months! We therefore need to plan towards replacing it

**Parish Pledge**The treasurer proposed that we maintain our Parish pledge to the diocese at the same rate as this year. Richard Fowler proposed that we do this, seconded by Penny Sherrington and agreed by everyone present. It is hoped that we might be able to give more but as we do not know what legal fees we might incur because of the DSAR we need to be cautious.

**Quinquennial Inspection**The PCC agreed to appoint the architect Russell Hanslip to carry out this inspection. It is scheduled to take place on September 28th and will cost £950 plus VAT.

**Safeguarding**The diocesan officer has changed, it is now Hugh Constant.
Ideally everyone should do safeguarding training, although at the moment the only courses are on-line. On-line training by the C of E is good.

**Plans for Harvest**The theme this year is Generosity and Gratitude and the church can be decorated providing social distancing is maintained.

**JPIC**This committeehas not met but Jennifer has been following a course on eliminating slavery and human exploitation in this country. It is felt that all faith groups are uniquely placed to find and help families who live such terrible lives.
October is Anti-Slavery Day.

**APCM**

The APCM is on Sunday September 27th after the 9.30am service.

At this meeting we need to elect:

* 4 new members to sit for 3 years and
* 2 members to sit for 2 years to following the resignation of 2 members last year.
* 3 members to sit on the Deanery Synod (2020 is the year all Deanery Synods are re-elected)
* Churchwardens also need to be elected

The meeting closed with everyone saying the grace together