**ST MARGARET’S COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 30th May 2021 5.30PM**

The meeting was opened with worship, a short introduction and prayer by Fran Carabott. FC thanked everyone for attending and explained the two meetings to take place.

Apologies from Jill Chalmers

**Annual Parish Meeting:**

Chair: Fran Carabott (FC)

Secretary: Sue Lynes (SL)

22 Attendees

The minutes for last year's meeting were distributed, read, approved and signed by FC.

Elections of Church Wardens - Howard Jones and Laura Preston have been nominated and there being no other candidates, they were both elected to this post.

**Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting:**

Chair: [Fran Carabott](mailto:fran.carabott@stmagscc.uk)(FC)

Secretary: Sue Lynes (SL)

Treasurer: Paul Nelson (PN)

Operations Manager:Stephen Dawson (SD)

Churchwardens: Laura Preston (LP), Howard Jones (HJ)

Deanery Synod Representative: Hildah Mapeta (HM)

22 Attendees

**Minutes** of the last meeting were approved and signed by FC.

**Electoral Roll Report**

In the last year 4 people have joined, and 2 people have left, making the total 36 now on the electoral roll for 2021. Electoral Roll Officer: Sue Lynes (SL)

**Annual Report on the proceedings of the PCC and activities of the Parish (SD)**

* Major building work completed (see CW Report on Fabric, Goods and Ornaments)
* Charity Commission registration achieved;
* Standing and Finance Committee and PCC established, with both having their first meetings in 2020;
* Financial independence achieved as we moved on from having our finances held by St. Jude’s to running our own accounts
* Started paying Parish Share;
* Ministry and mission continued with online services, small groups, online Alpha, Bible and Prayer Courses;
* Small groups continued online, which has helped us continue to pray for and support one another through the pandemic;
* And the work of the food bank continued without a break, even working out of containers when the building work was in full flow!

**Financial Review of The Year (PN)**

The PCC members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that

disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the PCC of St

Margaret’s and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Church of England Accounting Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the PCC of St Margaret and hence for making reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PN showed slides and explained the income, expenditure, income versus expenditure, expenditure by activity, expenditure by fund and fund balances. The finances are being well managed with no activities exceeding our resources, leaving us in a strong position to move forward with the vision for mission activities as prioritised by the PCC.

PN gave thanks for God’s provision and thanked Sue Lynes, Stephen Dawson and Ann and Tim Millett (Jones Avens) for their work over the year.

**Church Wardens’ Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church (HJ)**

The Faculty (legal authority from the Diocesan Chancellor) for Stage 1 Building works was granted June 2020.

Stage 1 work comprised:

Install underfloor heating - provide and commission Air Source Heat Pump / gas boiler system.

Replace floor - to main church space and entrance lobby - Damp proof membrane, insulation, polished concrete, service pipework within new floor to service toilets and cafe.

New toilets - including partitions, suspended ceiling, doors, sanitary ware, services including hot and cold water and waste, ventilation and electrics.

Below ground drainage.

Cafe Kitchen - supply and install 6 cabinets, worktops and upstands, appliance including hob and ovens, sink and taps, dishwasher and associated services including hot and cold water, waste, ventilation and drainage.

Children’s Soft Play - supply and install a three tier soft play area.

Disposals – there were no disposals in 2020

Fixtures - Some damage was sustained to the brass work on the large lectern and altar

rails during a break-in in October. Fortunately, those breaking in were disturbed before

the brass could be taken. Repair costs are being investigated.

Security - New locks were fitted and security upgraded to a master key system.

**Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod (HM)**

There was an Archdeaconry Consultation in September of the future shape of ministry and mission in the Diocese. We are being invited as a Deanery to be part of a process of consultation.

The Deanery Synod will be invited to comment on and endorse (possibly revised by Synod) the current ‘vision’ part of the Deanery Plan - so we can be confident we are moving forward together with a common understanding of what we wish to be as a Deanery.

This will then be passed to the Clusters - with a further template for the ‘plan’ shared from the Diocese - to work on together with some thinking of what needs to be addressed and developed in each Cluster to give feedback to the Standing Committee by mid January. Each Cluster will be supported by a facilitator from another Cluster.

The Standing Committee will then seek to produce a Deanery response for the Diocese for the Deanery Synod to approve in early Feb for presentation to the Diocese in late Feb/March.

The Synod is invited to respond to the plan and will be asked to endorse it and agree to the process proposed, based around a Southern Cluster including parishes of St James, St Jude, St Simon’s, St Margaret’s, (note removal of Church of the Holy Spirit)

* It is proposed to develop and explore the partnership of St Jude’s, St Simon’s and St Margaret’s – and to consider possibilities of how this may best be established
* To develop the Pioneer ministry in the area – particularly with St James (Choir Church) and St Margaret’s considering how best to have an impact in the South Eastern corner.
* To consider how the 4 parishes may best relate to each other and share in ministry and resources

As a Deanery we share the vision of the Diocesan strategy ‘Live | Pray | Serve’

The Deanery in 2020 reaffirmed its commitment to its vision and objectives (in its current plan initially agreed in 2015 and reaffirmed at Synods and Standing Committees in 2017 and 2019)

There have been questions raised about wider issues of how training posts and other licensed ministers are deployed and to whom they are accountable. One suggestion has been to consider the creation of temporary ‘2nd curacy posts’ or Interim Minister posts to enable any re-organisations to happen and yet for us to build upon and retain within the Diocese the investment in clergy currently in training.

It was noted that as these groupings have flourished and grown where relationships amongst those appointed have been good it is important that there is an engagement of the group in the appointment process to any vacancies within it. Likewise, the Deanery will seek to facilitate a number of informal networks and gathering of lay and ordained to build relationships ie chaplains; local ministers; churchwardens; treasurers; admin teams etc

**Election on every third year of lay representatives for the Dean Synond (FC)**

No election required. HM confirmed she will carry on the role

**Election of lay representatives to the PCC (FC)**

No election required, no new vacancies

**Appointment of an Independent Examiner or Auditor to the PCC**

Jones Avens to continue as our Independent Auditors. Proposed PN, Seconded by SD. Carried unanimously.

**Vision for St Margaret’s (FC)**

**Our vision -** Jesus is calling us to:

* Reach out into the community
* Loving the lost
* Bringing new life
* Seeing lives transformed
* Sharing our faith, hope and love.

**Small groups**

We now have 9 midweek small groups

**Morning service**

We hope to launch a morning service to reach families and young people. Early October 2021.

**4pm service**

We aim to continue to grow this service and raise up new leaders.

**Youth group**

There are plans to set up a midweek youth group.

**Eco-church**

To make it a priority for St Mags to be as environmentally friendly as possible, and work towards becoming an eco-church.

**Alpha**

September we are teaming up with UK-Alpha and will be part of 5 churches in Portsmouth running Alpha across our city. We are expecting to see many come to faith as we all play out the vision of reaching out, sharing our faith, hope and love for Jesus with our friends and families

**The Future**

FC hoped to see the church open 7 days a week, serving our community and sharing the gospel. This is ambitious but we can be confident that God is calling us to be bold; to have courage to step out of lockdown and ready to reach the lost in our community.

**Closing Prayer (FC)**

Meeting closed 6.50pm