



St Mary the Virgin, Horne

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2022
and Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

held on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 11:15am in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Horne

The Chair, Revd Nicholas Calver (Nicholas) thanked all present for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer for our Bishops and Bishop of Croydon in waiting, the Ven Dr Rosemarie Mallett, our deanery of Tandridge, the Windmill United Benefice, the churches of St Mary the Virgin Horne, St Bartholomew, Burstow and St John the Baptist, Outwood and all of the Church in the service of Christ. Nicholas reviewed the impact on life at St Mary's and life in general of the Covid situation during the previous two years or so. Life that had felt strange and confusing at times as various constraints and relaxations of Covid-related regulations and guidelines ebbed and flowed. Nicholas spoke about the difficulties posed as regulations evolved and eventually relaxed presenting considerable challenges for Parish Priests who were responsible for working out how to implement the changes safely and appropriately for congregations in their churches.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMoP) 2022

1. Nicholas asked that the AMoP minutes for 2020 and 2021 be approved. (Note: Due to prevailing Covid-related constraints, the AMoPs for 2020 and 2021 had been held consecutively via Zoom on May 18th 2021 so it had not been possible to address the AMoP Minutes for 2020 at that time). Barbara Verco proposed that the minutes be approved as true records of the meetings, Steve Robinson seconded the proposal and those present agreed unanimously.
2. Lauma Kazusa proposed that Andrew Goudie and Sue Wates be elected as churchwardens and these proposals were seconded by David Spruce. There being no other candidates it was unanimously agreed that Andrew and Sue be elected as churchwardens, those present followed up with a round of applause.
Nicholas thanked the wardens for their work during the past year which had been a particularly challenging time as life at St Mary's gradually and safely returned to normal; almost.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2022

Revd Nicholas Calver chaired the meeting and 17 church members attended.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from David Spruce, Lauma Kazusa, Michael Harvey and Guy Wates.
2. **The Minutes of the last meeting.** Nicholas asked that the APCM minutes for 2020 and 2021 be approved. (Note: Due to prevailing Covid-related constraints, the AMoPs for 2020 and 2021 had been held consecutively via Zoom on May 18th 2021 and it had not been possible to approve the AMoP Minutes for 2020 at that time). Peter Hill proposed that the minutes be approved as true records of the meetings, Steve Robinson seconded the proposal and those present agreed unanimously.
3. **Matters arising from the APCM minutes for 2020 and 2021.** There were no matters arising from the minutes for 2020 and 2021.
4. **Election of members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**
Currently there is provision for nine elected PCC members plus the churchwardens and deanery synod representatives who are ex officio members of the PCC. Julie Mohacek had previously advised that she will not continue as a PCC member. Nicholas read out the names of those for whom a Nomination Form had been completed and received: Liam Harvey, Michael Harvey, Peter Hill,

Veronica Hill, Lauma Kazusa, and Steve Robinson. Andrew Goudie proposed that these six be elected, Susan Wates seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

The Annual Reports for 2022

Note: All annual reports were posted electronically on the Windmill United Benefice website three weeks prior to the meeting and are referred to below as “circulated on the Benefice website.” A few paper copies were made available at the APCM and paper copies of all reports will be filed with the minutes.

1. Electoral Roll Report

The Electoral Roll report circulated on the Benefice website states that following the annual revision there are 64 on the Electoral Roll. Steve Robinson proposed that we accept the Electoral Roll report, Liam Harvey seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously. Nicholas thanked Guy for his work in this role.

2. Annual Report

The annual report on what the PCC has done over the past year and the activities of the parish generally had been circulated on the Benefice website. Barbara Verco proposed that we accept this as a true record, Ginette Nye seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report and accounts as at the year ending December 31st 2021 had been circulated on the Benefice website. The Treasurer explained that the accounts have been examined by Linda Whitley, independent examiner to the PCC. The Treasurer commented that an upward trend continues for weekly giving in Church.

Barbara Verco proposed that we accept the accounts, Julie Mohacek seconded this proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

Nicholas thanked Barbara Verco for her work as Treasurer.

4. Independent Examiner for 2022

Barbara Verco reported that Linda Whitley is happy to continue as the independent examiner to the PCC for 2022 and proposed that Linda Whitley should be appointed. Helen Goudie seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously. The Secretary to the PCC will send a letter of thanks to Linda Whitley.

5. Churchwardens’ Report

The report had been circulated on the Benefice website. Steve Robinson proposed that the report be accepted, this was seconded by Liam Harvey and agreed unanimously.

6. Deanery Synod Report

The report had been circulated on the Benefice website. Veronica Hill proposed that the report be accepted, Sara Gough seconded this and it was agreed unanimously. Barbara Verco and David Spruce are St Mary’s representatives at the deanery synod. Nicholas provided an overview of the highlights of the report and spoke to the meeting in particular about how Reigate Archdeaconry Social Justice Focus (RASJF) has been working with Surrey Anti-Slavery Partnership to publicise a pledge designed to raise awareness and encourage engagement at Parish Church level with the important issue of modern slavery.

7. Safeguarding Report

The report had been circulated on the Benefice website. Barbara Verco proposed that we accept the report, this was seconded by Steve Robinson and agreed unanimously.

Nicholas thanked Helen Goudie and Andrew Goudie for their work as our Safeguarding Officers.

8. Music Reports

Ginette Nye, Director of Music at St Mary’s, Horne reported on St Mary’s activities and achievements and also those of the wider Windmill United Benefice. Both reports had been circulated on the Benefice website. Nicholas reflected on the significant contribution that music makes to communicating with God saying that silence can offer the most profound connection, closely followed by music and then the spoken word.

9. Messy Church to Café Church Report

Nicholas told us about the evolution of Messy Church to Café Church that has happened over the last two years resulting in the recent launch of a new approach with Café Church.

Café Church is an all-age informal church gathering in a café style setting held in the Church Hall, Smallfield. Anyone can come along to enjoy refreshments, company, activities and Christian worship together at 3pm every second Sunday in the month, excluding August. The second Sunday in December will accommodate the usual Smallfield carol service.

The full report had been circulated on the Benefice website.

10. Rector’s Review

The full Rector’s review had been circulated on the Benefice website. Nicholas gave a brief overview of the past year with it’s exceptional challenges, thanking all of those who contributed to the life of St Mary’s throughout and with special thanks to Judith Calver for her help and support.

11. Any other Business

Sara Gough asked what progress has been made with providing a community space at the Horne Parochial School site.

Nicholas replied by explaining that although the first proposed plan was granted planning permission, the cost proved to be more than we could accommodate and there were significant logistical issues surrounding the continued operation of Butterfly Nursery during the build period. However, this project remains alive and a work in progress.

Liam Harvey thanked Nicholas for his ministry and work over the last year work to maintain regular worship in church and online.

All present voiced their enthusiastic agreement and gave Nicholas a round of applause.

Nicholas closed the meeting by leading us in saying the Grace.

Signed to confirm that these Minutes are an accurate record of the meeting.

Date _____

Revd Nicholas Calver