St Mary-the-Virgin Church

Great Brickhill

Annual Church Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Thank you to

DAVID MARLOW

who has kindly taken the photos

used in this evening's presentation

The Annual Vestry Meeting

The Election of the Church Wardens

Julia Turner

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2016
- 3. Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4. Elections:
 - a). Members of the PCC (max 9)
 - b). Deanery Synod Representatives (max 2)
 - b). Appointment of Independent Examiner 2017
 - c). Appointment of Sidesmen

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PCC

Phillipa Cook
Mary Maley
Angela Northen
Margretta Smith
Joy Wilson

NOMINATIONS FOR THE DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

Jeremy Hopkinson

LIST OF SIDESMEN

Clare Amies
Chris Baker
Phillipa Cook
Pat Clarke
Betty Kinsey

We would like more – please consider volunteering for this role

5. Treasurer's Report including adoption of the Annual Report

- Accounts prepared on Receipts and Payments basis
- Surplus of £14k due to one very large donation
- Total disbursements to charitable causes represents approximately 11% of Income Received
- The daily running costs of this Church are currently in the region of £90 per day, excluding any major restoration costs

PARISH SHARE PAYMENT TO DIOCESE

Payment for 2016 paid in full:-£22,955 (3.1% increase)

Parish Share for 2017:-£24,098 (further increase of 5%)

6. ELECTORAL ROLL

No. on Roll at 31st December 2016:- <u>52</u>

A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW OF THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS

SNOWDROP WALKS

HISTORY WEEKEND

THE NATIVITY

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

PLANT FAYRE

EASTER SUNDAY

7. WARDEN'S REPORT

ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES

Average weekly attendance on a normal Sunday has decreased: 20

Average for Family Services (excluding special services e.g. baptisms) is still very good:- 35. Thanks to Margretta and Angela for their help with this service.

THEFT OF LEAD FROM ROOF

June 2015 – theft from north aisle

August 2016 – north west & south porch

October 2016 – south aisle

December 2016 – more from south aisle

January 2017 – remainder taken down

by us and disposed of

[In September it was hoped to fit an alarm to the roof but the permission was granted too late]

THE SOUTH PORCH ROOF



THE NORTH AISLE ROOF



THE SOUTH AISLE ROOF & PORCH



THE NORTH AISLE ROOF – TEMPORARY REPAIR



THE REMAING LEAD TAKEN DOWN - BY US!!



CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

New national churchyard regulations came into force on 1st January 2017

These have been adopted by the PCC after approval from the Parish Council

EVENTS FOR 2017

** MONTHLY LADIES WHO LUNCH

** BRICKSTOCK 2017, 28th May

** JULY - Possible Craft Sunday

** SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - Harvest

Celebration with the Archdeacon

** SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER - Auction

of Promises (guest auctioneer: Charlie Ross)

BRICKSTOCK - CRICKET FIELD - SUNDAY 28th MAY Family Service at 11.00am in a Marquee Teas & Raffle



8. RECTOR'S REPORT

THE NEW FACILITIES

An update re the additional facilities:

- new architect appointed
- feasibility study carried out
- necessary surveys being done

A message from the new Bishop of Oxford, Rt Revd. Dr Steven Croft, on his visit to the Deanery in March:-

Three words for the whole of the diocese:-

CONTEMPLATIVE COMPASSIONATE COURAGEOUS

THANK YOU

There are over 80 people who help with various tasks around the church and churchyard but we are always looking for more volunteers!

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting will conclude with Compline, a short service of evening prayer