

# St Michael, Burnett, Annual District Church Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 28th April 2022

## Minutes

Present: Stephen McCaw, Rosemary Turner, David Turner, Andrew Newton, Nick Milton, Cathy Milton, Graham Lenton, Tom Peryer.

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Apologies from Petrina Pope and Wiola Peryer
- 3) The minutes of the Annual Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021 were accepted and signed.
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  - (a) The Financial Statements of the District Church Council for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 were presented for discussion. Planned giving increased over the year, cash collections increased, parish share increased, and funds were buoyant as we came out of Covid. Total funds at year end were £16703.
  - (b) Highlights from the report on the Church's activity from April 2021 to April 2022 were presented. Attendance has remained stable. Church services were resumed in the church from Easter Sunday on 4<sup>th</sup> April 202, and the return from Covid was commemorated at a lunch in the Peyer's garden. Harvest Festival on 19th September ended with a sale of produce after the service, followed by a ploughman's lunch at Whitson Lodge and the proceeds of the day were donated to '*BATH WELCOMES REFUGEES*. Due to Covid in the village the Carol service was held in the Church Yard by lantern and Candlelight and had a good attendance from the village and wider congregation.
  - (c) A report on the fabric of the Church was presented and summarised. The church bell has been inspected, and was dated as early 1900s. We await the report. George Stratton has finished his DoE task of cleaning the church. The altar rail and pew bases have been treated for woodworm by Andrew Newton. The damp along the skirting in the toilet has been dealt with by the Builder but needs to be watched. We uncovered the stone outline of the Remembrance garden to define the plot. Sybil Showering's ashes were interred in plot 1 on the 8th May and she left a legacy of £2,000 to St Michael's restricted fund. Julia Stevens name has been added to her husbands on their memorial stone. A report on the goods and ornaments was also presented.
  - (d) The spirit of cooperation at St Michaels was highlighted by Stephen, as shown during the on-the-fly reorganisation of the Carol Service. Also the spirit of contentment; pleasure and positivity being a welcoming part of the fabric of the congregation. Finally the Spirit of Christ, described by St Paul as humility, service and gentleness, which is an aspiration for us all. Thanks were also offered to Stephen for his cooperative, content and Christ-like support and service.
- 5) The two Churchwardens expressed their willingness to be elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- 6) Graham Lenton agreed to continue as the representative for St Michael's on the Parochial Church Council and was duly appointed.

7) Current representatives to the District Church Council (Cathy Milton, David Turner, Tom Peryer, Petrina Pope, Graham Lenton and Andrew Newton) were re-elected till the next Annual Meeting in Spring 2023.

8) AOB.