

# **St Rumbold's Church, Pentridge**

## **Annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial Parish Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7pm in St. Rumbold's Church

### **AGENDA**

Psalm 23 and prayers

Apologies

#### **Annual Vestry Meeting**

1. Minutes of 2012 Meeting
2. Churchwardens– exemption to 6-year rule
3. Election of Churchwardens

#### **Annual General Meeting**

1. Minutes of AGM on 6th April 2012
2. Matters Arising
3. Vicar's Report
4. Elections of Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representative – all nominations have had the approval of the nominee prior to the meeting.
5. Churchwardens Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Auditor's Report and appointment of Independent Auditor Electoral Roll Officer's Report
9. Churchyard
10. Any Other Business
11. Date of next PCC Meeting – *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at Ferguson's*

The meeting finishes with prayer

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Present; Rev.Mel Durrant, Jane and Tarka King, Jessica Winby, Maureen Swan, Jean Longley, Margaret Quinn, Judith Gillespie Smith and Margaret Jones.

Apologies; Richard & Mary Ferguson

Rev. Mel opened the meeting with a prayer and then all joined in saying Psalm 23.

**Annual Vestry Meeting**

1. Minutes of 2012 Meeting. Jane King proposed, Jean Longley seconded. All accepted.
2. Churchwardens– exemption to 6-year rule Maureen Swan proposed, Margaret Quinn seconded. All approved.
3. Election of Churchwardens. Nominations for office of churchwardens – Mary Ferguson & Jane King – both appointed.

**Annual General Meeting**

1. Minutes of AGM on 6th April 2012 approved by Maureen Swan and Margaret Quinn.
2. Matters Arising. There were none.
3. Vicar's Report – attached, with summary of discussion.
4. Elections of Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod representative – all nominations have had the approval of the nominee prior to the meeting. All existing members agreed to carry on for another year.
5. Churchwardens Report – attached.
6. Secretary's Report – attached.
7. Treasurer's Report – attached. It was read by Mel in Richard Ferguson's absence. In view of the report it was decided to have a meeting just to talk about raising money. Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the village hall was suggested. There was real interest in running a monthly cream tea (like Wimborne St Giles) – we need to advertise and persevere. It needs to be really good! People give a cake as their giving? Should there be another letter to the village?
8. Auditor's Report and appointment of Independent Auditor – to be discussed at next PCC as no information available.
9. Electoral Roll Officer's Report. Tarka King has carried out the 2013 update. There are 37 people on the roll.
10. Churchyard – Judith Gillespie Smith is still hopeful to get help from the scouts with the maintenance. There has been a name change – no longer the Living Churchyard Project – now called the Wildlife Friendly Church Award. Judith was thanked for her continued effort.
11. Any Other Business – A hole has appeared in the Church Tower and needs attention. This will be discussed further at the next PCC meeting.
12. Date of next PCC Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at the Ferguson's .

The meeting finished with prayer

## Vicar's Report April 2013

Let Us Talk – from Bishop Nicholas' presentation.

Once again I have to start by thanking far too many people to name - Service Leaders, Churchwarden, the churchyard team, the musicians, flower arrangers and cleaners, the PCC, people who have organized events, our deanery reps, sides-people, readers, LPAs, people who help with the drop-ins and garden party and street fayre and Christmas fayre, the Fellowship Group and Mothers' Union and Men's Group and Bible Study... and everyone who keeps our church running and alive. We couldn't be who we are without you!

Nobody is better at bashing the Church than the Church. But we are still here, and we are still needed. Bishop Nicholas gave a very encouraging talk at the Diocesan Synod – I would like to pass his thoughts on to you, and he has asked for some comments back. What impressed me was hearing such positive things about the Church – and I will pass them on now.

He gives a refreshingly positive view of our place in the world, and reminds us that we are always seeking to understand our place in it, to find where God wants us to be in our context...

The Church has always been countercultural, inclusive and local. Perhaps you heard The Queen praised the C of E for creating an environment where different ideas are possible – so much so that we find it hard to imagine what it must be like in countries where different ideas are not possible. And we are an organization that exists not for itself, but for others...

The media would have us believe we are on our last legs, but we are not. But what are we here for?

### *Bishop Nicholas' Questions*

1. What is the 'Personality and Character' of your local church?
2. What are the priorities of your local church?
3. Is there one thing you would like to take on or develop in the coming year (recognising that may mean you may need to stop doing something else)?
4. Are there ways in which we can work together with neighbouring churches to achieve more?
5. How can we best measure the quality and impact of church life?

### *Feedback from the discussion at the Annual Meeting 2013;*

*The church is the focal point of the village. It is open all the time, and people come in throughout the day. People are always welcomed to services – we wait if we know people are coming. Indeed, it is through meeting at church and the exchange of information that we largely know what is going on in the village. It is the source of most social events in the village. It is the hub. The church is what makes us a village; without it we would just be a collection of houses.*

This is a big building, and I have said this before, but just think that if we all invited one person to church each year, and that person stayed, within a few years our building wouldn't be big enough! Let's do it!

Mel Durrant

## Secretary's Report April 2013

The PCC have met four times during the past year. We thank Margaret Quinn, Jane and Tarka King, and Richard and Mary Ferguson for hosting the meetings.

Our year started off with a Walk & Talk led by Mike Swan at Manor Farm, West Woodyates. This took place in May and was enjoyed by many who took part. The BBQ which followed rounded off the evening most successfully. In June we experienced our first Open Gardens weekend in Pentridge. The beautiful weather, hard work put in by those who allowed their gardens to be on show, and all the organisation and advertising carried out by Jessica Winby and Judith Gillespie Smith made this a huge success. We hope to repeat this in 2014. These two events started off our fund-raising.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our Pentridge BBQ as the planned date of 1<sup>st</sup> September seemed a little late in the year. This is now planned for 10<sup>th</sup> August this year.

We did, however, enjoy a shared lunch in one of Neil David's barns (instead of on the green) on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June most of the villagers and many folk from the surrounding area gathered on Pentridge Hill for a BBQ, fireworks display and beacon. These events were, of course, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Isobel Gilpin of the Blandford Fashion Museum gave a very informative talk on 'fashion through the ages' in the barn Manor Farm, West Woodyates in November and some of us gathered there again in December for carols and mulled wine.

The Carol Service at St Rumbold's was held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December and this was also followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Village Hall. Since November 2012, a Village Hall Committee has been formed and regular meetings have already taken place. It is hoped to start some refurbishment during the coming year.

I would like to thank all those who work so hard to keep St Rumbold's functioning.

Richard Ferguson for his endless time and effort as treasurer; Judith Gillespie Smith for her dedication to the Churchyard and Living Churchyard Project. I should mention that she collected a certificate on our behalf from the Bishop of Sherborne in October; Richard and Mary Ferguson for the use of their lovely barn for fund-raising events; Those who clean the church and do the flowers. These are especially appreciated at Easter and Christmas as their arrangements make the church a much more welcoming environment; Jessica Winby for her enthusiasm with the Open Gardens and her role as PCC representative on the Village Hall Committee; Jane King for her role as organist even when the organ 'gives up', she does not! Mel Durrant, Paul Skinner and John Cullingford for their ministry over the last year and a special 'thank you' to Mel for arranging the Lee Abbey weekend Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May-Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>.