

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of the Parishioners of South Brent
held on the 27th April 2022.**

There were 22 people present, including the Rev. Gina Radford.

1. The minutes of the 2021 Vestry meeting were passed as an accurate record of that meeting.

2. **Election of Churchwardens;** The election of Rob Brighthouse was proposed by Shirley Eatwell and seconded by David Brett.

The election of Greg Wall was proposed by Emma McCulloch and seconded by Graham Jordan.

They were both unanimously elected by those present.

The Vicar thanked Greg Wall for agreeing to stand for another year, which will be his last. Both Churchwardens were thanked for all that they do.

Minutes of the APCM of St. Petroc's Church, South Brent held on the 27th April 2022.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer.

2. **Apologies:** Peter and Joy Taylor, Sarah Smith, John Giles, Peter and Shila Finch, John and Sue Gaskin, Mary Andrew, Mary Steer.

3. The APCM 2021 had been a De Minimus meeting.

4. **Electoral Roll;** This remains at 106.

5. **Deanery Synod:** Current members are Stella Gillingham and Susan Jozsa. St. Petroc's is entitled to one more member on the Synod.

6. **Elections to PCC:** The election of Christina Cross was proposed by Greg Wall and seconded by Susan Jozsa. The election of Geoff Addy was proposed by Guy Pannell and seconded by Malcolm Merriman. Both were unanimously elected. The Vicar thanked all PCC members for their faithful attendance at meetings and their hard work.

7. **Appointment of Auditor:** Robert Barclay is happy to continue as Independent Examiner, which was unanimously accepted.

8. **Church accounts for the year ending 31st December 2021:** The treasurer presented the accounts, which, for the second year

show that income was below where it needs to be. In order for the full payment of the Common Fund contribution to be paid burial and churchyard fees have been paid into the General Fund and the cost of gas has been charged to the Feoffee account. Non-urgent maintenance has been deferred. Despite this situation financial support was given to Thika and to the Youth Bus. But income clearly needs to be enhanced.

The treasurer, Geoff Addy, was thanked for the presentation of the accounts, which were unanimously accepted.

9. Annual Report: This was unanimously accepted.

10. Vicar's Report: The Annual Report reflects the life of the church and members were encouraged to read it.

Covid had presented an opportunity to do things differently, such as the live streaming of services – thanks to those who have been involved in offering this. Being in a vacancy has also provided challenges and opportunities. The opportunity is how to do things differently and how to use our resources to benefit us all.

There has been an increase in life events – and we need to have more of a system of follow-up support for those we minister to in these events.

Thanks to those leading worship, including Kingsley Cross, Laura McAdam and Pam Saunders and to Richard Stevens and the choir.

Thanks were also expressed for Readers and Intercessors, Sacristans, Sound system and Zoom operators, Bell Ringers, Liz Rider and the cleaning team, Messenger team, Pastoral Visiting team, Puffs and SPARX, hospitality team. PCC members.

Guy Pannell is now retiring as chair of the churchyard committee and thanks were expressed for all his time and work in this role.

Shirley Eatwell was thanked for all her work on the administration around weddings and funerals, supported by Greg Wall. John and Sue Gaskin were also thanked for their respective work as Health and Safety Officer and PCC Secretary, as they have both stood down.

In conclusion, there is much for which to be thankful and grateful.