

**APCM Minutes**  
**Blessed Mary, Upham**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (after service)**

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Revd Hunt welcomed everyone, thanked various people for their help and support in the running of Blessed Mary and said an opening prayer.
2. **Apologies:** Andrea and Nick Penter, Janet and Barney Dunford and Vicky Gardner.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022:** These minutes could not be located so could therefore not be approved. JH said if located they would be circulated and everyone would get chance to comment.
4. **Matters arising:** None – due to missing minutes
5. **Statement of financial accounts:** (see the Financial Statement for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022)  
SB gave a brief summary. There has been dramatic improvement in 2021 and 2022. Income was up marginally by £588 to £56,578. (average over last 8 years has been £50k). Voluntary income was up by £1,000 to £43,822 (£37,000 8 year average). The fete added an additional £3,071 onto of what was made the previous year from the Doorstep fete. Weddings and funerals were down by £3,788 but there are 6 weddings expected in 2023.  
Expenditure rose by £16,027 to £62,062 (8 year average is £46,000), this is due to FCY worker, new chairs and the huge increase in utilities. Richard Clark was thanked for his ongoing work with the air source heat pump.  
End of year reserves totalled £66,538 (2021 was £72,021 and 10 year average was £65,000).  
SB reported that he is meeting with Chris Parker to discuss a ‘tap and go’ reader for the church to facilitate donations at weddings, services and children’s groups etc. Gift aid can be claimed on any donation under £30.  
SB thanked Sue Harris for examining the accounts.
6. **Electoral role update:** There are currently 72 on the church electoral role.
7. **Elections and appointments:** James thanked all members of the PCC and Colin for all they have done and reiterated that there is space for another church warden should anyone wish to volunteer.  
A group vote was taken on the re-elections of the following: Colin Russell as Church Warden, Jane Perrott, Barney and Janet Dunford to be re-elected onto PCC and the election of new PCC members Hannah and Andy Faulkner. Andrea Penter to be re-elected as Secretary and Simon Beloe as Treasurer.  
All other PCC members to remain the same.  
Janet and Barney Dunford have stepped down as Deanery Synod representatives and Rosemary Bickle and Andrew Cox have agreed to be the new representatives.  
All of the above elections and re-elections were proposed by David Ashe and Seconded by Jane Beloe.
8. **Annual report:**  
**8.1:** JH thanked Sam Sessions in the office for collating the report this year and said that it was clear that given the uncertainty in the wider world, there is a lot in the report to give thanks for. Colin Russell thanked James, Jane and the rest of the ministry team for all their hard work.

Colin also reported that we have recently had the Quinquennial visit and that the church is in good order. There is some general maintenance; the lightning conductor needs to be repaired and there is some metal work that needs attention in the stained glass windows.

**8.2. Deanery and Diocese report :** Discussions are still ongoing regarding restructure of the deanery but these do not affect BM. Currently, there are only 2/6 clergy to cover the deanery and JH asked for prayers for a very sick vicar and for the recruitment process across the deanery as some parishes have already been 2 years without a vicar and it could take a few more before clergy are in place.

The new Bishop is going down well and there is a new senior leadership team.

**9. Rector's Vision Report:**

Kate's role has become established. Butterflies is going well. Champions has stopped currently but Kate is looking at starting something else, maybe aimed at parents. It is hoped that some of the families attending Sunday Funday will start to come to other services.

The chairs are a huge success and will encourage growth. All were asked to encourage more community use. It was pointed out that that the PCC should write a policy for community use and that discussion should be held with the Hall and Pavilion committees so that the church isn't in competition with these other community assets. Improvement to the kitchen facilities would make the church a more desirable place to use/hire.

Parking was brought up as an issue and JH said he would put it on the agenda for the next PCC meeting. It was noted that the church forms part of the school and the whole village emergency plans.

JH also asked everyone to think about their spiritual calling. We need a spiritual plan, as well as a practical one. In order to grow as a church we need to walk, listen, talk and eat with people (get to know people as Jesus did).

JH asked for any questions and there were none.

10. **AOB :** SB reminded us that we needed to vote to appoint Sue Harris as examiner of the accounts. Therefore, proposed by SB and seconded by Andrew Cox. There was not other AOB.

11. **The Grace:** The meeting ended with the Grace.