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Attendance: The Vicar, 51 parishioners on the electoral roll.

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1. **Welcome:** Andrew, the Vicar, opened with a prayer and thanked those attending.
2. **Election of Churchwardens:** 2 nominations: Susan Holmes (proposed by Lesley Uzzell & seconded by Brian Rudge) and Paul Cobb (proposed by Richard Bell and seconded by David Turtle). Since they were the only nominations and none were permitted to be taken from the floor, they were duly elected. The Vicar thanked them for all they do for us and looked forward to another 12 months of duty.

Andrew thanked Richard Bell for his nine-year service as churchwarden, for the hard work and dedication he gave to this role, a gift was given from the congregation. Susan Holmes thanked both Richard and Shirley for their commitment to God to the role and to our church especially through COVID. Richard has been knowledgeable organised and practical in many and varied ways.

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1. **Apologies:** Gordan Land, Paul Jones, Sandra Gibbons, Pat Scott, Sandra Hoaksey, Mike Keegan, Liz Benson, Stella Williams, Bob Muir, Christopher Vagnolini
2. **Minutes of previous meeting, 21st March 2021.** were approved as a correct record, proposed by Shirley Bell, seconded by Mary Williams, and signed.
3. **Electoral Roll:** 142 members; 2 added, 12 removed. Starts afresh every 5 years.
4. **Church Representation:** 3 PCC positions were vacant, the Nominations: Richard Ackroyd, Denver Keegan, and Richard Bell. There being no other nominations, all 3 were elected to the PCC.
5. **Safeguarding.** Pat Scott has stepped down from this role, Thanks were given for all the hard work done while she carried out her duties as safeguarding officer. Leslie Uzzell has taken on the role of safeguarding officer for our church.
6. **Report on Deanery Synod:** Our 3 representatives are David Williams, Vicky Jones, and David Corris. Andrew reported that the area Dean role is now split between 4 incumbents including himself. No questions.
7. **PCC Proceedings:** No questions
8. **Churchwarden's Report:** No questions
9. **PCC Finance Report:** David Williams produced PowerPoint slides to summarise our income and expenditure of the general fund. The income has been fairly static, parish giving increases year and upon year through index linked giving. the biggest expenditure is the contribution to the diocese and the Deanery. David thanks those who contributed voluntarily across the church and beyond. We pay £9K well church annually. During last year, a hardship fund was set up to help enable us to give to Christians against poverty and other organisations. David Corris thanked the treasurer for all his work.
10. **Vicar's Report:** Andrew reported that 2022 is a strategic year, with the holiday club starting up again, Seeds of Faith in September led by Gareth Griffiths and the Inspire project moving forward later this year. Sheila Mouna thanked Andrew for all his work and leadership of our church.
11. **Other Reports – Inspire Project, 11.2 :** Nigel Jones reported that the project is moving on well. Consultations have taken place with societies; the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) consider these with the project they are mostly in favour. With the Rood screen and floor needing negotiation. the architects are producing final designs which will be presented to the church in the autumn then submitted to the DAC, after which they go before the Chancellor of the diocese which will be towards the end of the year. Andrew Kirk raised a concern that the majority of the church family would like to see the screen removed, how much weight was given to local views? Nigel said it is all a balance, but we can make our views known during the consultation for the chancellor, those present were urged to have their opinions heard especially positive ones. Nigel's thanked for all the hard work he has put into this project.

Study Groups, 10.1: Elizabeth Thorne spoke on behalf of the Julian group which she has run for many years, she is handing over to Karen Akers. **VJ to ask for report for next year's annual report.**



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Churchyard, 11.4.3: Mike ward asked for an amendment to this section, change the word regime. This has been done.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner. David white has agreed to do this for one more year.

13. Any Other Business: Roger Scoones has moved into the Perrinsfield property recently, he feels he has had a wonderful welcome from our church family and would like to thank all involved.

Helen Jones advertised the jubilee programme and encouraged us all to take part in the events planned.

The meeting closed at 12, noon