

St John's Church Hailey

ADCM

April 7th 2019

5.15pm

Attendees: Sue Drew, Marjorie Otley, Anne Marie Fisher, Bill Hickman, Sophie Hickman, John Haskell, Edna Harris (in attendance), Jeremy Lewis, Elpie Lewis, Monica Hester, Barbara Smith, Michael Drew, Lalita Winter, Alan Bailey, Joanna Collicutt, Ness Whiffin

The meeting opened with prayer, and a welcome from Ness

1. **Apologies:** Pauline Plumbe, Jennie Krumins, Robin Carr
2. **Minutes:** These had been circulated and were accepted. Proposed by BH and seconded by JH.
3. **Election of DCC:** Marjorie and John are resigning from the DCC. Other current members had put themselves forward for re-election and were accepted.
Jeremy Lewis was nominated to be on the DCC – Proposed: NW, Seconded: MD. All in favour.
4. **Receipt of Reports**
 - a) **Building and Fabric Report** – this had been published in the parish annual report and circulated at the meeting.
 - b) **Church Report** - in the parish report and circulated at meeting.
 - c) **Finance Report** - The Accounts summary was circulated. All the building works have been paid. We lent £2,500 to the parish to settle our parish share. This has been paid back in full, with the last £1,000 appearing in next year's accounts. The Village Lunch has raised £2,000 for DCC funds.

5. Team Vicar's Report

- Ness encouraged us all to take part in the Exploring Spirituality Programme, which has very many options to choose from.
- She thanked everyone for keeping the life of the church going in whatever area, and for the ministry across the whole village.
- She spoke of the Village Visitors plan and encouraged us to give a welcome to new people especially giving them details of what goes on in the life of the church in the village.
- We thanked her for encouraging children's participation at services. Ness is keen to reduce the mystery for children and have them helping as much as possible.
- Ness now has dedicated time in Hailey one day a month, usually a Thursday. If we know of anyone needing a visit please let her know.

6.AOB

- a)- **Swedish Link with Voxtorp** – Ness gave the church a framed Document of Friendship, which had been signed on the parish's last visit to the Sweden. They are keen to have visitors from the parish either individually or as a group, and are very hospitable. There is a plan to try and get the Swedish confirmation group and the Witney Young Disciples together at some point.
- b) - **Board Games Afternoon:** to start in May on May 8th - the 2nd Wednesday of the month- initially. Two tables have been purchased thanks to the Witney Lions donation. We will serve tea and cake during the afternoon.
- c) - **A Peaceful Place** – The church will be open and lit on Thursday afternoons after Easter.* It will provide a tranquil spot for people to pop in and just "be" for a while. It will not require anyone to be on duty. Messages could be left and a prayer board available. The kitchen will be open and tea and coffee available. We will have longlife milk available.
- d) – **Thank you** - Marjory and John were thanked very much for all they have done for the church whilst serving on the DCC.

The meeting ended with the Grace and was followed by Evensong.

*This has now been altered to start in June over the Festival time.