Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners The Parish of Saint Peter's, Willersey with Saintbury held on 26 July 2021 in Saint Peter's Church

Present:

Robert McNeil-Wilson (RMW)
Judith McNeil-Wilson (JMW)
Mark Walker (MW)
Rob Heming (RH)
Pat Heming (PH)
Penny Burch (PB)
Gillian Beale (GB)
Jennie Bond (JB)
Adine Keatley (AK)

1. Prayer and Welcome

- **2. Apologies for Absence:** Revd. Scott Watts, Robert Chadburn, Ken Spensley, Sandra Spensley, John Busbridge.
- 3. Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens:

GB proposed that Robert McNeil-Wilson be re-elected as Churchwarden for the coming year. This was agreed by all Members. There were no other nominations. RMW duly elected

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting The Parish of Saint Peters, Willersey with Saintbury held on 16 October 2020 in Saint Peter's Church

Present: As above

1. Minutes of the APCM 2020

The Minutes of the previous APCM were signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Elections of Church Officers and Members of the Parochial Church Council

David Kelley, Gillian Beale and Rachael Barker were re-elected as Parochial Church Councillors.

Rachael Barker was confirmed in her role as Safeguarding Officer.

RMW volunteered to continue to fulfil the duties of Secretary.

The Meeting was delighted that JMW was prepared to continue as PCC Treasurer.

4. Electoral Roll

RMW announced a drive to increase the number of parishioners on the Electoral Roll.

5. Rector's Report

RMW read Revd. Scott Watts Rector's Report in his absence. The Rector's Report is attached to these Minutes in Appendix I.

7. All Age Worship Report

JB presented the Family Service Team Report.

In the 2020 APCM, GB had proposed that a change of name for the Service be considered to "All Age Worship" to widen the appeal to people without children. It had been agreed that the FAST Team should consider this and report back to the PCC. The Team duly reported that the decision had been made to change to service title to "AllAge Worship".

Thanks were given to all the volunteers involved in these services.

Discussion ensued on attracting children to these services. RMW stated that it was clear that his grandson was comfortable, a the age of two years, in these services.

MW commented that the School's children felt welcome and comfortable in the church and with its links with the School.

8. Tower Captain's Report

RMW presented the Tower Captain's report which Robert Chadburn had prepared. The Tower Captain's Report is attached to these Minutes in Appendix II.

9. Willersey School Report

RMW welcomed MW, Headteacher, to the meeting.

MW presented the School Report.

10. Financial Statement

The Financial Statement and Accounts had been posted and displayed for the mandatory period of 7 days before the Meeting.

JMW presented the Financial Statement for the year ending 31 December 2020.

JMW explained that the report and accounts format is as mandated by the Diocese.

Headlines were that Covid had not reduced expenditure noticeably and that expenditure was less than income. Income excluding non-recurring grants for 2020 was £19,832.96 which was higher than 2019's figure of £16,928.68 but lower than that for 2018 of £ 21,940.41. The Parish Share for 2020 was set at £9,382

Gift Aid and GASDS (Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme) due up to 5 April 2020 was recovered in December 2020 totalling £1,842.72.

Collections at services, for which Gift aid is recovered through GASDS, fell however from £4,190.09 in 2019 to £2,320.14 in 2020.

Discussion followed the presentation of the report on the need and ways to raise the awareness of parishioners of the need for funding to support the Church in the Parish.

11. The Fabric Report and Churchwarden's Report

RMW presented his report which included the Fabric Report for the Church. This report will be appended to the Minutes of this Meeting. RMW reported that the Church was in good

order with no significant problems.

RMW reported that the next Quinquennial Inspection and Report were due in 2021. Given that the report costs between £1,000 and £2,000, our programme of major work has addressed all of the major recommendations in the previous two quinquennial reports, the remaining work requirement has been identified and planned and the overall good condition is generally excellent, RMW reported that he intended to propose to the PCC that Saint Peter's did do not proceed with that year's inspection. Many churches have absolved themselves of this commitment some years ago, due to lack of money. RMW propose that we commission a less formal inspection by an architect at a suitable timing in the future, simply to ensure that there are no emergent structural or other problems that our normal custodianship reveals.

RMW took this opportunity to express his thanks to all the volunteers who contribute and support St Peters. Also, to thank the members of the PCC for their support and advice including the valued support and help from Judith McNeill-Wilson in carrying out his duties as Churchwarden and wished to express this publicly.

The Churchwarden's and Fabric Report is attached to these Minutes in Appendix III.

RH proposed improvements to lighting in the Nave which would be cheaper and remove the need for the hanging lights. RMW undertook to include this in the Work Log.

12. Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod

With no representative appointed for the Deanery Synod there was no report for 2020.

There were no nominations for the position of Deanery Synod Member for the Parish, however, subsequently, RMW was elected to undertake this role, following his election to the General Synod.

13. Safeguarding Report

RB reported there were no matters to report. Saint Peter's required policies and documents were all up to date and displayed.

SW thanked RB for undertaking this important role.

14. Any Other Business

DK proposed that the reports presented be issued before future APCMs, if possible, in order to cover them by exception within the APCMs. RMW undertook to consider the best ways to achieve this in discussion with DK.

The Meeting ended with The Grace

Appendix I Rector's Report for 2020, presented at the 2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This report, which covers the period from 1 January – 31 December 2020, is my fourth report since being Licensed by Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, on 28 June 2017, as Rector of Willersey with Saintbury and Team Vicar in the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team.

2020 was a year the like of which very few of us have experienced previously. It was dominated by a global pandemic caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 virus, which, in-turn, caused the disease known as COVID-19. The pandemic brought swingeing and unprecedented changes to every aspect of our society, including the Church. Emergency legislation was passed that saw, amongst others, schools, non-essential businesses and our glorious church buildings closed – the first time that church buildings have been closed for, literally, hundreds of years.

Since the full lockdown began on 23rd March, and thanks to our Associate Vicar, Kevin, we have offered online worship each week. This was well-attended and, once a pattern was established, we shared responsibilities for online worship across the entire Vale & Cotswold Edge Team. In addition to online worship, and with the unstinting support of our Benefice Secretary, Dr Mike Edwards, we produced a weekly mailing that included a reflection written by me. This was an attempt to keep people in-touch, to nourish them somehow with God's Word and, above all else, to remind everyone that they were not alone – that locally the Church was still very much alive and that, above all else, the God of time and eternity was with them and would never leave nor forsake them.

I did what I could during 2020 to ensure that we kept in-touch with one another. As often as I could, I offered pastoral care by phone, speaking to members of the congregations of all six churches, and the many others in the villages with whom I have built relationships but who do not, yet, join us for worship. It was a privilege to do this but, for a pastor and pastoral theologian, I found not being able to care for people in-person an enormous burden and deeply unfulfilling. Funeral ministry was a particular challenge. In the early days of the pandemic, clergy were not permitted to plan funerals inperson and funeral services could only take place at the graveside with 10 mourners. Thankfully, we were eventually able to hold funerals in our church buildings and the numbers of mourners increased – and, I was able to meet with families again in-person and support them before and after the funeral. Other occasional offices – baptisms and weddings – were mostly cancelled, meaning that 2021, 2022 and beyond I will, please God, be busy officiating at such services.

When our church buildings were eventually legally allowed to reopen, the recommencement of inchurch worship across our part of the benefice varied. Here at St Peter's, we were returned to inchurch services on 5 July. Those who attended that day shared in a service of Morning Prayer. It was one of the most special and precious services I can remember. I had missed, more than I will ever be able to tell you, gathering with my Church family in our buildings. The times we worship together are at the centre of my life as a person and as a priest.

This year, we were unable to hold our usual Lent Lunches at the Vicarage, and Ros and I are looking forward to restarting these, which had become a very popular part of the Lenten observance across the six parishes. We also made the decision to suspend the Prayer and Fellowship Group, which used to meet at the Vicarage on the third Thursday of the month, and was open to all Christians in the parishes, regardless of where they worship on a Sunday. I was delighted that we were able to go ahead with our Christingle Service and I'm already looking forward with anticipation to the 2021 Service! We made the decision on Remembrance Sunday to hold a service in the Churchyard at the War Memorial. Many from the village came along. It was one of the most poignant Remembrance Day services that I have known. Rob, our Churchwarden, put together a beautiful order of service that I was privileged to lead. I am proud that, even during the pandemic, we held true to our promise that we would remember the men dear to our village. In this community the names of our heroes do, indeed, liveth for ever-more.

My report this year is, inevitably shorter than you have come to expect, which is, no doubts, a relief to some! Before I finish though, there are two things that I want to do.

First, I want to offer my sincere thanks to many, including members of the Parochial Church Council for their commitment to the mission and ministry of the Church. I want, in particular, to pay tribute to Judith McNeill-Wilson, who, despite having made it clear before I arrived here that she wished to relinquish the role of Treasurer, not only continues to fulfil it, but fulfils it with great skill and commitment. Thank you, Judith. Rachael Barker leads the Safeguarding work, drawing on the skill and experience that she has acquired from the safeguarding work that is part of her teaching role.

It is good to have this opportunity each year to thank formally people who bless us in so many ways. Everyone's contribution is unique and invaluable and it is impossible to name everyone. However, I would like to thank in particular the following people: Tini Owens and those who ensure that the Church is beautifully decorated with flowers; to those who give time to clean and to polish the brass; who change the altar frontals and hangings; to Ken Spensley and Elizabeth Webb who, pre the pandemic, went into our school each week and brought God's Word alive through 'Open the Book', and who, I know, are committed to doing so again; to those who greet those who attend services, read the lessons and help serve at Holy Communion services; to Richard Stephens, for continuing to record each week the hymns for our services; to those who, when circumstances allow, provide refreshments after our services; to Robert Chadburn, our Tower Captain, Bob Topp our Steeple Keeper, and our talented Band of ringers, who, even when they couldn't ring from the tower, rang handbells for us in the churchyard; to those who keep our churchyard in such good order; who unlock and lock our church each day, so that it's beauty and tranquillity can be enjoyed by so many; and to all of you who do so much behind the scenes to make our Church such a special place to be, and to belong, I offer each of you my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I am grateful to those who help by leading us in worship. At St Peter's, I want in particular to pay tribute to our Family Service Team – Jennie Bond, Gillian Beale, Pat Heming, Rachael Barker and Ken Spensley – for excellent work they do each month in readiness for our Family Service; and then to Robert McNeill-Wilson for leading services of Morning Prayer. During the summer months, thanks to Rob, we also held a weekday service of Evening Prayer in St Peter's. I hope this is something that we shall repeat in 2021.

Without all those who help lead worship, the service pattern across our six churches would look very different and so I offer my thanks to Kevin Grumball, David Silvester, Mark Taylor, Bridget Wade, Linda Thomas, Liz Spencer and, of course, to Rob. Mike Edwards, continues in his role as Benefice Secretary, providing invaluable support to all parishes and to me. I am grateful to Mike for so much – not just for all that he does, but for all that he is. I am thankful for the fellowship and friendship that I share with the Reverend Craig Bishop, our Team Rector, Canon Dana Delap, my fellow Team Vicar, the Reverend Dr Kevin Grumball, our Associate Vicar, Mark Taylor, our Reader, and to my churchwardens, all partners in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church.

I also want to pay tribute to Mark Jackson, the head teacher of our primary school. He and his colleagues have quite simply done a sterling job throughout the pandemic. Just prior to the lockdown, the school had its SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection. I was present in school for the day of the Inspection and met with the inspector on behalf of the Governing Board (of which I am vice-chair). I am delighted to tell you that the school was rated as 'Good' and the report, which can be read on the school's website, was glowing. The inspector was particularly impressed by the links that the school has with St Peter's and by the Governing Board's commitment to, and passion for, the school's Christian distinctiveness. I congratulate Mark on this terrific achievement.

This year, I want also to acknowledge and thank particularly those who, when lockdowns happened, helped others, by phoning, shopping, collecting prescriptions, and so much more besides. I was honoured to be invited to be one of the founding members of the Willersey Covid-19 Support Group. I am proud of this community and honoured to be a part of it.

Finally, in my list of thanks, I want to acknowledge, celebrate and give immense thanks for our Churchwarden. Rob work tirelessly behind the scenes and was successful this year in securing substantial grants so that the lead on the tower could be replaced. I ventured up the scaffolding to admire the handiwork and skill of those carrying out the work. This wonderful achievement is part of the ongoing work to secure the future of our Church building for us and for all who come after us. For all that Rob does in support of the Church, the community, of me, personally, and of us all, I thank him. Rob – you are an asset to Christ's Church and to our community. I would be lost without you.

Second, we must continue to address the challenges that are before us – discerning opportunities for engaging with children and families and those who, currently, are not connected with the Church; And, we must continue to address our lack of income. Rob and I have had, and will continue to have, conversations with each other, and with you, about how, together, we can achieve this – that more and more people may come to know the goodness and greatness of God in Willersey and Saintbury.

Despite everything that the past year has thrown at us, we have proved our resilience – as individuals and as a local Christian community. I was reminded recently of these words from St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 16. I commend them to you and invite you to hold onto them. Jesus spoke the words that follow just after St Peter had proclaimed him as 'the Messiah – Son of the Living God'. Jesus said,

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

That is Christ's promise, that he will build his Church. I don't know how – but I know that, by his grace, you and I are part of His plan. I don't know when. I don't even know what the Church will look like in the future. But, I believe that promise of Jesus Christ with all my heart and I trust him.

It is my privilege to serve alongside you. I thank God for each one of you who make this community all that it is – those who are part of the Church and those yet to join us.

With love, prayers and every blessing,

The Reverend Scott Watts

Appendix II Willersey St Peter's Tower Captain's Report for 2020

Ringing at St Peter's in 2020 was significantly curtailed due to the Covid pandemic. From January to March we rang as normal.

During the first lockdown period from March to July, our ringing community held weekly zoom gettogethers to replace our Thursday night practices, and these were enjoyable (even if little ringing was done). From the beginning of June, however, we held more or less weekly handbell practices in the church yard, involving six ringers at a time, maintaining social distancing rules throughout. I am pleased to say that all but two members of the band were able to join in with this, and they all did so with good-natured enthusiasm. As well as providing a welcome opportunity to get together it also helped progress our ringing, helping people to learn skills that will prove useful for normal tower bell ringing in due course.

From the 12th July we restarted a very limited form of tower bell ringing, following national guidelines, for services. This involved ringing three bells, the 1, 3, and 6, for just 15 minutes each Sunday. On some Sundays we rang handbells instead, so that more of our ringers could be involved in our traditional Sunday service ringing.

During the second lockdown (November and December) all ringing was again suspended and the ringers resorted to weekly zoom meetings once more. However, the tenor bell was allowed to be tolled for a particularly moving service outside the church on Remembrance day. We also rang handbells outside the church for the Christingle service and a 3-bell ring on the tower bells for Christmas day.

The ringers who have been active this year were as follows:

Helen Chadburn
Robert Chadburn (Tower captain)
Laura Crabtree
Sarah Fletcher
Lisa Hillyard
Robin Johnson
Pete Kavanagh
Ken Spensley
Lena Stranks
Bob Topp (Deputy Tower captain)
Chris Wainwright
Beccie Williams

My huge thanks to them for their company and friendship during the pandemic and for joining in with such enthusiasm and dedication with the activities that we have managed to do. It feels like we have grown closer as a group of friends, rather than acquaintances, and it has been a privilege to have shared this time together.

My grateful thanks also to the church, to Scott, Robert and the PCC, for your continued support and encouragement of our ringing efforts, and for the timely communications we receive from you regarding ringing matters. In particular, thank you for your advice and support when we were agonising over what ringing we should do following the various changes in Covid restrictions that have occurred over the period.

Robert Chadburn, Tower Captain, St Peter's Church, Willersey.

Appendix III Saint Peter's, Willersey with Saintbury Churchwarden's & Fabric Report for 2020

1. Overview

It is pleasing to report that Saint Peter's Church is in good order, with the repairs and refurbishments that we have been undertaken in the most recent seven years showing real benefits to the overall condition of the church fabric.

2. Fabric Report

2.1 General Condition and Quinquennial Report

The next Quinquennial Inspection and Report are due in 2021. Given that the report costs between £1,000 and £2,000, our programme of major work has addressed all of the major recommendations in the previous two quinquennial reports, the remaining work requirement has been identified and planned and the overall good condition is generally excellent, I intend to propose to the PCC that we do not proceed with this year's inspection. Many churches have absolved themselves of this commitment some years ago, due to lack of money. I propose that we commission a less formal inspection by an architect at a suitable timing in the future, simply to ensure that there are no emergent structural or other problems that our normal custodianship reveals.

2.2 Replacement of church tower roof cladding

The need for this essential work was first raised in the 2016 Quinquennial Report and had become urgent because the poor condition of the cladding was resulting in water ingress. If not rectified, this would have resulted in deterioration to the overall structure of the tower and parts of the church.

The works involved scaffolding all the way round and to the top of the tower. They started on 8 July 2020 and were completed to an excellent standard on 8 September 2020 and included the replacement of board and joist timbers that were found to be rotten in all four corners.

2.3 Removal of shrubs and bushes against the West Wall of the church

The removal of these shrubs addressed another of the recommendations in the 2016 Quinquennial Report. When bushes grow against a wall, as these bushes did, it results in water being retained in the stone of the wall and this causes weathering and deterioration. Also, despite relatively recent, extensive pruning the shrubs were starting to block light into the church via the west window again, due to their height.

Following the removal of the bushes, we prepared the ground, sowed it with grass seed, planted marigolds and two rose bushes against the wall which are all now in bloom. As well as protecting the church masonry, this already looks much more attractive and has revealed an ancient, blocked-up Norman doorway had hidden. remains visible.

2.4 Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance

RMW had cleared the unsightly hedge of elder trees, brambles and nettle beds which bordered the garden of remembrance in 2019. This brightened this important area, opening up views of Saintbury and Willersey Hill. In 2020, Ken and Sandra Spensley did excellent work in clearing the remaining weeds and cultivating the ground. RMW sowed grass and planting two rose bushes with daffodil bulbs planted along the wall in October 2020.

RMW planted daffodil bulbs planted along the west wall of the church building and the south wall of the Churchyard, alongside the Remembrance Garden.

2.5 Future Works

<u>Action:</u> Main Roof Project: Roof tiles on Nave, Transepts, Chancel and Porch to replace. Moss to be removed. Repair to Vestry roof. RMW will seek grants funding. (RMW)

<u>Action:</u> Investigate installation of infra-red electric heating in Chancel (for Wednesday services) and Nave for improved cost and heat effectiveness.

(RMW)

Action: Large round bush north west of Porch will need cutting. (GB)

2.6 Old Rectory Refurbishment and Modification Works

The work on the Old Rectory have been underway for about two years.

After an incident in which Wednesday morning congregants were inconvenience, RMW obtained assurances from Ms Miller, the owner, and her project manager that they will maintain an access and egress to and from the car park from 10:30 to 12:30 every Wednesday.

The wear due to the heavy use of the church car park has caused the equivalent of many years of expected use of the car park and has resulted in the wear that causes large accumulations of water. Ms Miller has agreed to make good the surface on completion of the works and temporary repairs have been undertake.

Our Rector, Revd. Scott, and I have had good cooperation in noise control from the workmen involved.

3. Saintbury Churchyard

3.1 Wildflower Meadow Area

RMW obtained a grant of £250 and donations of £30 to support the £470 cost of the creation of an area of wildflower meadow to the south side of Saint Nicholas Church, Saintbury. The grass was cut and collected the area intended for wildflower seeding. It was then scarified and the arisings collected and removed. 500g of 100% dual purpose wildflower seeds were sown and rolled in.

3.2 Churchyard Mowing

RMW will express the thanks of the PCC to Ann Thomas of Saintbury, who continues to ensure that Saintbury Churchyard is mown regularly.

4. Willersey Cemetery – proposed extension into Court Close

The Parish Council needs to make provision for future years burial capacity in the Parish. The PCC agreed, unanimously, to work with the Parish Council to explore the viability of land sale for this purpose in Saint Peter's known as Court Close, which is the land rented by Adam Kelly to the south of the Churchyard and cemetery.

Based on observations, the Parish Council discussed a possible site with RMW, on behalf of the PCC, and Adam Kelly, tenant, which should minimise potential impacts.

A drone-based aerial survey was undertaken and the resultant video subjected to computer analysis to aid identification of possible remains of interest which might have been an impediment to the scheme. The Parish Council was advised that it was worth investigating further and deeper with an archaeological survey of the possible extension with trenches dug under the supervision of archaeologists. The results of this survey, undertaken in 2021, were that there were no remains in the area proposed that would be problematic.

Subsequently, the Parish Council engaged a Mickleton Parish Councillor involved in a similar and successful development in his own parish to take the lead in pursuing planning permission.

The preparation of the planning application and legal arrangements for the sale and transfer of the land at a nominal price and the amendment of the tenancy agreement continue.

5. Insurance, Prevention of Loss and Certification

The Church and its contents are insured on an indexed policy. The policy was revisited and amended, following a visit by a representative of the Ecclesiastical Insurance company in 2015.

Electricity, gas and lighting conductor tests and certification are up to date, with the electricity and gas boiler inspections having been undertaken in 2020.

6. Act of Remembrance and Centenary Rededication of the Parish War Memorial

Just a few days before Remembrance Sunday, 2020, RMW happened to look at an old, special order of service which he had always assumed to be for the dedication of the processional cross in the Chancel of St Peters and realised that it was, in fact, for the dedication of the War Memorial Cross and that the service had been held in April 1920. The Memorial Cross was first dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester on 13 April 1920. So, it had been commissioned, designed and installed only one year and five months after the end of the First World War. RMW managed to incorporate some of the prayers and words from that service in a 100th Anniversary Re-Dedication of the War Memorial, which we included before our Act of Remembrance.

We held all of both ceremonies outside and we took the opportunity to start to improve the Act of Remembrance ceremony, which both Scott and I had wanted to do.

Revd. Scott led us in the ceremony and it featured a brief version of Abide With Me to delineate the two acts, the National Anthem at the end, followed by Nimrod, all played as military band recordings amplified from the church porch. Air Commodore Mike Barnes (Ret.d) laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish and Councillor Neville Jelfs laid a wreath from the Parish Council and we dispensed with the laying of crosses but still read the names.

We were blessed with no hitches, fine weather and good attendance of 80 persons. I have been pleased to receive many messages of approval for a moving and significant ceremony.

7. Use of Saint Peter's Church During Village Hall Closure

The PCC offered Saint Peter's Church for the use of suitable organisations and for suitable activities and events whilst the Village Hall was not available during its upgrade. Village organisations were grateful for this facility but the Covid restrictions meant that the relevant events never took place.

8. 2020 Patronal Festival plans

With the closure of the Village Hall, the Willersey Horticultural Society decided not to hold their annual August show. We formed a group to plan a grander Patronal Festival, as an alternative in June, involving the closure of Church Street and a fair in that street. However, the Covid restrictions prevented this from being held.

9. Response to Covid 19 Restrictions

9.1 Covid 19 Support Group

RMW launched, established and remained overall accountable for group providing essential support for local community during COVID-19 pandemic. The Group recruited 70 volunteers operating under 8 area coordinators and set up call centre arrangements within first 24 hours of launch. Saint Peter's provided the finance to fund the operating costs, with reimbursement from the Parish Council.

The types of support provided to those who needed to 'self-isolate' included:

- Collecting shopping, supplies, prescriptions
- Putting out / returning bins
- Dog walking
- Newspaper deliveries
- Sourcing specialist advice
- Welfare calls by phone and in person

We also provided essential information on suppliers (groceries etc), the virus itself and health and welfare.

- **9.2 Church Opening during the restrictions** our loyal and dedicated team of unlockers and lockers ensured that Saint Peter's Church remained open for prayer and peace for parishioners and people passing by, throughout the restriction.
- **9.3 Risk Assessment** all events, activities, services and the opening of the church building were all subject to full risk assessment with risk controls and mitigations.

10. Thanks

10.1 Church Unlocking and Locking

We all recognise the importance of Saint Peter's being open to visitors and for private prayer. We are indebted to the team who ensure this happens:

Tom & Liz King-Smith Gillian Beale Jenny Bond and Elizabeth Milnes-James.

10.2 Flowers in Church

RMW: I propose a vote of sincere thanks to Saint Peter's dedicated flower arranging team for the work, creativity and skill they bring to bear to such good effect to brighten up our beautiful church and for the leadership and administration that Tini Owens and Elizabeth Milnes-James provide to ensure its success.

We should also be grateful to Elizabeth and everyone else who helped to make the 2020 Patronal Flower Festival in the church a success.

10.3 Volunteers and supporters

We are extremely grateful to the many volunteers who do so much to support St. Peter's. Their diverse and continuing efforts are vital to ensure that the Church is there for Willersey. I take this opportunity to recognise their contributions and thank them for all their works.

I would like to acknowledge the members of our PCC for their support and advice. Personally, I receive consistent, valued support from my wife, Judith, in carrying out my duties as Churchwarden and in 2020 for the important part she played in ensuring that the Community Support Group was financed and supported. I feel it important to express my gratitude to Judith publicly.

Robert McNeil-Wilson Churchwarden

July 2021