

ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION



Thursday, May 3rd 2023, Time 7.00pm, Venue St Mary's Church Hall

Welcome Canon Peggy Jackson to chair the meeting.

Opening Prayers, including our Parish Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Kindle in us the fire of your love,

That we may be **Loving** to everyone we meet.

Come, Holy Father, be present among us.

Unite us with all people and the whole of creation,

Connecting your people to one another and to you.

Come, Lord Jesus, you who came not to be served, but to serve.

Create among us a community of love,

Serving those around us in all we do.

Come, Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Inspire us to be your **Loving, Connecting** and **Serving** People.

AMEN.

Apologies for Absence

VESTRY MEETING

1. **Minutes** of the Meeting of May 12th 2022
2. **Election** of eight Churchwardens (Two to represent each Local Church Area (LCA))

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

1. Minutes of the Meeting of Meeting of May 12th 2022
2. Electoral Roll report
3. Churchwardens' Reports on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Churches of the Parish – *written, followed by* - signing of documents for each Church.
4. Finance and trustees report - *circulated, for questions and approval.*
5. Deanery Synod report - *written*
6. Reports from other groups – *written*
7. Celebration and thanks.
8. Wardens' report on vacancy
9. Elections (*All those who stand for election to PCC are required by the Charity Commission to have a DBS check as Charity Trustees*):
 - 4 representatives to the Deanery Synod (it is intended that there should be one from each LCA)
 - 4 Parochial Church Council Members (One to represent each LCA)
 - Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. AOB – Questions for discussion or recommendations to the PCC.

One item submitted for consideration prior to the meeting from Julian Sims.

Given that our request from the PCC to the Diocese for :

- An earlier interview date, and
- That the Rectory not be let for a further six months appear to have either been ignored or actions taken to commit to these matters without local involvement before we discussed them last week, I would like to ask that the following items be placed on the Agenda for the APCM (and if agreed at the APCM then on the agenda for the subsequent PCC meeting/Section 11 meeting).

Given the serious difficulties in making appointments to the two Benefices in the north of the Christchurch Deanery (Ringwood and St Leonards, having no applications over three rounds of advertisement; Avon Valley Churches having two candidates refuse the post), the Pastoral Committee of the Southern Archdeaconry (or other appropriate body) and the Deanery Pastoral Committee is requested to consult fully with representatives of the three relevant parishes about the structures for ministry within the area with a view to overcoming these difficulties and providing long-term sustainable ministry to these communities which total some 30,000 people.

- Such consultation of course is subject to the Parishes of Ringwood and St Leonard wishing to be involved, but this proposal to be communicated to them as soon as possible.
- The meeting may wish to consider whether such consultation be requested immediately or deferred until the outcome of the current advertisement and interview process for the Avon Valley Churches is known.

11. Closing Prayers