

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 21st MARCH 2018 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: John Hood (Churchwarden)(Chair), Anne Morgan (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Patricia Byrne, Norma Kershaw, Colin Monk, Malcolm Brewer, Dick Handy, Lesley Handy, Sheilah Hall, Chris Gadd, Sandra Hewett, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. John welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Anne started the meeting with prayers.
2. **Apologies for absence:** None
3. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 21st February**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - Page 1, Item 4 – Dick confirmed that the old computer has now been removed from the church and the hard drive destroyed.
 - Page 1, Item 4 - Jane has been working on dates for next year's PCC meetings and read them out. Dawn has asked for them to be the third week of the month which gives her time to do the figures. Jane said she had spoken to Jane R-O as the nearest Sunday to St George's Day next year is 21st April which is Easter Sunday. The following week is Walsingham so Jane R-O agreed that the APCM and Parish Lunch would need to be held on Sunday 14th April even though it is Palm Sunday. Of course these dates may have to change once Fr Colin arrives as we don't know yet when his day off will be. Jane will send a copy of the dates out to everyone with the minutes.
 - Page 3, Item 5c – Dawn confirmed that she will invoice Malcom separately monthly for the Hall's share of the insurance.
 - Page 3, Item 5c – John confirmed that the additional pink envelope holders are in place now.
 - Page 5, Item 8 – Exterior Light – John said that Tony R-O went to see Jacksons who claimed they knew nothing about it so we have started again and are waiting for them to come and do it.
 - Page 5, Item 8 – Pew Kneelers – John passed round a sample of the material which has been chosen and he will present a detailed costing for the work.
5. a) **Approval of Accounts 2017**
Dawn said that the accounts are still with Paul Read for auditing so she had nothing to add to what she said at the last meeting.
- b) **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn gave the following report:
 - Income
 - We received £1634.96 for the gift aid claim for quarter 4 / 2017
 - Donations were received from baptisms, porch donation box and £300 as a one off donation
 - £59.47 was received from votive sales
 - Fundraising includes £335 from bulb sales, £136 from the matched giving

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- scheme from Sue Andrews and a further £75 proceeds from the shop
- Extra-ordinary income is the reimbursement from the Diocese for expenses we have paid out to priests.
- We received £201 from our investments

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Expenditure

- Our first parish share payment has been made
- Liturgical costs include communion wine, paschal candle, palm crosses and alter candles
- Extra –ordinary expenditure is the payment for the CCTV installation, there is also £35 in admin to cover the ICO registration for this.

I was asked how much we had spent in 2017 on fees paid out to visiting priests since Fr Mike left and this amount comes to £1120 and £60 of this we were unable to claim back as we pay £2.50 per service in travel costs.

Dawn said she has received notification of capitation fees for this year and the £20 has been paid. The letter said that as was the case last year we are asking each parish to support the parish of Koforidua in Ghana by donating £50. As we have not supported St Mary Axim for several years the PCC agreed that we should pay this. This was proposed by Dawn Trimby, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.

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c) Charity Treasurer's Report

Jane read out the figures for January provided by Lynne McNeill, Charity Treasurer as follows:

£109.10 was raised during February for The New Blendworth Centre.

d) Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th March have already been circulated to everyone.

- We have already spoken above about CCTV, External Light and Pew Kneelers.
- John said that the Hall kitchen floor is a potentially serious problem. There has been quite a serious leak in the kitchen which has been fixed and we are hoping that this is what has caused the wet floor. At the moment the floor has been lifted and newspapers are being put down daily to soak up the water and we will continue to do this for the next 6-8 weeks. If this does not work we need to decide how serious the problem is and what action we need to take. At worst it would mean digging up the floor and putting in a new damp course in or find out about treatments we can use. There is a leak from the radiator circuit in the kitchen which does not maintain pressure so it could be that. This is being looked at tomorrow. F&F have now taken over responsibility for this. Barbie asked if we could claim on the insurance. John said Tony has spoken to them and depending what the problem is we will see if we can claim.
- Victoria James from the Diocese was due to talk to F&F about fundraising but didn't turn up. Tony R-O heard later that she had a puncture on the way and no number to ring to let them know what had happened. Dick and Tony are working on a presentation to give to the congregation on 22nd April at the

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end of the service before the APCM.

6. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Hall Committee**

Not met but did have an extraordinary meeting to decide what to do about the kitchen floor. Malcolm reported that the new windows will be put in at the front of

the hall on 3/4 April.

b) **Social and Fundraising Committee**

Not met. Next meeting is on 4th April.

c) **Pastoral Committee and Safeguarding**

Not met. Jane had e-mailed Sonja today who had nothing to report on Safeguarding this month.

Lesley said she had an e-mail from the Diocese regarding the Bishop's training on Baptism with a pack consisting of a book and a DVD which she went and collected.

Colin said time is getting short to sort out arrangements for who will lead Toddlers when Claire Rockett leaves at the end of the summer term. Needs to be high on the agenda of the next Pastoral Committee meeting.

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7. **Deanery Synod Report**

Not met. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2018 have already been circulated to everyone.

8. **Interregnum: Outcome**

John said he is sure that everyone on the PCC listened to the news read out by Anne on Sunday that Fr Colin Lawlor has been appointed as the new priest at St George's Church and is likely to start in September.

9. **Correspondence**

• **GDPR (Dick and Lesley Handy)**

Lesley and Dick gave an update on this. Lesley said that there is now some kind of format produced by the Diocese that we can use and Lesley handed out a sheet to everyone on Q & As for PCCs regarding GDPR. Lesley said we do now have a policy document and audit form we can complete for our church. It is suggested that every PCC meeting has this on the agenda.

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• **Wellington Way Development**

Colin said he wanted to draw to everyone's attention the fact that the plans are in with the Council and there is a public consultation until 14th April if anyone wants to make a comment. The details are on the HBC website now and Jane will forward a copy of the e-mail from Colin which has the link to click on and he suggests everyone should go on there and read it and comment on it. He wonders as a PCC whether we want to make a comment or whether the Diocese wish to make a comment. John said he will talk to the Diocese. It was agreed that a small group of people would get together to do a response. Barbie commented that it is going to be very difficult for church goers to park their cars on a Sunday.

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• **Letter from UK Parliament marking key anniversaries in journey towards equal voting rights for women and men**

A letter has been received from the UK Parliament regarding EqualiTeas and UK Parliament week marking key anniversaries in the journey towards equal voting rights for women and men with UK-wide activities. After discussion it

was decided no further action will be taken on this.

- **Letter from the Bishop**

John said he had received a letter from the Bishop regarding “Thy Kingdom Come” and he read the letter out. It was decided that without an incumbent it would be hard to pursue this but Chris will put it on Social Media and we will give the information to the Mothers’ Union. Chris will also talk to Fr Ray, Rev Sandra, Fr Charles and David Lindsey who are all taking services between

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10-20 May to see if they could use this theme in a service.

Barbie suggested that where we pray for a different school each week we could perhaps rejuvenate it a bit and pray for all Y6 children doing their SATs and all those sitting their GCSEs at the appropriate times.

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- **Request from Paul Taylor**

Paul helps and teaches people who have learning, mental and health disabilities and their funding has been cut. He has asked Anne to ask the PCC whether they would be prepared to let him play the organ on a Saturday morning as he intends to work his way through English Hymnal to raise money. It was agreed to advise Rod of this. The PCC fully supported this.

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- **Servers**

Anne has been asked by David Palmer, Head Server, if we could put a note in the Bulletin to ask members of the congregation to refrain from coming into the Sacristy for 10-15 minutes after each service to give the servers time to clear up after the service. The PCC agreed for a brief note to go in the Bulletin explaining this. Obviously people with a job to do – sidespeople counting the collection and people on Parish Office needing to collect the box from the Sacristy - will still be able to go in and Dick and Lesley will explain this to the sidespeople and people on Parish Office.

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- **Advertising Poster**

Anne said the Bettaware man who comes to her goes to Hart Plain Church and they are having a church event at Hart Plain Church on 5th May and would like to put a poster up in church to advertise it. PCC were happy for this poster to go up.

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As this is the last meeting before the APCM there are 3 people who are stepping down – Anne Morgan, who has been Churchwarden for a year, Sheilah Hall and Dick Handy on PCC. The PCC passed a vote of thanks to them for all they have done.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the APCM on Sunday 22nd April 2018 following the 10 am Eucharist.

Closing Prayer

10. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm with “The Grace”.

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