

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH
DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN CHURCH**

Present: Fr Colin Lawlor (Chair), Chris Gadd (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Tony Rice-Oxley (Deanery Synod), Lynne McNeill, Anne Morgan, Patricia Byrne, Lynn Winter, Marian Haughton, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

Co-opted: Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer)

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		Opening Prayer – Chris said the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer.	
1.		Apologies for absence: Mo Peters, Linda Smith, Ceri Ward, Sue Hodgens Did not attend: Andy Jackson, Co-opted	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on 4th October Jane said she did apologise for not being there. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		<u>Page 1, Item 2, Matters Arising – Item 6</u> – Sara said that Sonja is too busy at present with her University course and unable to attend the Safeguarding Course. <u>Page 1, Item 5</u> – “Living in Love and Faith” course. Fr Colin not appropriate to do it at the moment if there is a chance we may have to revert to Zoom meetings. Leave until things are more settled. <u>Page 2, Item 11</u> – Legacy from John Symonds. Malcolm has not found out yet from Margaret. <u>Page 4, Item 20</u> – Anne said the “Who’s Who” board at the back of church needs updating and new photos adding. It was suggested that Fr Ray might be able to do the photos. Patricia said the front noticeboard with the names of the Churchwardens needs updating.	CL MB CL CL
4.	a)	Charity Treasurer’s Report	
		Lynne McNeill, Charity Treasurer, said the Children’s Society boxes raised £334.58. The October retiring collection for African Child Trust raised £98.04 and the November retiring collection for the Rainbow Centre raised £72.60. Retiring Collections for 2022 – the list for 2022 had been circulated to PCC members before the meeting and everyone was happy to accept this.	
	b)	Treasurer’s Report from Sara	
		As we near the end of this Financial Year a picture of our position is emerging. I estimate that we will end the year with a gross deficit in our main current account of around £17,600. However, this figure will be off-set by the transfer of £6,000 that we made from our UTB Account. In November we were under budget in our income in the following areas: Standing Orders/Planned Giving – due in part to people leaving our congregation. Gift Aid – as above	

	<p>Loose Plate Giving – due to fewer people being in church because of the Covid situation and maybe because the collection isn't being passed round the congregation?? Gift Day – this wasn't held in 2021 due to many other calls on people's generosity.</p> <p>Fundraising – I am very pleased to say that this year's fundraising has been fantastic, people have been most generous with their time, energy and giving and we estimate that the total amount raised in 2021 will be £17,400 against a budget of £12,000. Many thanks to everyone who played a part in this result.</p> <p>As far as expenditure is concerned we are more or less on budget except for Director of Music which will exceed budget which was originally set before we had a better picture of what our true expenses would be in this area.</p> <p>Another consideration is the £8,000 in hall loans that are due to be repaid by November 2022 and it is looking very likely that there will not be enough funds in the Hall Account to pay these, therefore, it will fall to the PCC to fund these repayments.</p> <p>At the Fabric and Finance Committee meeting earlier this week, 2022's budget was discussed and agreed and requires PCC approval together with the draft Parochial Fees for 2022.</p> <p>Does anyone have any questions?</p> <p>Tony asked Sara if this budget was the revised version as a result of the meeting on Monday. Sara said the budget deficit is £27,125. Tony said there will be a time when we don't have any reserves. What will we do about our Parish share? Use reserves for next year but don't run it down to nil in case of any urgent work needed on the church. Sara agreed that we should not run our reserves down to nil. The draft Parochial Fees for 2022 had been sent out and have been increased slightly where appropriate.</p> <p>Sara Pask proposed that the budget for 2022 and the Parochial Fees for 2022 be accepted by the PCC, this was seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
c)	<p>Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report</p>	
	<p>The F&F Committee met on Monday this week 13th December and the minutes have not yet been circulated. Chris said this meeting was mainly to agree on the budget for 2022. Chris said that 2 quotes had been received from 2 suppliers to attend to the paving at the front of church. One quote received was for £6,500 and the other for £3,900 and Chris Gadd proposed that we proceed with the cheaper quote. This was seconded by Patricia Byrne and agreed unanimously. Tony will inform Bernard.</p>	

5.	Other Committee Reports		<u>ACTION</u>
	a)	<p data-bbox="325 185 608 221">Pastoral Committee</p> <ul data-bbox="325 226 1267 1182" style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne has been through the list of vulnerable people and checked up on who she was not sure of. • Wednesday coffee – some people are not happy that the table cloths are taken off before they have finished their coffee. Coffee should be served until 11.45. Fr Colin will have a word with June Diaper about this. • Linda Smith is a calligrapher and is happy to update the priest list at the back of church. This was proposed by Marian Haughton, seconded by Linda Wainwright and agreed unanimously. Rosy will talk to Linda about this. • Toddlers – Candy is encouraging more new Mums to mix more. Dawn Hyett is to be congratulated as she is very on the ball and yesterday was brilliant. There have been a lot of positive comments. Dawn is encouraging them to come into church occasionally and have a Bible story. • Child protection and Safeguarding – no problems. • No Baptism visits any more but the dove is sent on the first anniversary along with a card. • Patricia and Norma from St George’s help each Monday and it is going very well. • Bereavement Training – this is happening. • Tony asked what is happening with Sunday School as there don’t appear to be many children. This now comes under the jurisdiction of Mission and Stewardship Committee. There were a lot of children in Sunday School last week and Lynn is amazing. Suggested a poster goes up on the Church Hall noticeboard for people walking past and perhaps in the Library. Fr Colin will talk to Alex to find the poster. 	<p data-bbox="1362 353 1406 389">CL</p> <p data-bbox="1362 488 1406 524">RS</p> <p data-bbox="1362 1093 1406 1128">CL</p>
	b)	<p data-bbox="325 1182 655 1218">Church Hall Committee</p> <p data-bbox="325 1223 1267 1756">Tony said that the Hall Committee haven’t met but will meet in January. Work in the Hall has been extremely challenging over the past 2 years and he doesn’t think they have received the recognition they deserve. Tony, Malcolm and Fiona are in there all the time. In touch with the regulars. Tony in the process of writing a Risk Assessment Policy and they also have a Covid risk assessment. Tony said he has already mentioned that he will be standing down as chair at the APCM. He has asked all the other members of the Committee if they are interested in taking over and nobody has come forward so it will fall to one of the Churchwardens. Malcolm said there is between £4,500 and £5,000 in the bank at the current time. The regular cleaners fell ill but had a negative result today so Malcolm has been contacting the cleaning company to make sure someone comes in to clean. The regular cleaners should be back at the beginning of the new year. Malcolm has a note of when the cleaners have been in so we can check it with the bill. Fr Colin said a thank you to everyone who works so hard.</p>	<p data-bbox="1321 1518 1445 1554">CL/C/Ws</p>
	c)	<p data-bbox="325 1756 842 1792">Mission and Stewardship Committee</p> <ul data-bbox="325 1796 1267 2063" style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a meeting on 25th October when the Committee reflected where we are at the moment as we have not been able to do a lot during the pandemic. • Welcome booklets are ready to be handed out to new people. • Fr Colin is keeping in touch with the local Scout group and the RNA. • Not possible to go into schools at the moment. • Parish Audit - Jackie, the local Community Officer for Asda is to be 	

		<p>invited to a meeting in the New Year to discuss where our services might be needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Homes – no visits allowed at The Beeches or South Africa Lodge during Covid. • We have new members who wish to be involved with the Sunday School and are awaiting DBS checks. • Dawn Hyett will bring the toddlers into church occasionally to look around and have a short story. • Discussing holding a Family Service on a Sunday afternoon. • David Cain keen to recruit children to the Choir. • Bible/Study groups – in Lent and maybe once a month. • Stewardship campaign – invite the stewardship guy at the Diocese to the next PCC meeting in February. • Housing developments – part of Berewood is within our parish but the boundaries are in the process of being changed and this is currently going through Parliament. A post for Minister in Berewood has been advertised but Fr Colin said he can't see it happening soon. <p>The next meeting has been arranged for 12th January at 6.00pm.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>CL</p>
	d)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosy said the Church shop had been very successful and the total stands at around £7,400 with gift aid to come. Rosy said thanks to Jane and Tony Rice-Oxley and Jane and Steve Cook. • Handel's Messiah was held on 24th November organised by David Cain in aid of Homeless charities. • David Cain's concerts in the summer were successful with the profits coming to the church. Thanks go to David Cain. • Christmas Bazaar was a great success and thanks go to Tony for organising it and to everyone who helped. • Eileen's 100th birthday next Sunday 19th December. Wine and cake are being organised. A card is going around church and Rosy will organise a bouquet to be presented to her. • 19th December - Christmas Carol Service followed by mince pies and Tony's punch. • 22nd January – Quiz evening £5 including a hot dog, bring your own drink. Tickets to be printed after Christmas. • 26th February – Race Night with American supper. • 26th March – Bingo night organised by Robert and Shirley Vann. • 29th May – Parish lunch. • Lent lunches to be discussed at the next meeting. 	
6.		Safeguarding Report	
		Sonja sent a Safeguarding Report and the Diocese's December Newsletter on Safeguarding Matters which Jane sent to PCC members today. Fr Colin said he and Sonja had worked on a couple of things recently and said we are very lucky to have Sonja with all her expertise.	
7.		Deanery Synod Report	
		Met at Hart Plain and started off with the new Deanery Band who you can book. The main thrust was on lay people. Talk from Angela Heron on her links in Africa. She would like to come and talk to a small group in the new year. Tony is in touch with her.	
8.		Update by Fr Colin	
		The main thing is to advise that the Waterlooville Events Team have	

	<p>disbanded and Jackie Buckley asked if St George's would like to take on the running of the Cinema. They will give us the £3,000 they have towards it and the equipment. If we get enough volunteers it is something we can do for the Community and I am very excited about it. We are meeting in January and they need to show us how to use the equipment. Hopefully we will be able to start running it from April or May. Keep it to the fourth Thursday of the month.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
9.	Correspondence / AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defibrillator 	
	<p>Jane said as the PCC are probably aware June Diaper saw a lady arrive in a car in a distressed state on Monday 6th December saying she needed the defibrillator for her father who was having a heart attack and drove off with it and it has not been returned. Jane has contacted The Circuit, British Heart Foundation who have taken over the registration of defibrillators from South Central Ambulance Service who were no help. She also rang the Police who said as it wasn't really a theft it is too soon to give us a crime number for the insurance company. Jane has now contacted South Central Ambulance Service to see if they have a record of someone using a defibrillator in the Waterlooville area on that day and is awaiting a reply. She asked the PCC if she could put something on the Waterlooville Community site on Facebook and this was agreed.</p> <p>Barbie no longer wants to be the other Primary contact for the defibrillator and so Jane said she needs someone else on PCC to share this with her. Malcolm volunteered to do this and Jane will let Barbie know so she can pass her file on.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term of Churchwardens 	
	<p>Patricia said that Chris Gadd's term as Churchwarden is due to come to an end in April after his 4 years. Chris has done a fantastic job as Churchwarden and goes well over and above the normal duties of a churchwarden. Fr Colin said the legal position for a churchwarden is 6 years but St George's decided to change it to 4 years back in Fr Malcolm's time. Churches can decide to change to a different time period. Do we revert to the official legal position of 6 years and if so would Chris be prepared to carry on for another 2 years. Chris said he would be prepared to carry on. Patricia Byrne proposed that we revert to the official legal position of 6 years and this was seconded by Anne Morgan and agreed unanimously.</p>	
10.	Date of Next PCC Meeting	
	<p>Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 8.00pm in church following the 7.30pm Eucharist.</p>	ALL
	<p>Closing Prayer – The Grace</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm and was followed by refreshments.</p>	