

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 8.00PM IN CHURCH  
FOLLOWING THE 7.30PM EUCHARIST**

**Present:** Chris Gadd (Churchwarden)(Chair), Fr Colin Lawlor, Rev Liz Quinn, Tony Rice-Oxley (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Sue Hodgens, Mo Peters, Lynn Winter, Sara Schillemore, Linda Smith, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

**Co-opted:** Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer)

			<u><b>ACTION</b></u>
		Anne read the Leading Your Church into Growth prayer	
1.		Linda Smith sent a resignation letter to Chris on 26 <sup>th</sup> January which she has now sent to Jane saying that she is resigning due to her personal situation and passing on her apologies to the rest of the Committee.  <b>Apologies for absence:</b> Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Lynne McNeill, Alice Pitney, Patricia Byrne, Elaine Shimbart, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod)	
2.		<b>Minutes of last PCC meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023</b>	
		The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		<b>Matters Arising</b>	
		<u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Fr Colin will remind Alex to pass on the plans of the churchyard to Mo to look at. <u>Page 2, Item 5a)</u> – Andrew Clarke is receiving communion. <u>Page 3, Item 9b)</u> – Friday morning coffees - Jane sent John Hood a letter after the last PCC meeting. <u>Page 3, Item 5d)</u> – Jane confirmed she had sent June a letter following the last PCC. <u>Page 4, Item 9e</u> – Compost bins – Mo confirmed that signs have gone up on the compost bins. <u>Page 4 – Item 9f)</u> – Wiggly Kids – Chris will do the leaflets to go in the pews. <u>Page 4 – 9g)</u> – Linked Churches – Rev Liz will contact Angela Herring, Havant Deanery IDWAL link for Koforidua re a link parish.	CL          CG  Rev Liz
4.	a)	<b>Charity Treasurer's Report</b>	
		Lynne gave her apologies for the meeting but sent the following email to be read out: "Retiring collection in January was for the Humane Society and a total of £80.13 was raised and in February the retiring collection was for Portsmouth Samaritans and a total of £110.73 was raised".	
	b)	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
		Sara read out her report as follows:  "We have started 2023 from a very low financial standpoint. Regular giving is below budget, however, it is very much hoped that regular giving will increase from March/April as a result of our Stewardship Campaign. At the very least, the campaign will have given our parishioners the chance to at least change the way they give and, even more hopefully, to review and increase their giving. There is still a	

		<p>considerable amount of Gift Aid from HMRC due to be claimed and we are endeavouring to get our claims more up to date as soon as possible. Loose plate and other donations are above budget and we have received payments for Magazine advertising and the Bulletin sponsorship. We have also received payments from couples who wish to be married at St George's. As far as the budget is concerned, we ended February about £600 below what had been anticipated.</p> <p>As far as outgoing payments are concerned, we owed the Diocese 3 monthly Parish Share payments of £5,510 from 2022. I am pleased to say that we were able to make one month's payment in February leaving us with 2 months outstanding plus this year's Parish Share of £66,200. Our utility outgoings have increased, especially, as far as Gas is concerned now that we pay 50% of the bill to the Church Hall.</p> <p>I hope to have more encouraging news at the next PCC meeting when we will have details of changes in regular giving both increase and the way in which it is given".</p> <p>Sara brought up that David Cain has not had an increase in pay during the 3 years he has been with us. It is proposed to increase his pay from £4,108 to £4,472 pa. Alex is on minimum wage which from April increases to £10.42 and we are paying her £9.50 at the moment so we should increase her pay to £10.42 from April. This was proposed by Sue Hodgens, seconded by Anne Morgan and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Sara handed out the Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for the APCM which have been signed off by Paul Read. Sara proposed that these accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Sue Hodgens and agreed unanimously. Sara was thanked for her work on this. Sara will do an analysis of people's giving for the APCM.</p>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
	c)	<b>Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report</b>	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March have already been circulated. Chris asked if there were any questions. He will talk to Alex about the Gift Aid claims.</p> <p>Chris said there is a working morning on Friday for St George's Men and Ladies and asked for people to attend.</p>	CG ALL
5.		<b>Other Committee Reports</b>	
	a)	<b>Pastoral Committee</b>	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March have already been circulated. Rev Liz said that we should not be giving out names and personal information as this is against the law and GDPR. Lynn will re-do the minutes and redistribute.</p>	LW
	b)	<b>Church Hall Committee</b>	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March have already been circulated. Tony said we are lacking one-off hires for birthday parties etc. If we can't find someone to take over as Hall Manager it was suggested by one of the Committee that we out-source it as a church in Hayling Island has done and he is finding out more. Church usage is about half an hour more each week than outside hirers.</p>	
	c)	<b>Mission and Stewardship Committee</b>	
		<p>Not met.</p> <p>Alex is currently doing an analysis of the forms received back – only 14</p>	

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	in total and very few from new people which is disappointing. Fr Colin said Toddler Group had received an apology for being left off the sheet of church activities.	
d)	<b>Social and Fundraising Committee</b>	
	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March have already been circulated.</p> <p>Jane said the following had been proposed at the Social and Fundraising Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March and need approval from PCC:</p> <p><u>Horse and Maggot Race Night</u>- this Saturday – 49 tickets have been sold.</p> <p><u>Parish Lunch</u> – this was proposed to follow the APCM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and before choral evensong. Agreed by the PCC.</p> <p><u>Summer Fete</u> – it was suggested that people who held a stall at the Fete last year be asked if they are prepared to do it again and let people organise their own stall. Jane to ask Patricia for last year's list of stalls and take this back to the Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> April and then put a note in the Bulletin. Mo asked if her Barber Shop choir could come along and sing at this event and this was agreed. Mo will need to ask them.</p> <p><u>Parish Outing</u> – Social Committee members are going to come up with ideas to take to the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April – possible canal boat trip, Watercress line trip with cream tea, Stansted House and cream tea, theatre outing, Lordington lavender farm. PCC agreed this was a good idea.</p> <p><u>Wintershall "Life of Christ"</u> – Fr Colin asked if we are planning a trip to Wintershall again this year. Jane will put a note in the Bulletin and a list at the back of church to find out what interest there is.</p> <p>The above were proposed by Jane, seconded by Sara and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Tony brought up the fact that the Social Committee bank account has only 2 signatories at present – Audrey Linney who is ill and Jane R-O who is moving away. If we keep the account we need some new signatories. Need to have a discussion with Audrey about bringing this into church finances. Malcolm will bring up at next Social meeting.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>MP</p> <p>JC</p> <p>MB</p>
e)	<b>Eco Church Committee Report</b>	
	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February have already been circulated. Mo said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Churchyard Management Plan has already been sent out and no-one has come back with any comments. This has come about so we can tick it off the Bronze Eco Church Award scheme we are working through. If we can adopt it tonight we can have a conversation on Friday when we are in the grounds with people who have not seen it. Proposed by Mo Peters, seconded by Rev Liz and agreed unanimously.</li> <li>• Scarifier – Jess Deal has offered to lend us one so we can scarify the grass in the churchyard and remove all the rubbish and then give Sunday School some wild flower seeds to sow and watch grow.</li> <li>• Bird boxes and bug hotels – we had a morning with Toddlers who filled the bug hotels and then placed them in the church grounds and we put 3 bird boxes up in the trees and would like to put one on the church hall. Tony said the men will put it up on Friday.</li> <li>• A big bug hotel has been made for the Coronation and in consultation with Dawn will be filled with help from the Toddlers. It is planned to screw it to the wall where the small one is at present</li> </ul>	<p>MP/TRO</p>

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	<p>so it can be seen from the road. If the stuff gets taken out of it we can put wire mesh over the front to protect it. Huge thanks go to John (Toddlers) who has made all these bird boxes and bug hotels free of charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mo said she will be coming in at some point to prune the apple trees.</li> <li>• Malcolm went and picked up some free recycling bins from Portsmouth. He went to get 1 and came back with 8. Mo is planning on making some more straightforward signs to go on them as they will only take cans, plastic bottles, paper and aerosols. Plan to put some in the kitchen, Committee room, choir gallery, Sacristy, by church door. The recycling bins need white plastic bags in them. Let Mo know if there is anywhere else that needs one.</li> <li>• Mo will talk to Glynn about the rubbish in the Garden of Remembrance and whether he feels it is worth having a bin for compostable items.</li> <li>• Toilet Twinning – talking about doing this with another country that does not have a toilet - £60 a year – and propose to try and collect some money in a toilet at the summer fete.</li> <li>• Sara S said she saw in the minutes about biodegradable confetti and said how about lavender seeds. Fr Colin said he insists on biodegradable confetti when he meets up with the couple to be married so we probably don't need to take this any further.</li> </ul>	<p>MP</p> <p>All</p> <p>MP</p>
6.	<b>Safeguarding Report</b>	
	Sonja's Safeguarding report (via email) for tonight's meeting has already been circulated. There were no questions.	
7.	<b>Deanery Synod Report</b>	
	Meeting tomorrow.	
8.	<b>Update by Fr Colin</b>	
	Nothing to report.	
9.	<b>Correspondence / AOB</b>	
	a) <b>Name of New Architect</b>	
	We have appointed a new Architect who also looks after Rowlands Castle Church and Chris will let Jane have his name.	CG
	b) <b>Approval from PCC for Walsingham pilgrimage and WMF Programme for insurance purposes</b>	
	Jane proposed that these be agreed, seconded by Anne and agreed unanimously.	
	c) <b>Discuss organisation of summer fete (see Social minutes)</b>	
	Discussed under 5d) above.	
	d) <b>Approval for proposed Parish lunch / Parish outing (see Social Minutes)</b>	
	Proposed by Sue, seconded by Malcolm and agreed unanimously.	
	e) <b>WMF – venue up from £4000 to £4500</b>	
	PCC was advised that the church will receive £4,500 from WMF this year for the use of the church as the venue.	
	f) <b>Families Ministry and Young People's Ministry (Rev Liz)</b>	
	<p>Rev Liz requested and the PCC decided that Families Ministry and Young People's Ministry would be a standing item on the PCC agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young People's Ministry: the young people together with Chris and Rev Liz have been attending High Tide Portsmouth and wider afield,</li> </ul>	

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	<p>an ecumenical Christian event for secondary school age young people. They meet once a month on a Friday evening for recreation, food and prayer time. A different church community hosts it each month and on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May we are hosting it at St George's. We will need some practical support from the Church community – moving pews slightly to make a central space, need 2 adults DBS/Safeguard checked to man the toilets, provide refreshments – hot dogs always popular. She is asking PCC to put themselves forward to help at that event. Malcolm said they would need to book the Hall to use the kitchen and toilets. Dance school is in on a Friday so something will need to be worked out. Could do cold food if we can't use the kitchen. Let Rev Liz or Chris know if you are able to help on the night. The young people arrive at 6.50 for a 7pm start and leave at 8.45.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In relation to the young people the Big Church Festival in Wiston House, Sussex will take place for a whole weekend on 27/28 May but Rev Liz and Chris will be taking the young people on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> for the day. Joining up with St Luke's in Southsea who are coordinating the booking and inviting other churches to join with them and they will provide a coach. Rev Liz asked the PCC for a grant for the cost of the tickets which some families would be unable to afford – the reduced ticket price is £55 as they are going through a group scheme. Rev Liz proposed that the PCC provide up to £200, this was seconded by Mo Peters and agreed unanimously.</li> </ul>	All
	<b>g) PCC / Deanery Synod members needed at APCM</b>	
	Jane said that this year we need 5 PCC members and 2 Deanery Synod representatives and she will ask Alex to advertise this in the Bulletin for the next few weeks.	JC
10.	<b>Date of Next PCC Meeting</b>	
	The next meeting is the APCM on <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023</b> after the 10am Eucharist.	ALL
	Closing Prayer – The Grace	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.	