MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 8.00pm IN CHURCH FOLLOWING THE 7.30 pm EUCHARIST

Present: Chris Gadd (Churchwarden)(Chair), John Hood (Churchwarden), Fr Colin Lawlor, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Lesley Handy, Sara Pask, Ian Gibson, Malcolm Brewer, Marian Haughton, Mo Peters, Jane Cook (Secretary)

			ACTION
		Opening Prayer – Sara read the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer.	
1.		Apologies for absence: Anne Morgan, Sandra Hewett Did not attend: Lisa Toft Dawn Trimby (Treasurer) – not in attendance as agreed	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on Monday 23 rd September The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		Page 1, Item 3 - Garden of Remembrance – the draft policy which Chris has drawn up will be discussed with Fr Colin and this item can now be removed. Page 1, Item 3 – Noticeboard – John has this in hand and is just waiting for a dry day to do it. This item can now be removed. Page 1, Item 4b) – Malcolm confirmed that he has sent £50 to Havant Deanery to go to Koforidua in Ghana as they requested. Page 2, Item 4c) – Albs – John said he is just waiting for Anne to give him details of their requirements. Barbie said she will contact Anne about the Lloyd children's requirements. Page 2, Item 8 – 50 th Anniversary. This has been passed to Shirley, Chair of Social to discuss at their next meeting. Page 3, Item 11 – Choir – Chris still to talk to Rod and put something in the Bulletin and on Social Media asking for new choir members. Lesley said she thought Lisa's idea at the last meeting that Rod should ask certain members of the congregation to join the choir for special services etc is a very good one and has worked very well in the past. Chris still to talk to Don re the Church Band.	AM/JH CG CG
4.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report	
		The figures for September as provided by Lynne McNeill, Charity Treasurer, are as follows: £175.17 was collected during September for Parkinson's UK. £288. 99 was collected for The Children's Society via collection boxes.	
	b)	Treasurer's Report	
		There was no report or figures from Dawn as she has been away and no questions on previous figures.	
	c)	Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report	
		Not met but the next meeting will start talking about next year's budget. Malcolm reported that the total amount raised for the Gift Day appeal was £3,485 and we will receive gift aid on top of this.	

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5.		Other Committee Reports	
	a)	Hall Committee	
		 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th September have been circulated already. We talked about how we generate more income for the church and it was agreed to increase the hire charges by £1 an hour pro rata dependent on who is hiring the Hall. Tony RO has done a poster to this effect which will be reviewed at the next Hall meeting. Candy asked if we charge a deposit and Ian said we are thinking of a £50 refundable deposit for one off bookings. Discuss at the Church Hall meeting something which we can give to Chris to put on Social Media advertising the Hall. Ian said there were a couple of outstanding debts from the OAPs and Andy Sillence who was running toddlers football. It had been agreed at the last Church Hall meeting to write off these debts if they gave us the Hall key back which they hold. Malcolm said he had been down to Fratton to the address Andy had given to be told by the new occupiers that he has moved. Managed to get the address of his accountants and has paid them a visit and they are 	IG
		 going to ask him to get in touch. With PCC agreement Malcolm Brewer proposed that we pay back 50% of the loans we received from members of the congregation at the end of the year as a gesture of goodwill. This was seconded by Marian Haughton and agreed unanimously. Malcolm will liaise with Chris and Dawn about return payments. 	MB/CG/DT
	b)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		Not met – next meeting in November prior to PCC. Pastoral Committee	
	d)	Minutes of the meeting held on 30 th September have been circulated already. Lesley said Sunday School are keen for children to have name badges to wear on a lanyard so Fr Colin knows their names at the altar rail. They talked about growing the Sunday School and youth at St George's and get them involved with the family services, meet and greet, sidesperson with an adult, reading etc. They will discuss the Christingle service at the next meeting but will need help. May give the children a bag and get them to make them themselves this year as Fr Colin talks them through it. Need to recruit new volunteers to help out with Toddlers. Fiona Ross does not feel up to organising the Travelling Nativity this year. Lesley will put a note in the Bulletin for a volunteer to organise this. Safeguarding Report The Safeguarding Report from Sonja has already been circulated. The PCC are very grateful for the huge amount of work that Sonja does on this and it was suggested that perhaps she should hand some of it over to Sandra, her deputy to lighten her load a little. Anyone on the Pastoral visiting list much ensure that they are DBS checked.	
6.		Deanery Synod Report	
		Not met – next meeting is on 6 th November.	
7.		My Faith Journey	
		Malcolm Brewer gave an interesting account of his faith journey which the PCC appreciated. Barbie will talk about her faith journey at a future PCC meeting in the new year.	

8.	St George's 50 th Anniversary	ACTION
	As advised above this has been passed over to Shirley, Chair of the Social Committee and it will be discussed at their next meeting. Malcolm has suggested that a small group of people meet to discuss a programme for the Anniversary year.	
9.	Mission & Stewardship Committee	
	Not met since the last PCC meeting but due to meet in about 2 weeks time and hoping to get the bare bones of a Mission Action Plan which it is hoped will be finalised just after Christmas and then brought to PCC for discussion and approval. After this it is proposed to hold a launch event next year for the whole congregation and anyone in the Community who would be interested. Fr Colin said they hope to produce some kind of booklet to hand out at the launch. Fr Colin said we have already started doing some of the things suggested, eg morning and evening prayer. Mo suggested perhaps linking the launch event to our 50 th Anniversary.	
10.	Update by Fr Colin	
	 Harvest happened and went very well. Started with the animal blessing which was very well received and very well reported on and a new couple came to church on Sunday as a result of coming to that service. Gift Day was a great success and people were very generous as Malcolm explained above and this helps our situation this year. The shop is up and running and doing very well, raising over £5,000 in the first week. I attended the Royal Naval Association the week before last as their Chaplain. They are coming on Sunday for Trafalgar Day liturgy and also coming on Armistice Day. The Motorcycle Club also want to come and lay a wreath and the Fire Brigade usually come and lay a wreath. I have been invited to the Scouts Open Day which is on Saturday 9th November and immediately after that on the same day I have been invited to the Havant and Waterlooville Muslim day to speak on Community Cohesion. I went last year and unfortunately very few people from other faiths attended which was disappointing. Lesley will put a notice in the Bulletin inviting members of the congregation to attend. A week on Sunday we have another evening service of Healing and Reconciliation. This will be a quiet service when people are invited up for healing if they wish. I will explain to the congregation what this is about. I have received a card from Portsmouth Cathedral to say they will be praying for us on 29th October at their evening service but there will be no choir as they are on half term. 	
11.	Correspondence	
	Appoint a Chair of Church Hall Committee to act alongside lan Gibson as Vice Chair until the next APCM	
	Ian wishes to step down as Chair of the Hall Committee at the APCM in 2020 and would like someone to act as his vice chair now and then take over. There were no volunteers from the PCC so Lesley will put an advertisement in the Bulletin to see if anyone would like to take this on and be co-opted onto the Committee.	

	Music Book for the Church Choir	ACTION
	Sara Pask has emailed to request PCC approval for the choir to spend money on a new music book which will be used regularly in services at a cost of £10.99 each x 15 copies. There is money in the choir budget to buy these or it was felt that Waterlooville Music Festival may pay for	
	them. Sara Pask proposed that we go ahead with the purchase of these books, seconded by Lesley Handy and agreed unanimously. Fr Colin to bring it up at WMF.	CL
	Antibacterial Hand Gel to be used by priests at the Eucharist	
	Julia Spurgeon has emailed suggesting that as Fr Colin and Fr Ray shake hands with nearly everyone in church at the peace they should be using an Antibacterial hand gel to prevent the spread of coughs, colds and flu before continuing with the Eucharist. Servers will ensure	
	there is hand gel on the Credence table when setting up for the 10am Eucharist.	AM
	Easyfundraising	
	Sara advised that Easyfundraising has raised £18.97 for church funds with 13 supporters. It is very easy to join up, costs nothing and raises money for the church. There are leaflets at the back of church and Mo suggested laminating them and putting them on the coffee tables in the Hall on a Sunday along with anything else that we need to get across to the congregation. People are more likely to look at these over a cup of coffee.	
12.	Date of Next PCC Meeting	
	Monday 25 th November at 8.00pm following 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL
	Closing Prayer There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.	