

**MINUTES OF ST. GEORGE'S PCC MEETING,
HELD IN CHURCH ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 8.00PM**

Present: Fr. Colin Lawlor, Chris Gadd, Rosy Stone, Lynne McNeil, Marian Haughton, Malcolm Brewer, Linda Smith, Ian Gibson, Mo Peters, Candy Williams, Anne Morgan, Sue Hodgens, Tony Rice-Oxley, Patricia Byrne

	Opening Prayer – read by Malcolm Brewer
1.	Minutes of the last PCC meeting, held on 21st July The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
2.	Matters Arising: <u>Item 3:</u> David Cain suggested using a local architect and speaking to neighbouring churches. Fr. Colin to send out a link for the list of architects. <u>Item 6:</u> Sonja messaged re: safeguarding course. Sara to ask her if she wished to do the course. <u>Election of Sidepersons:</u> Patricia read out the list. Voted to proceed. <u>Concerts:</u> Tony R.O. stated a male voice choir has booked the Church on 30 th October; volunteers will be required to move chairs, make refreshments, man the door, open up & lock up. Fr. Colin suggested the chairs be returned to the Hall the next day. Tony R.O. to invoice the choir at £20 per hour for time spent by St. George's preparing the Church, rehearsal time and concert.
3.	Parent & Toddlers: Is off to a good start. Linda suggested that the notice board could be used to advertise as it is currently empty. Tony R.O. said "Use it".
4.	Mo Peters suggested that we look into the viability of installing solar panel on the Church roof. Fr. Colin stated that St Peter's, Petersfield had some installed, and he will investigate further.
5.	Mo Peters enquired if there was any progress with regard to the "Living in Love and Faith" course. Fr. Colin said things are very busy at the moment, so this would be happening at a later time.
6.	Malcolm Brewer raised the subject of a company offering electricity discounts. We can obtain a discount by joining the Parish Buying Scheme. Malcolm has registered, in order to obtain the discount.
7.	Charity Treasurer's Report: Lynne McNeil has issued cheques as follows: July: £100.35 – to The Mission To Seafarers August: £137.87 – to The Elizabeth Foundation September: £118.67 – to The Naval Children's Charity She also stated that they need to think about charities for next year.

<p>8.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report: Currently awaiting an overview for September. There had been a boost in income for July/August, bringing us to £500 below the estimate. Sara requested we use Easy Fundraising. There had been no unexpected expenditure, and we are on track for income and expenditure projections/budgets.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Fabric & Finance Report: Chris Gadd has filed an insurance claim for income lost during lockdown. St. George's is not on "the list" of those entities that are covered. However Chris is still trying, though he is not hopeful of success.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Weddings & Funerals: Sara stated that fees for actual wedding services are set by the Church of England, , with additional fees set by the parish for "extras" such as an organ, choir, flowers, etc. She has requested that we ask for the 'extras' "" to be paid in cash, so as to avoid any complications with the various bank accounts. Fr. Colin agreed with this, as did the PCC.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Maintenance: Tony R.O., Malcolm Brewer, and Chris Gadd are walking around the Church and the grounds on 14th October at 9.30am to see assess what repairs and maintenance are required. Anyone is welcome to come along and join them.</p> <p>Legacy from John Symonds at F&F. Malcolm Brewer said Margaret is happy with a wooden bookstand, with a plaque inscribed with John's name. Malcolm to enquire as to the amount available from Margaret for the legacy.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Pastoral: Anne stated that there had been "No meetings to date". She will organise one.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Church Hall Committee: Has not yet met.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Mission: Fr. Colin has sent a Doodle Poll to arrange a meeting.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Social & Fundraising: Christmas Bazaar will be on 11th December. Tony R.O. to organise.</p> <p>Shop proceeding. Open 2nd November. Volunteers are required to clean and stock the shop on 1st November. Concise Removals to load up.</p> <p>Social Events organised for Jan., Feb., and March: There will be a 100th birthday celebration for Eileen Oades on 19th December after service. Wine & cake in the Hall.</p>

16.	Bereavement Group: Linda said the Group is having a bazaar on Monday 13 December, with the Mayor attending. Would we like 2 tables? Tony R.O. to let her know.
17.	Safeguarding: Sonja has nothing to report. Louisa would like to work with the children at Sunday Service. Sonja to speak to Louisa re: safeguarding certificate.
18.	Deanery Synod: Tony R.O. said that there was a meeting at St. Nicholas' in Bedhampton, which he and Candy attended. Messy Church was popular; Fr. Colin stated that there are now so many in our area, and that it is part of our Mission.
19.	Fr. Colin discussed the streaming of services. Services will no longer be streamed weekly, and he is keen to see people returning to Church. Fr Colin proposed that we continue to stream once a month (on the first Sunday of each month), for which there was general agreement. There will be an All Souls requiem service on 31st October, for all who died during the Pandemic. Fr. Colin stated that the appointment of a non-stipendiary, part-time curate at St. George's has recently been agreed. The lady taking up the position of curate is very experienced and will be joining us in June next year; her name will be announced at service next Sunday.
20.	A.O.B. Tony R.O. enquired as to why Chris Gadd is so interested in Hall costs – what is happening with the Hall? Chris said that no decision regarding the Hall had been made yet. Tony R.O. has a current quote of £750 for repairs to the exterior of the Hall. Fr. Colin enquired if funds are in the Hall account to cover this. However, concern was expressed that there was not sufficient funds in the Hall account to repay the loans taken out for the roof repair. These are not due until the end of 2022, and, at any event, the loans are underwritten by the PCC. Lyn Winter requested permission to purchase new books for Sunday School. Motion carried. Mo Peters requested wild flowering the Church grounds, and the planting of apple trees to mark the Queen's Platinum Anniversary. Motion carried.

	<p>Ian Gibson stated that he had found streaming during lockdown very useful.</p> <p>Linda Smith is planning to run training for bereavement visitors for four weeks in November.. Anne Morgan to contact the Pastoral Team. The course is open to all.</p> <p>Chris Gadd has organised the lopping of the large, overgrown yew tree. A faculty is in hand. Motion carried.</p> <p>Patricia Byrne requested the front notice boards be updated (along with the notice board at the back of the Church), with regards to current PCC members and Church Wardens. Alex has this on her list to do.</p>
21.	<p>Next Meeting: The date has been changed and the meeting will now be held at The Vicarage on Wednesday 15th December at 8.00pm</p>
	<p>Closing Prayer</p>