

## MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM IN CHURCH

**Present:** Fr Colin Lawlor (Chair), Chris Gadd (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Tony Rice-Oxley (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Patricia Byrne, Lynn Winter, Mo Peters, Linda Smith, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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

		<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
	<b>Opening Prayer</b> – Fr Colin said the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer.	
1.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Marian Haughton, Lynne McNeill, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Sue Hodgens <b>Did not attend:</b> Andy Jackson, Co-opted	
2.	<b>Talk from Chris Parker from the Diocesan Stewardship Team about running a Stewardship Campaign</b>	
	Paper entitled “Generosity Toolkit” was distributed to PCC members before the meeting. Chris Parker, the Stewardship Adviser from the Diocesan Stewardship Team gave us a talk and showed us a video on things to consider when running a Stewardship Campaign. He was thanked by the PCC and Fr Colin and Chris said it had given us food for thought. Chris offered to return if we need any help once it has been discussed.	
3.	<b>Minutes of last PCC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tony said that under Item 7 – Deanery Synod report the lady who gave the talk was Angela Herring, not Heron.</li> </ul> The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<p><u>Page 1, Item 3 – “Living in Faith” course.</u> Fr Colin said everyone is saying they are not ready to do this at the moment and some churches do not want to do it at all. Fr Colin is keen to do it at St George’s but feels it must be done in person and not over Zoom so will leave for the time being.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Item 3 – Legacy from John Symonds</u> – Malcolm has spoken to Margaret again and has some more ideas and is working on them.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Item 3 – Who’s Who board</u> – Tony to have a word with John Johnson to see if he would be able to do the photos.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Front noticeboard</u> – this is still showing John Hood as Churchwarden and needs updating to delete John and add Rosy. Fr Colin and the Churchwardens will deal with this.</p> <p><u>Page 3, Item 5a) – Wednesday coffees</u> – Fr Colin will talk to June Diaper once she is better.</p> <p><u>Page 3, Item 5a) – Update the priest list at the back of church</u> – this is in hand and Linda Smith is going to update it.</p> <p><u>Page 3, Item 5a) – Advertising Sunday School</u> – Lynn will talk to the Library to see if it is possible to put up a poster advertising Sunday School. It was also suggested that we might advertise it on the Waterlooville Community Facebook page and Chris will explore this.</p> <p><u>Page 5, Item 9 – Defibrillator</u> – Jane advised that the defibrillator had been returned by South Central Ambulance Service after the last</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MB TRO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CL/CG/RS CL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CG</p>

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		meeting.	
5.	a)	<b>Charity Treasurer's Report</b>	
		Lynne McNeill was unable to attend the meeting so sent Jane a report as follows: A cheque has been sent to The Children's Society for £128.89, £57.80 of which was from the Christingle service.	
	b)	<b>Treasurer's Report from Sara</b>	
		<p>Sara gave her report as follows: I hope that you have all had an opportunity to look at the monthly financial overview for December 2021. There are a few areas where we have not come in on budget ie Planned Giving, expected donations and recovery of gift aid. However, as we are only able to claim Gift Aid back every quarter the final quarter of 2021 will not be received until soon in 2022. Looking at the bottom line we were in deficit to the tune of approximately £9,000 in our main PCC current account at the end of December 2021 despite making a transfer of £6,000 from our reserves. On the subject of reserves, it was good to see that the valuation of our investment account rose by approximately £7,000 since December 2020, we should though, bear in mind that this valuation is not static and can change up or down depending upon the stock market.</p> <p>We had an amazing year in respect of fundraising via the Church Shop, "A gift to St George's", the Summer Fete and the Christmas Bazaar. Once again, big thanks to those who organised these events and participated in any way. Without our fundraising our financial situation would be showing a very different picture indeed.</p> <p>Our main Current Account is with the HSBC Bank who have now decided to start charging for the running of charity accounts held with them. Last December's charges amounted to £28, it would have been lower had we had a regular month but because we exchanged and paid in a large amount of cash this caused the fee to be higher than would be expected. The Fabric and Finance Committee have started looking at other bankers where we can operate free of charge and I sent you all a chart with the details of some of the more suitable banks. We should also bear in mind that if we choose to change bankers whether the PCC will still wish to operate the new account with signing instructions of two signatures from a list of five. Some banks now will only operate accounts with a maximum of one signature from a list of three.</p> <p>Your comments are welcomed.</p> <p>Sara recommends 2 signatories from a list of 5 as we do currently. The charges at HSBC would work out at around £250-£300 a year. Tony Rice-Oxley proposed that we stay as we are for the next 6 months and keep an eye on it. This was seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.</p>	F&F
	c)	<b>Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report</b>	
		<p>The minutes of the Fabric and Finance meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 have already been circulated.</p> <p>Chris said that various electrical works need doing in the Gallery at a cost of £643.60. Chris Gadd proposed that this work goes ahead, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Gift Day</u> – Tony asked when this is programmed in for. Fr Colin said the autumn as we did last year seemed to work well.</p> <p><u>Shop</u> – Tony asked if anyone is taking on the managing of the shop this</p>	

		year. He said we have no storage at the moment and we need to ask people soon to come forward if they are happy to store stuff in their garage. Concise said last year we should no longer use the barn in Denmead because of rats. Someone needs to step up as organiser. Patricia said she would take on the organisation of the shop and Chris was asked to help to find premises.	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>  PB/CG
6.		<b>Other Committee Reports</b>	
	a)	<b>Pastoral Committee</b>	
		The minutes of the Pastoral Committee meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 have already been circulated and there were no questions.	
	b)	<b>Church Hall Committee</b>	
		The minutes of the Church Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 have already been circulated. Tony reminded PCC that the loans are still to be paid out in November this year and will be looked at closer to the time.	
	c)	<b>Mission and Stewardship Committee</b>	
		The minutes of the Mission and Stewardship Committee held on Zoom on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 have already been circulated. Malcolm said there is a correction under the Cinema, Item 5(iii) which should read 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month <u>not</u> Sunday. Fr Colin said lots of people have offered to help.	
	d)	<b>Social and Fundraising Committee</b>	
		The minutes of the Social and Fundraising Committee held on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 have already been circulated. Rosy said Knit and Natter started last Tuesday with 29 people attending. The Race Night will take place on 26 <sup>th</sup> February, Lent lunches from 2 <sup>nd</sup> March with homemade soup. Mo asked if this is just for church people and at the moment it is but Fr Colin said perhaps next year we could open it up to the Community. Bingo night on 26 <sup>th</sup> March. Jane will email Alex to push the proposed Parish Outing to Wintershall for the next couple of weeks and it was agreed to go for the Saturday if available. Fr Colin is looking at a Lent course at the moments suggested by Fr Charles.	JC
7.		<b>Safeguarding Report</b>	
		The Safeguarding Report for this meeting from Sonja has already been circulated. Fr Colin said this talked about the Parish Safeguarding dashboards which he has signed up to as well. Fr Colin said thank you to Sonja for undertaking this important and time consuming role. It is very good for him to have someone with Sonja's knowledge. Mo said it was interesting in Chris Parker's talk about having to be extremely careful with giving from vulnerable people.	
8.		<b>Deanery Synod Report</b>	
		Not met.	
9.		<b>Update by Fr Colin</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We still need to keep a careful eye on Covid but think we can now increase from 3 to the normal 4 hymns on a Sunday. By Easter it is proposed to have the full serving team back on a Sunday and one on a Wednesday from this week.</li> <li>Donkey for Palm Sunday. Keydell can't help us and Hayling Donkey Sanctuary who came last year and charged us £100 now want £200 which in these difficult times seems excessive. Put a</li> </ul>	

		note in the Bulletin to ask if anyone knows of a donkey – we are happy to pay.	<b><u>ACTION</u></b> CL
10.		<b>Correspondence / AOB</b>	
		• <b>Accident Book</b>	
		Jane asked if this was now up-to-date following June Diaper's accident and Fr Colin said it was.	
		• <b>Replacement battery and pads needed for Defibrillator</b>	
		The defibrillator battery lasts for 5 years and therefore runs out at the beginning of March. We also need 2 new sets of pads which run out about the same time. The total cost will be around £328. At the Hall meeting it was suggested that this should be split between PCC/Hall/WMF. The Hall Committee agreed to pay one-third of the final amount. Malcolm asked Tony to do a cheque from WMF to the PCC, Jane will order and pay for it and claim it back. Jane Cook proposed that PCC/Hall/WMF pay one third each and this was seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.	JC
		• <b>Arrange First Aid training for Church/Music Festival</b>	
		Jane reported that all the First Aid certificates expired during the lockdown and we need to renew them both for Church and the Waterloo Music Festival. Jane has looked into it and St John's charge £160 per person. Solent First Aid based in Roundway, Waterloo would come to us and train us all. However as our Certificates have expired we would need to complete the full day's course. Price starts at £110 per person reducing to £75 per person for large groups, maximum of 12 people. For 6 people it would be £100pp, 10 people £75pp. Chris knows someone who trains first aiders and will speak to him. It needs to be done as soon as possible and certainly before the Music Festival. Mo said her First Aid Certificate is still current so she is happy to be added to the list.	CG
		• <b>Leaflets from the Church Union</b>	
		Lynn has been sent some leaflets from the Church Union who promote the Catholic life of the church in the Church of England. There is a set of leaflets covering Sacrament of Reconciliation, Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Eucharist, Anointing and Holy Orders which go in a plastic stand and Lynn wanted to know if PCC were happy for her to put them out. This was agreed by everyone.	
11.		<b>Date of Next PCC Meeting</b>	
		Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 8.00pm in church to agree the accounts following the 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL
		Closing Prayer – The Grace	
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm	