

ST. Mary's Lasham
PCC held at 1 Meadow View
On Tuesday 18th June 2019 @ 7.30

Present: Canon Ed Pruen Chairman
Maurice Goor Churchwarden
Cate Baynton
Charlie Shaylor
Frances Parris
Stuart McCandlish

Guest: Anthea Del Mar (to provide an update on the reordering of the church)

1. Prayers

The meeting was opened with prayer

2. **Apologies:** Charlie Shaylor, Deirdre Toogood, Gillian Gardiner and Antonia Goor

3. Minutes of the PCC meeting of 22nd January 2019, which have been circulated, were signed and approved.

4. Appointments

- a) Vice Chair – Maurice Goor
- b) Standing Committee – Michael Del Mar, Frances Parris, Canon Ed and Maurice Goor
- c) PCC Secretary – Cate Baynton
- d) Treasurer – Michael Del Mar
- e) Gift Aid Officer – Michael Del Mar
- f) Parish Safeguarding Officer – Jean Osgood
- g) Health and Safety Officer – Maurice Goor
- h) Electoral Roll Officer – Frances Parris

5. Matters Arising

- Anthea advised that the working party for the renovations have met with the diocesan architect Nick Carey-Thomas. There is an awareness that we need to be sympathetic to the Church's Victorian heritage, as well as making the church as welcoming as possible and central to the community. Gina Toth is keen to be involved in producing the revised drawings for the extension and kitchenette, and is prepared to do this free of charge. This is a real help to the parish, as costs can quickly escalate if relying solely on the diocesan architect. Samples of chairs being considered, once some pews have been removed, were brought to the meeting. Anthea emphasised that the group are a working party, but it is for the PCC to make final decisions. A meeting is planned on 15th July to ensure things are kept moving along.
- Charge for use of the church - £50 per event is reasonable, unless there is a strong charitable link. The amount to charge for the heating at funerals is to be reviewed (**Michael Del Mar**)

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6. Reports

Canon Ed's Report

- Canon Ed would like the PMAP to work across the 4 churches; he felt it would be helpful to get representatives together from the different parishes so a consensus can be reached.

Action – Canon Ed

- The website has been launched across the benefice and people are making use of it; the bill is reasonable when split between the parishes. The PCC minutes will now be added to the benefice website, rather than the village website. We need someone in Lasham Church who is prepared to edit the content. A request for a volunteer will be sent around the Lasham village email. **Action: Maurice and Cate.**
- Reverends Peter and Ingrid Owen-Jones (self-supporting ministers) will start officiating at services soon. Their DBS registration and their safeguarding training are up to date. They will be helping to cover some of Canon Ed's study leave. It was agreed that we should offer travelling expenses, as they do not get a fee. Ed advised that there will be a benefice service on 28th July.

Churchwarden's report

- Thanks for all those help with the church, and to Ed for his services.
- A big 'thank you' to Anthea for leading the church reordering project.
- The Lasham Music festival was a huge success thanks to the Halls. It is lovely to fill the church with such beautiful music in aid of a good cause.

Treasurer's Report

- Currently, we are not spending much money as we are keeping as much as we can in reserve to help with the reordering of the church. We are hoping to gather extra funding through grants.
- Charities to support: Canon Ed is keen for the PCC to provide support to Medstead and Bentworth Schools by helping pay their subscription to the Hampshire Artefacts store. It was agreed that this should be considered as a separate donation (rather than as a regular charitable donation). Canon Ed to confirm the costs of the subscription. **Action: Canon Ed.** We are still looking for local Christian charities to support. **Action: PCC members**
- Cost of clergy during Ed's Sabbatical – this is no longer an issue, as we now have the support of Reverends Peter and Ingrid Owen-Jones.

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7. Worship and Mission

- **Open the book:** several sessions were missed at the end of the spring term. It has now recommenced, and 5 assemblies have been put on to date. New volunteers are always needed and welcome.
- Advance notice of Harvest Family Service – 13th October 9.15 a.m. (harvest supper is October 12th). Christingle Service is 4.30 p.m. on 8th December; the Carol Service is 6.00 p.m. on 14th December. Sunday 22nd December will be a benefice service.

8. Fabric and Health and Safety

- Designated area for burial of ashes – a site visit is needed. PCC members to meet after a service on Sunday 23rd June to look at possible sites. Once agreed, the PCC will apply for a Faculty. Action: **PCC members.**
- Current maintenance projects – there is an issue with water leaking from the gutters over the first buttress to the right of the church porch. Frances to ask Richard to assess and will report back. Action: **Frances**
- Frances and Maryanne McEvoy would like to develop a wildlife garden in the area of the churchyard bordering Drovers Barn. Village children will be asked to join this project. Action: **Frances**

9. Safeguarding

- DBS checks and training – Jean Osgood has this in hand. Action: **Jean Osgood**
- The PCC agreed formally to adopt the safeguarding policy on the benefice website.

10. Wider Church

- **Deanery Synod:** hosted by Ed with theme of 'Fresh Expressions'. There was a PowerPoint on Messy Church which is held on second Saturday of each month. It is proving its worth in attracting new people to church. Good ideas and practice were shared. For example, Bentley have 'live at 5' on a Sunday which is proving very popular.
- **Karamoja:** The Deanery Committee for Mission thanked all four parishes for the commitment to sponsoring students in The Diocesan Training Centre. Money has been raised to refurbish the toilets, but other buildings are also in a bad state or repair.

11. AOB

- Large print hymn books are available.
- The Lasham Coffee Morning is no longer being shown on the pew sheets.
- There is a universal call for a return to the monthly benefice service at Bentworth. Consequently, Canon Ed said that the only way to achieve this is for Lasham to consider sharing a morning service with Shalden. This will both make his workload more manageable and help unify the benefice. Action **PCC**

- 12. Date of next Meeting** - 01st October at Wingfield - 7.30 p.m.

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13. The meeting was closed with prayer