

ST. Mary's Lasham
PCC held at Church Farm House
on Wednesday 15 January 2020 @ 7.30

Present: Maurice Goor Churchwarden and Chair
Deirdre Toogood
Cate Baynton
Gillian Gardiner
Frances Parris
Michael Del Mar
Stuart McCandlish
Antonia Goor

1. The meeting was opened with prayer
2. Apologies: Canon Ed Pruen
3. Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 01st October 2019, and interim PCC Meeting (to discuss re-ordering of the church) on 13th November 2019, which have been circulated, were signed and approved.
4. Matters Arising
 - Clarification of service schedule if morning service is to be shared with Shalden - to be reviewed on Canon Ed's return
 - Cost of the Hampshire Artefacts Store – to be reviewed on Canon Ed's return
 - DBS checks update – Jean Osgood advises that she has this in hand.

5. REPORTS

Churchwarden's report

- The Christmas Bazaar raised £900 for the Church. Thanks to Eglestons for hosting.
- Thanks to Canon Ed for the Christingle Service - £1200 was raised across the benefice for The Children's Society.
- New format for the Carol Service, with two or more readers for each lesson, worked well and was enjoyed by many. Also thanks to Ed for the inspired Christmas Day service.
- Thanks too, to Peter and Ingrid Owen-Jones for their on-going contributions to services at Lasham.
- Messy Church is up and running again, enthusiastically led by Margaret and Ed.
- Churchyard maintenance rota is working well, aided by extra strimming by Trevor and Matt. As a result, there was no need for an autumn clear up.

Treasurer

- The estimated surplus of Income over Expenditure for 2019 was £1,100.
- 2019 has been a quiet year; the church has been supported by many fund raising activities and generous bequest from the estate of John Batten.
- The re-ordering initiative will take management and resources, with possible cost being well in excess of £100,000.

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- Cost of insuring the church: the 5 year deal with Ecclesiastical is about to expire.
Action: Michael to review options to see if a more cost effective deal is available.
- In light of the estimated costs involved in re-ordering the church, Michael raised concerns about what guarantees we have that the church won't be closed in the near future as this will impact the decisions to be made. **Action: Michael to raise these concerns with the diocese.**

6. Worship and Mission

- Open the book – future development – to be reviewed on Canon Ed's return

7. Fabric and Health and Safety

- **Re-ordering of the Church:** Deirdre confirmed the faculty request was submitted just before the deadline of 14/01/2020. The information submitted can next be updated in March 2020. The Church's advice on 'good practice' when running such projects is there should be:
 - A smaller committee set up to drive the project forward.
 - Ideally, the committee will consist of: an **architect/designer** (Gina, who produced designs for first phase, is still keen to be involved); **project co-ordinator; fundraiser; surveyor, financial officer; communications officer** (Frances advised that she may be interested in this role); **librarian** and **health and safety officer**. Some of these roles can be combined.
- As it is a church project (which welcomes village involvement), Deidre emphasised that it is important that some key roles (such as the Chair) are taken by members of the PCC, to ensure PCC oversight. It was agreed that various villagers would be approached to see if they would be interested in being part of the re-ordering committee. Dave Faulkner has already been asked, and is willing to be considered. Frances indicated that she may be interested in the communications role. **Action: Frances and Maurice**
- We need to start thinking about local businesses and charities that may be willing to support this project.

8. Safeguarding – nothing to report

9. Wider Church

- Deanery Synod – nothing to report
- Karamoja – nothing to report

10. AOB

- The date for the APCM is **Wednesday 25th March** in the Church.
- PCC members will need to reapply for their positions.

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- We need to encourage new members to join the PCC, especially as we are still on the lookout for a second Church Warden. Gillian to ask Simon to send out a request on the Village Website. **Action: Gillian**

11. Closing prayer – The meeting was closed with prayer