

St Andrew's Church, Medstead

PCC Meeting : 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Bumbles, Five Ash Lane.

Minutes

Attending : Debby Barnes (DB); John Lofthouse (JL); Patrick Busby (PB); Sharon Blackshaw (SB); Kerry Prior (KP).

1. The meeting opened with a prayer from DB.

2. Co-Opting New Members : Jackie Jurd & Kerry Prior were unanimously co-opted onto the PCC. Proposed : JL; Seconded : PB. Kerry Prior joined the meeting at 19.37.

2. Apologies for absence : Jackie Jurd.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting : There were no matters arising from the last meeting that are not dealt with later in the agenda.

4. Minutes of the last meeting : There being no matters arising, the minutes were accepted and signed by DB.

5. Churchwarden's report : DB reported on the pattern of services for the rest of the year. Everything is basically covered – though we need someone for Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning. JL suggested we try Café Church on 5th Sundays – starting on 31st October. JL offered to lead and the suggestion was accepted. DB said that we need someone to lead a Family Service on 24th October – Four Marks will not cover. JL happy to lead if no one else can be found. Our aim is to establish a regular pattern of worship so that everyone in our worshipping community knows where they are. December looks unplanned but we would like to seek clarity so that our Christmas card can be printed and distributed.

ACTION : We will try Café Church at 11am on Sunday 31st October – JL to lead. We will aim to have an Advent Carol Service at 6pm on November 28th. DB to try Revs Peter & Ingrid Owen-Jones for Family Service on 24th October.

6. Treasurer's report : There is no Treasurer at the moment. We do need to get the bank accounts sorted so that DB can sign cheques. Sarah Rees and David Haig are holding the fort for the time being and David has produced an interim report which indicates that accounts are healthy and that we are on an even keel in terms of income and expenditure.

7. Social committee report : KP will co-ordinate the Christmas Tree Festival again this year. This will include Christmas songs around the (outside) Christmas trees on Friday 3rd December.

ACTION : DB to approach COGS and see if one of their band members might be willing to accompany on the guitar. KP to explore recyclable alternatives to polystyrene cups.

Recital : PB suggested a Recital for late February / early March 2022. Welcomed! Bentworth would also like a recital – but Medstead get it first!

Jesus My Boy : JL play on 11th December – JL (and his co-producer Chris) will co-ordinate advertising, ticket sales and, possibly, catering. Tickets to be £10 – possibly to include food and drink?

ACTION : JL to investigate catering possibility and report back.

QUIZ : SB considering a Quiz in January.

8. Music report : Music is alive and well in Medstead thanks to Patrick & Wendy and the choir – which always needs more members but is healthy.

9. New Treasurer and Secretary : John Marriott has volunteered to be the Treasurer; Paul Shaw has volunteered to be the Secretary.

John Marriott as Treasurer : Proposed SB; Seconded PB.

Paul Shaw as Secretary : Proposed DB; Seconded JL.

Both appointments were unanimously approved and, with gratitude, John & Paul were welcomed to the PCC. They will join us in the meeting with Rev. Howard Wright on 2nd November.

10. Church Hall toilets: We are very grateful to Rev. Ingrid, Ian Hainsworth and David Hayward for all their work on this project. With gratitude we appoint Ian Hainsworth as project manager for this work.

We are very happy to accept the recommendation of the toilet sub-committee and go for the quote from JRS plumbing. KP suggested that we find out what timescale they would work on. With social events planned in December, for which we would need the toilets, we don't want them to be out of action. Could we ask JRS plumbing to aim to do the job in the quieter hiring time of early January 2022 if at all possible?

ACTION : SB to replay our thanks and the above question to Ian Hainsworth.

11. Church Hall conditions of hire : The PCC perused and unanimously accepted the current conditions of hire.

12. Porch repair : We are very grateful to David Hayward for all his detailed work on this. DB asked whether it would be possible to incorporate a new path light into the work to illuminate the dark corners of the path as you approach the Church Hall. KP suggested an uplighter near the Yew Tree – a suggestion that was welcomed.

ACTION : DB to pass on our gratitude to David Hayward for all his work and ask about the possibility of the additional light.

13. Meeting with Rev. Howard Wright on 2nd November : We are all looking forward to meet with Rev. Howard. PB has offered his new 'orangery' as a possible venue - TBC. The meeting will be at 19.30. In terms of how services are going – we are very happy and very grateful for all that COGS are doing. We wonder if we could include a lectionary reading as well as the Gospel, which is part of COGS teaching programme. We will hope to include that from the start of November – Rev. Howard has already indicated that he is very happy for us to do this.

ACTION : DB will relay this to Rev. Howard.

14. A.O.B. : SB asked who was responsible for the poppy wreaths for Remembrance. JL suggested that Ian Jurd would know. KP said they always used to just appear!

ACTION : DB will ask Ian Jurd.

PB expressed our sincere thanks to the flower arrangers who did a particularly lovely job of the Harvest Festival. We also thank the members of the key rota who have started to lock and unlock the church.

ACTION : DB to pass on our thanks.

15. Date of next meeting : 2nd November with Rev. Howard. We will either continue with an ordinary PCC meeting once Rev. Howard has left, or arrange one for another date at that time.

16. There being no further business, the meeting concluded with the Grace at 21.15.