

ST. Mary's Lasham
PCC held in Church
on Wednesday 28th July 2021 @ 7.00 p.m.

Present: Maurice Goor (Chair)
Antonia Goor
Michael Del Mar (left at 7.45 p.m.)
Frances Parris
Allyson Hall
Cate Baynton

1. The meeting was opened with prayer
2. Apologies: Stuart McCandlish
3. Minutes of the last meeting held via Zoom on 17th February 2021. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Matters arising
 - Reopening of the church: with the support of the Parish of the Resurrection (POTR), Lasham will have services on the 1st and the 3rd Sunday of the month from the beginning of September. The services will start at 10.00 a.m. Both are to be communion services, but one may be more family orientated. The 4th Sunday will be a rotating service to be held in the different churches of the benefice. The first one will be at Bentworth on 26th September.
 - We now need to reactivate the rota for sidesmen, cleaning, hymns and coffee after services. **Action: Maurice**
5. Reports:
 - Treasurer's report:** The financial reports were sent to the PCC ahead of the meeting:
 - Thanks to planned giving and several significant fund raising events, Lasham Church is still running at a surplus.
 - Thanks to the Esseham Music Charity for their recent generous donation.
 - The PCC now need to consider the Common Mission Fund contribution for 2022. An increase is being asked from £13,741 to £14,782. This is against the backdrop of reorganisation in the parish and ongoing difficulties with the Diocesan headquarters. It was agreed that Michael would write to the Diocese to request more transparency with the budget before a decision would be taken. **Action: Michael**

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Churchwarden's report

- Singing will be reintroduced to services, but limited to two hymns per service and longer hymns will be shortened.
- Only bread will be given during communion.
- The 1st Sunday of October will be Lasham's Harvest Festival celebration. The aim is to hold the harvest supper beforehand.
- There is an ongoing problem with dogs fouling the churchyard. This can cause considerable distress when a grave is fouled. The PCC to request that dogs should be kept on a lead when being walked through churchyard, with all mess being picked up. Notices will be placed around the churchyard to this point.

Action: Frances

6. Re-ordering of the church

- Frances has visited a number of churches to review the possibility of installing a pod (containing a toilet and kitchenette) at the back of Lasham church. Nick Carey-Thomas (the retired diocesan architect) was involved in the installation of other pods and believes this would be possible at Lasham.
- The DAC Secretary, Richard Streatfield, says this will be too much of a variation to be covered under the current faculty, but that Lasham would be in good hands if Nick Carey-Thomas was involved with any new plans. Frances to speak to Nick Carey-Thomas about his terms and conditions, and costings for the whole job if we were to go ahead with him. **Action: Frances**
- We will need to remove the pews for it to be a workable space inside the church and the Victorian Society will have to be consulted.

7. AOB

- The piano needs new castors to be able to move it. Ally to organise three quotes for a frame and safety castors. **Action Ally**
- A review of the trees in the churchyard is needed. Three quotes to be organised. **Action: Ally**
- Ongoing thanks to Reverends Ingrid and Peter for all their work in the parishes.

8. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed

9. Closing prayer – the meeting was closed with prayer