

PCC minutes 13.03.24

1. Opening Prayer

Revd musindi opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present S Gough F Pearse J Lambert I Kerton M Hawthorne G Silsbury S Flory Revd Musindi J Graham W Cleveland R Collins M Gerrard B Wilson.

2. Apologies J hills S Kerton

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17.01.24 were approved, proposed by L Kerton
Seconded by

4. Matters Arising

Confirmation There were 8 people confirmed and the refreshments supplied by Graham and a group of volunteers were praised .

Christingle Graham raised whether or not the overload would be ran in the hall and if so we would need to confirm it and put plans in place that we would have the equipment to do it.

Succession plan Sue Flory offered to be the church warden and Wendy Cleveland will replace Janet as the PCC secretary. Both would need to be proposed and seconded at the PCC AGM Richard Collins was asked if Maggie Rodd would be interested on joining the Mission committee.

Notice Board Graham said that there had been an offer to make a new external notice board which will be gifted to the church.

5. Reports

Worship

The rogation service will be on the 5th May

Choir Graham stated that if the choir are using the microphones then they need to be set up correctly before the service and the same would apply for their use during concerts. Phillip raised and health and safety concern regarding the microphone and the lecturn. It was stated that the box needs to be secure.

AP Graham to speak to Julian re the box been moved.

Good Friday Michael asked for volunteers to help to strip the alter and a reserve team for Easter Saturday to restore the alter.

Mission

A discussion was had as to when the best time would be to open the church to visitors as we would need to put a process in place such as signage etc. It was suggested that the end of May /early June would be a good time to start. Sue suggested that we ask for volunteers who would like to come in to help look after the church whilst it was open. Sharon suggested that it would be a good idea to have a minimum of two people when the church is open during office hours. Sue suggested that we send a flyer out locally telling people that the church will be open. Sharon suggested that we have something visual so that people are aware that the church is open.

Messy Church Phillip proposed looking into doing a messy church for the over 60's

School Services Phillip said that he would be conducting services in the local schools to thank God for the academic year and that he would also be contacting Wellesley Haddon Dene school.

Mission Board

Graham stated that the Mission notice board is more active now and is regularly updated with photos and updates of what has been happening. Michael suggested that we remind people to come early so that they have time to look at the board.

Phillip said that the Lent appeal was going well.

6. Finance

Hall Marketing Lee explained that the way forward with marketing the hall was with leaflets as opposed to advertising in the local press. Lee showed the meeting a mock up of a leaflet he had produced and he asked if there was anyone with the skills to transfer the leaflet to the computer. Birgit Wilson said that she was happy to help and could produce something for mid April. Lee said that it could be a yearly template and also asked for volunteers to deliver the leaflets. As the next PCC meeting wouldn't be until May Richard suggested that a small sub committee was set up to work on the leaflet. As the leaflet was for the church hall Michael questioned whether the history of the church needed to be included in the leaflet.

Contactless Giving Richard said that Juliean would pick up the machine in May and that the church would need to sign the agreement, and asked if everyone was happy for the agreement to be signed.. Jenny Richard and Julian had all attended a webinar on contactless giving. Michael asked if the sides people would be given training on how to use the contactless giving and Finona asked if people can pay for events using contactless payment. Richard explained that the machine would operate with pre set

amounts that people can give and that the need to look at how reliable the Wi-fF is, had been identified.

Hall Rent The finance committee had agreed to charge the Male Voice Choir £50 per session to use the Church, and they tended to use the hall from 7.00pm until 9-9.30pm.

Richard explained that the daily standing charge for gas and electricity had increased with the electricity charge increasing by 72% and the gas standing charge increasing by 137%. A discussion was had as to how much the hourly rate to hire the hall should be. After some discussion it was agreed that the hourly rate should be

£25 for the hall £15 per hour for the upper room .regular hirers would still be eligible for a 20% reduction on the fees.

Sharon suggested that we explain to hirers why we have had to increase the charges.

AP Richard to prepare a letter re the increase in hire charges.

Richard went through the accounts and listed what money was where and that the accounts were with Clevedons for their inspection.

Womens Group the womens group give the church £400 per annum but they had also made a gift of £400 to the community hall.

7. Safeguarding Sue Flory stated that Richard Collins DBS had expired.

8. Annual PCC Janet said that the electoral roll is now available for inspection and for people to be added to the roll and that it would need to be closed on the 27th March. All reports would be displayed in Church from 31st March. There are 4 vacancies on the PCC.

9. AOB

Richard explained that rules in Scouting had changed and that groups were becoming Trustees. As the 11th Broadstairs Scout Group was sponsored by the church then it would need someone from the church to be on the board of trustees. It would entail a DBS check and 3 online modules to be completed .Richard asked that if anyone was interested in taking up this role then speak to him about it.

Phillip said that he would like the church to be a dementia friendly church especially as a member of the congregation had recently been diagnosed with dementia, and asked if any one would be interested in doing the training available from Dementia Friendly UK.

Jenny Lambert offered to do the training.

Kitchen Refit

Graham explained that due to the kitchen refit that teas and coffees would have to transfer to the back of the church whilst the refit was being carried out, and that volunteers would be needed from the 2-5 April to strip out the existing kitchen.

Fire Safety In the recent fire inspection we came through it very well but one area for concern was the fire exit procedures. These would need to be re written and then a practise carried out.

Kneelers jenny lambert asked if we could sell the old kneelers for £5 each.

The meeting ended with the saying of the Grace at 9.00pm.