

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 22 July 2021 in church and via zoom.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Revd. Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Richard Everett, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean, Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Churchwarden and Deanery Representative), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative).

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Mark 15 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Ailsa Guidi, Jane White (Safeguarding officer)

3. Minutes of the meeting of 20 May were unanimously agreed and signed. Noted spelling error

4i) Energy *Champion*.

4. Matters arising

i) Fire risk assessment – assessment of clock tower undertaken by Chris Hinton and John, to be included in risk assessment. Agreed by all present. *TG to contact Chris Hinton*

5. Main item: Looking forward – planning for September

i) New government Covid guidance from 19 July discussed and agreed. Document to be circulated (*attached*).

ii) Children and families have been absent in recent months both in church and zoom. Ideas discussed included childrens' 'welcome back' service, family picnic, coffee morning at the Club for mums of children starting reception. *Fi to check dates with school*

Survey ideas from Richard, Pippa and Claire sent to Kate Darwent at the Diocese to formalise a survey to be circulated with the Runner.

START! course to start 15 September for village or school parents.

ii) Music and Choir. Choir to restart in September led by Nicola, Jean and Anthony. Music group to play on the 4th Sunday. To encourage more volunteers to play or lead singing.

iii) Housegroups. To restart mid September led by Pippa and John on Tuesday evenings using an informal prayer based study on the Lord's prayer. Venue to be agreed when attendance numbers known.

Elaine to lead a monthly group on Wednesdays via zoom. It will offer a time to be in God's presence with contemplative prayer and meditation.

6. Steering group

Will now meet 3 monthly after the summer break.

7. Financial report - attached

Resolution to amend bank mandate signatories, removing Daphne Bleach and Judy Culhane replaced by Nicola Miller and Tracy Garland. Proposed by Angela, seconded by Anthony and agreed by all present (7 members). Nicola to inform the bank. *NM*

Nicola has made slight changes to the accounting system. The aim is to have a balance of six months of expenditure. Income is similar to last year. There are fees to pay on contactless donations and those made via the website.

8. Building and grounds

i) Faculty application for the church path has been initiated.

ii) It was agreed an alternative tree could be planted near the memorial garden to replace the thuja conifers that were removed in 2019. TG to check previous recommendations from RHS for the next meeting. *TG*

iii) Unsafe ash tree. A second opinion had been obtained on removal of the tree on the boundary. Protection would be needed to the gravestones. The opinion of tree surgeon was that removal of the trees on the council land had further weakened the tree, he was seeking advice from Waverley council.

iv) doves continue to nest in the roof space. The slit window will be secured in the autumn. Professional cleaners will be needed to clean the space and the debris on the ceiling. The sonic deterrent in the clock tower is on full volume.

9. Safeguarding.

Nil to report.

10. Deanery

Summary of last meeting:

The new Lay Chair of Deanery Synod is Jacky Tickner of St Mark's.

Deanery Synod is looking at how to collate and share offers of help and support between parishes.

The Nigeria Fund is to be rounded up to £500 and paid to the Prison Welfare Ministry, Our Saviour's Anglican Church, Lagos.

Parishes are encouraged to invite people to the Archbishop's talk in September and to run evangelistic courses afterwards in response.

Parish leaders are invited to attend training on how to run the Living in Love and Faith course.

Deanery Confirmation Service: Sunday 14th November, 6.30pm at Chiddingfold.

11. Notices and correspondence

i) to note Archbishop's visit 24th and 26th September invitation on website.

ii) Surrey churches ride and stride event Saturday 11 September. Agreed refreshments will be available for visitors taking part. To advertise in the runner.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm with the grace.

Signed Date

Next meeting 16 September, standing committee 2 September, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.