

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 20 January in church.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Revd. 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 Psalm 147 v1-5, 10-11 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Ailsa Guidi, Sarah Hatherall- Good.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of 18 November were agreed and signed.

4. Main item: Discussion of Mission Action plan, requested by the Deanery, linking it to our Church development plan formulated in May 2021 following the PCC awayday.

Elaine opened the discussion with a review of each aim, highlighting our achievements and what had been attained, despite ongoing Covid restrictions, since the awayday. Elaine felt we should celebrate these successes. Recent restrictions have led to delays in restarting some groups eg housegroup and toddler group.

The survey/questionnaire is being developed, an insert with a visual appeal to children/young people was suggested. Chat meals were proposed to meet villagers informally in small groups. Platinum Jubilee events and church anniversary, see item 5.

Chris advised there maybe a requirement for an environmental aim in the future. All Saints has the bronze award as an eco church thanks to Phil Miller, energy champion.

See development plan for details.

5. Update of services/events, calendar:

i) A Christmas carol was a great success and the church full. Richard expressed thanks to Jasmin for the excellent catering. Jasmin wishes to stand down as Hospitality lead, a replacement volunteer is needed. **ALL**

Omicron affected numbers at the carol service, the online Christingle service was well supported. Numbers were low at midnight communion (this follows the trend over the last few years) but over 80 attended on Christmas day.

ii) nil to note

iii) Church 120 anniversary 13 February. There will be a special service followed by cake and bubbles in the village hall. Open invitation in the Runner and via WhatsApp.

iv) Lent course. This will be held in church from 9 March. Elaine is considering material based on Reconciliation. There will be a meal with communion on Maundy Thursday 14 April.

v) APCM 24 April. PCC members at the end of their term are Richard and Tracy, one vacancy. Tracy is willing to stand again. Tracy will shortly email group leaders for the Mission Teams report for the APCM. *TG*

vi) Platinum jubilee service 5 June. A 'Songs of Praise' was suggested on the village green followed by a picnic. Details/times to be confirmed.

6. Finance:

There were no questions on the Finance report, previously circulated.

There are some large building projects planned for the future. Removal of the doves/pigeons will be an additional cost but the situation is now an urgent health and safety issue due to the increasing mess and noise disruption. This was agreed by all present and the meeting supported Nicola in making enquiries to environmental health. *NM*

The parish share will be £480 more next year (£28 021.59). Nicola predicts we will be able to afford this increase as we are in a more favourable financial position than many parishes. However, Fi stated our regular giving may not continue at the current level because a proportion is given by the elderly in the congregation.

i) The Friends have agreed to donate money towards the emergency lighting and a deep clean of the church when the pigeon/doves situation is resolved.

7. Safeguarding:

No concerns to report.

8. Deanery:

Nil to report.

9. Notices and correspondence:

i) thank you received from Through Faith Mission for £400 donation

ii) Sarah thanks the PCC for her Christmas gift

iii) PCC resolution for the removal of unsafe ash tree on the church boundary. List B faculty approval received. Proposed by Jackie, seconded by Elaine and agreed by all present.

iv) Angela brought concerns from the cleaning team regarding some loose pieces of the parquet flooring. This was noted in the QI and the meeting agreed Tracy to organise a specialist opinion. *TG*

v) The Goodbox contactless readers and not charging or switching on. They will be replaced at no cost. *TG*

vi) the Log Book was presented to the meeting and the Terrier signed by the church wardens

Chris closed the meeting with prayer and all stood to share The Grace at 8.40pm.

Next meeting 17 March 2022, standing committee 3 March, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.



Signed Date