

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 17 November 2022 *on zoom*

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), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Ailsa Guidi, Sarah Hatherall-Good, Pippa Hollins-McLean, David Hutton, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 8: 14-22 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Dian Mordin.

Short presentation by Daphne Bleach on Soul Midwifery.

Daphne has recently undertaken training to work as a Soul Midwife since retiring as a palliative care nurse. She is passionate that everyone should have a 'good' death. The role involves giving support to someone, and their family, as they die. A holistic approach provides both practical and spiritual care.

Daphne thanked the PCC for the opportunity to explain her role and would welcome queries or referrals.

3. Minutes of the meeting held 22 September 2022 were agreed by all present, to be signed at a later date.

4. Matters arising:

i) 2023 calendar previously circulated noted, any changes to inform Sarah.

ii) personal data on website changed as per personal preferences, reference to the village WhatsApp group removed.

5. Main item: Focus for the year and Parish Needs Assessment.

This is usually discussed and agreed at the November meeting. The current theme has been in place for a couple of years due to the restrictions of Covid. The first meeting held by the deanery on the Parish Needs Assessment is 19 November, which may inform the discussion. It was therefore agreed to revisit this discussion at the January meeting.

6. Finance.

i & ii) Nicola presented key points from her report. An electricity refund of £800 has been received. The final tranche of the legacy has been received (£11 023.40). The spread-sheets of the gas usage and the donation patterns were noted. The collection has been re-introduced in the weekly service. Chris suggested a separate buildings fund, which would remove expenditure from the operational budget. Nicola explained these costs are listed in the report as 'expenses to be excluded from the budget comparison.'

iii) it was proposed to add a £3000 donation to the school for the new phonics materials. Proposed by Jackie, seconded by Nicola and agreed by all present. Donations to Skillway and the foodbank were considered.

iv) mission giving 2023. The proposal for the January quarter was Christians against poverty. TFM would be replaced by Crossways Counselling. Proposed by Jane, seconded by Anthony and agreed by the meeting.

7. Building and grounds

i) the external lights have been changed to LED. It was agreed the lighting highlights the features of the church. The light focused on the porch may need to be altered as it can affect vision at night upon exiting the church, which could be hazardous.

ii) the electricity meters are due to be changed 29/11/22.

iii) a revised quote has been obtained for the paths from Andrew James. The faculty process will be re-initiated.

iv) a zero carbon questionnaire is to be completed for the AV faculty application.

v) a meeting with a roofer, Anna the architect and church wardens is planned on 29/11/22 to inspect the rear store roof and agree how it should be repaired.

8. Safeguarding

Nil to report.

9. Deanery

Anthony and Angela attended a meeting the previous evening – minutes to follow.

Key items – the parish share will reduce from 2.5% to 1.5%; our bid to the Evangelism fund was approved (to fund Y6 visit next summer to Wintershall's 'Life of Christ'); some parishes are struggling to recruit volunteers and 'volunteer stress' was discussed.

10. Notices and correspondence

thank you letters received from Phil Miller, Grayswood Nursery and Water Aid (harvest donation).

iii) A request to reserve a grave space has been received from Allen Creasey, which requires a faculty application. This was unanimously agreed by all present (14 PCC members, one member absent), proposed by Anthony, seconded by Elaine. 'The PCC resolve to support the application for a grave space for Allen Creasey.'

Elaine closed the meeting at 8.10pm with a prayer from the Iona community followed by the Grace.

Next meeting 19 January, standing committee 5 January 2023.