

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD 19 January 2023 *on zoom*

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Awakening new hope

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, Pippa Hollins-McLean, David Hutton, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Dian Mordin, Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative, *from item 6*), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 25: 1-13 and prayer.

2. Apologies: none

3. Minutes of the meeting held 17 November 2022 were agreed by all present, to be signed at a later date.

4. Matters arising: none that are not agenda items

5. Main item: Parish needs assessment.

Fi had previously circulated a diagram the 'Parish cultivation map' from the introductory day, which looked at 1. What is currently being done and is ripe for development?, what do you need to stop doing to focus on growth? 2. What fields need attention that have been neglected, what could you do to grow these areas? This is an evolving plan, it is flexible and the aim is to see movement and progress. Fi will have a 1:1 meeting with a Mission enabler 13 March, followed by an open meeting 15 May to support progress. The final plan will be presented at the Archdeacon visitation 12 June. It was agreed a PCC away day to facilitate discussion should be held after the APCM, 29 April 10am – 1pm, concluding with lunch. Venues were suggested. *FG*

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Following discussion 'awakening new hope' was agreed.

6. Calendar.

i) Lent and Easter. Elaine is formulating ideas for the Lent course based on Psalms. This will be a bespoke course, Wednesdays 7-9pm in the OJ room commencing 1 March and concluding with a Maundy Thursday meal 6 April.

The Lent lunches will be reintroduced w/c 27 February, volunteer hosts needed (5).

Kaya Rocks visit Monday 27 February to be held early evening in the village hall with the aim of attracting families. An invitation to go to the school. *FG*

Ash Wednesday service 22 February 8pm at St Christopher's.

Good Friday service 7 April 10am with hot cross buns, 2-3pm Richard will read the gospel Easter story with music from Mary.

Easter Sunday 9 April 8am and 10am services.

It was agreed the cross would be decorated with ribbons and the feasibility of a village egg hunt or painting competition was discussed. Ailsa is not available to do the Easter garden this year, volunteer(s) will be needed. *ALL*

ii) APCM 23/4/23. Elected PCC members standing down Nicola and Pippa (plus one vacancy). Triennial Deanery Synod elections are also 2023, Angela and Anthony have been asked if they are willing to stand. *ALL*

The Log book and Terrier were not presented to the PCC at this meeting as it was via zoom, to be deferred to the March meeting. *TG*

7. IF feedback.

Firstly Ailsa reported the positive attendance at the various Christmas events and the feedback that had been received. Ideas from the meeting included a dog walkers event as village outreach, possibly a talk or a walk; a pet service and a monthly Families at 4 service (similar to St Barts); church away day, with children, to get to know each other, an activity such as a picnic with games. A village event to celebrate the Coronation was discussed, possibly a tea party on the green on 8 May (there are events planned in Haslemere). A window/house decorating competition was suggested, judged by villagers.

The Friends Open Gardens is 11 June, the churchyard will be included with the opportunity to make bug hotels.

8. Finance.

Nicola is preparing completion of the accounts by the end of January for the independent examiner to approve for the APCM 23 April.

The parish share was overpaid by approximately £3000. A grant of £1000 towards fuel costs has been received from the Diocese. Revised gas/electricity bills have been received.

We continue to be mindful of our costs and have made as many cost savings as possible, however we do need to encourage regular giving (90% of our income). Chris asked if the Parish giving scheme was used which uplifts donations annually. Regular donations are via standing order. Nicola will write a review reminder for the news sheet before the APCM. It may be beneficial to purchase a second card reader for use on a Sunday which could be left on display in church. Income has increased since the reintroduction of the collection in the service.

9. Building and grounds.

i) to note – repairs to the store roof in hand, path and AV faculty applications on-going.

10. Safeguarding.

Sarah has completed basic and foundation awareness training.

The recent DBS guidance from the Diocese for PCC members to be clarified.

JW

11. Deanery.

Minutes of meeting 16/11/22 previously circulated.

12. Notices and correspondence.

Sarah sends her thanks to the PCC for the generous Christmas gift.

Elaine concluded the meeting with prayer and the meeting closed at 8.45pm with the grace.

Next meeting 23 March, standing committee 9 March.

Signed.....*Fi Gwynn*.....

Date23 March 2023