

ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD PCC MEETING

*For God, for one another, for the world*

17 October 2024

*Focus for the year – Awakening new hope*

1. Fi opened the meeting with the evening meditation from Northumberland community and prayer.

2. Apologies: Dian Mordin, Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood).

Present: Revd Chris Bessant (Rector), John McLean (Churchwarden), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), David Hutton, Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Charlie Webb, Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White (via zoom).

3. Minutes of the meeting 18 July 2024 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising.

i) legacy leaflets in the back of church, poster in porch and article printed in the Runner.

5. Main item.

i) Follow up on 'Awakening new hope', ideas for the future. Update on progress and further discussion, *see also item 7.*

ii) results of Church Development survey. Good response. Feedback includes questions vague and responses anonymous. How to reach out to those who would like to be involved and the 'negative' answers. Should we follow up with our own survey, what to do with information gathered?

iii) Focus for 2025: 'Building hope in God alone.' How to communicate to village, personal invitations for services eg APCM, Memorial service, utilise The Runner more, develop existing services eg café church.

6. Calendar, dates to note.

i) Christmas - Advent quiet day Saturday 16 November, Family service 1 December 4pm, Christmas fayre 7 December 11-1pm, 15 December 6pm Carol service, 24 December Crib/Christingle service 4pm, Midnight communion 11.30pm, 25 December 10am service, 29 December 10am UB service St Barts.

ii) PCC meeting dates 2025 - Jan SC 9 PCC 23, March 6 / 20, May 1 / 15, July 3 / 17, October 2 / 16, APCM 27 April.

7. Ideas forum.

Café church and Harvest Paella lunch successful. School have chosen top 10 hymns, one sung in church each month, then to vote in summer term.

Ideas in development: Gospel according to Maria Edwards, 24 October. HG to lead service 24/11/24. Service theme on The Peace: 'peace of the Lord be with you'. Family service 1 December. Advent windows 'follow the star' to finish at the lychgate Christmas eve. Pilgrimage walk around the village 15 or 22 March 2025 with Fi and Jon Taylor, lunch after at the pub.

8. Finance.

i) To note - Annual return & accounts uploaded to Charity commission website.

ii)Treasurers report: The result is slightly better than budget, if the legacies are ignored, we had a deficit of £11,142, compared with the budgeted figure of £12,959. So far this year we have received legacies of £17,000, which are a great help towards the costs planned for the repairs to the churchyard wall of about £10,000 plus VAT and a similar amount to repair the roof stonework above the vestry. The Friends are willing to donate £7000 towards the repair to the boundary wall.

£10,000 legacy received from Elizabeth Holthouse. A discussion followed on the principle of tithing legacies it was agreed further discussion was needed. To add to next agenda. TG

Giving has remained static over last 3 quarters both regular donations and in church.

One electricity meter installed with smart meter, instead of two, no bills received yet.

#### 9. Building and grounds.

i)Quotations for the works to repair the boundary wall and stonework over the vestry were discussed, to proceed with Part B applications. The following resolutions were proposed by Jackie, seconded by John and agreed by all present:

1)The PCC resolve to apply for the Archdeacon's permission to proceed with the quote from Anstey and Stone to repair and repoint the South boundary wall of the churchyard as per the quote from Anstey and Stone dated 17/9/2024.

2)The PCC resolve to apply for the Archdeacon's permission to proceed with the quote from Anstey and Stone to repair the masonry on the Chancel Gables, North and South elevations as per their quote dated 30/9/2024.

There are plans for a new noticeboard for the back wall of the church, details to be confirmed. Proposed by Anthony, seconded by Jane and agreed by all present.

ii)To ask Andrew (gardener) to cut the grass in memorial garden. Edges of stones may need to be tidied. Thanks were expressed to those who have cut the lawn in the past – David, Allen, Greg, John.

iii)Following recent rainfall water is draining from new boundary wall of church house, needs to be monitored.

#### 10. Safeguarding.

None to concerns report.

Safeguarding Sunday 17 November

FG/JW

#### 11. Notices and correspondence

i)£600 donation from MVM Charitable Trust, thank you letter sent.

ii) thank you received from Foodbank for donation £267 (Jasmin's funeral).

iii) thank you received from CMS (quarterly mission donation).

Next meeting: 23 January 2025, standing committee 9 January agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Meeting concluded with prayer and the Grace and 8.30pm.

Signed.....FI Gwynn..... Date .....30/1/2025.....