

ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD PCC MEETING

For God, for one another, for the world

30 January 2025

Focus for the year – Building hope in God alone

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Northumbrian community and prayer.

2. Apologies: Revd Chris Bessant (Rector), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

Present: Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), David Hutton, John McLean (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Dian Mordin, Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative, left after item 5), Charlie Webb.

3. Minutes of the meeting 17 October 2024 were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising.

i) Christmas: services well attended, up on last year. Positive feedback from the advent family service.

ii) Calendar: Lent and Easter in planning. Five week interactive Lent course to link to the following Sunday service.

PCC meeting dates now Wednesdays to accommodate Fi's change in working days: March SC 3 PCC 19, May 7 / 21, July 2 / 16, October 1 / 15.

APCM 27 April, to note Tracy, Dian and David at end of 3y term. Tracy and David willing to be re-elected. Full revision of electoral role due this year, to add note about regular giving and volunteering opportunities with form.

5. Main item. Finance

i) The result for 2024 is close to budget and there was a reduction in lighting and heating costs, largely because we were overcharged for electricity in 2023 and received a refund. The overall result was a loss of £13,355 (before including the annual depreciation charge and adjusting for the change in the market value of our CBF shares) but this was offset by legacies and donation of £17,000, making a surplus of some £4,000 for 2024. The accounts for 2024 are to be verified by the auditor.

Budget for 2025: we are expecting a slightly greater deficit, a few regular donors have died or moved away and there are increased costs including Sarah's salary and the parish share. The budgeted deficit on ordinary activities is £16,805, about £1,400 per month, in addition we will have to finance the repairs to the stonework and churchyard wall, so our resources will decrease significantly in 2025, unless we receive additional income or grants. There are little opportunities to reduce costs further, a discussion on how to increase giving/donations included notices regarding church running costs and deficit.

The budget was agreed by all present, proposed by Elaine, seconded by Jackie. Thanks were expressed to Nicola for all her hard work.

ii) Legacy policy. Legacies will not be tithed but large sums will be considered on an individual basis by the PCC. Legacies are not included in income to be tithed but interest from investments are tithed. Agreed by all present, proposed by Jackie, seconded by John.

iii) Mission giving 2025 was agreed: Q1 CAP, Q2 CMS, Q3 Crossways counselling, Q4 Skillway.

6. Ideas forum

Ideas reviewed: Family Advent service positively received, Advent quiet day well attended and enjoyed. A few children from the school choir sung in church but parents left immediately after – to rethink for next year. Pilgrimage walk with Jon Taylor 15 March 2.30pm, family Mothering Sunday service in village hall, with activity for children.

Ideas presented: Evening Lent Hour with different types of prayer. Standalone so people don't feel they have to sign up for the whole of Lent. Location to be confirmed as the OJ room is booked. Autumn concert with Emily, Mary and Angela's lodger. To hold AV training to get more people involved, Rob Guidi has offered to help with AV/IT. Possible Callie as fund raiser, Peter Donaldson is a caller.

7. Building and grounds

- i) presentation of logbook and terrier deferred to next meeting. *TG*
- ii) stonework to roof about to commence and repairs to wall will take place depending on weather and other commitments.

8. Safeguarding

No concerns to report. Jane has requested up dated list of PCC members training from the Diocese, deferred to next meeting. *JW/TG*

9. Deanery summary of last meeting:

PCCs are encouraged to study and discuss the deprivation data for their own parishes. There are vacancies to be filled on Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council and the Vacancy in See Committee. Applications are still welcome to the Deanery Mission Fund for evangelistic projects.

10. Notices and correspondence:

- i) faculty application for grave space Sylvia Griffin.

The application to reserve a grave space at All Saints Church Grayswood for Sylvia Jane Griffin was agreed by all present (10 members). Proposed by Pippa, seconded by Elaine.

- ii) Runner content. An issue was raised regarding the WI advert in the March runner. This was published as supplied because the WI is a regular contributor. It was agreed in future adverts may be edited if content felt not to be appropriate.

Meeting concluded with prayer and the Grace at 8.35 pm.

Next meeting: 19 March, standing committee 3 March, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Signed.....Date