

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN CHURCH
ON MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019 AT 8.00pm IN CHURCH
FOLLOWING THE 7.30 pm EUCHARIST**

Present: John Hood (Churchwarden)(Chair), Fr Colin Lawlor, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Ian Gibson, Lisa Toft, Sandra Hewett, Malcolm Brewer, Marian Haughton, Mo Peters, Sara Pask, Jane Cook (Secretary)

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		Opening Prayer – John read the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer.	
1.		Apologies for absence: Chris Gadd (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Lesley Handy Dawn Trimby (Treasurer) – not in attendance as agreed	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on 19th June The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		<p><u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Jane said that Lynne McNeill is still holding money in the Charity account for St Mary Axim who we no longer support. Jane had received a letter from IDWAL (Inter-Diocesan West Africa Link) asking for our prayers and any financial donations and after discussing it with Lynne felt that this would be a good place to send this money. Lynne asked for PCC approval to send them a cheque. This was proposed by Marian Haughton, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously. Jane will let Lynne know and give her the letter.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Garden of Remembrance. As Chris was not at the meeting this is still ongoing. John said looking at the Garden of Remembrance he understand why the Church Commissioners do not like marble being used for headstones as the writing fades. They say natural stone should be used.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Noticeboard – John has received a quote for £32.40 including carriage and VAT to change the number on the noticeboard to the Parish Office details. John said he has some reservations on this as the Parish Office is only manned one day a week so the message on the answerphone would need to give details of who to contact in an emergency or with security issues. John will discussion further with Fr Colin, Chris and Lesley.</p> <p><u>Page 2, Item 4a</u> – Jane said that Lynne McNeill has been asked to make sure that we have Mission for Seafarers on our Charity list each July from next year. There was already a nominated charity for July this year.</p> <p><u>Page 2, Item 4b</u> – CCTV notices have been put up on the side door and side gate now. Thanks to Ian for providing these.</p> <p><u>Page 2, Item 4c</u> – Easy Fundraising – John confirmed that this is really easy to use and costs nothing. It was agreed to put this in the Bulletin and on Facebook to remind people every so often.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>CG</p> <p>JH/CL/CG/ LH</p> <p>LH/CG</p>
4.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report	
		Jane read out the figures for June provided by Lynne McNeill, Charity Treasurer, as follows: £178.90 was collected during June for Portsmouth Downs Syndrome	

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b)	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Dawn's report has already been circulated to everyone as below:</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No pink or green envelopes have been banked in June [John wanted to clarify that no pink or green envelopes were banked in June due to people being on holiday]. ➤ Sales is from the stalls at the WMF ➤ Fundraising includes proceeds from the fete totally £2143.52 ➤ Extra –ordinary income is from a collection at Wendy Clark's funeral for ovarian cancer and prayer cards <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water bills have now been allocated to the right places for the church and the Vicarage ➤ Fundraising costs are the floats for the summer fete ➤ Extra-ordinary expenditure is payment to Ovarian cancer after Wendy's funeral <p>Other points to mention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At the end of June we did not have enough in the current account to cover our next parish share payment. ➤ Something we should be aware of is that we are charged 1.25% of each card transaction we make. Although this does not amount to very much it may be something we should consider as we are losing out on some money each time we take a card payment. [John said we only lose out for fixed amounts set by the Diocese or ourselves for weddings and funerals. This has been discussed at F&F and we need to take this into account when we set the fees for next year. John said that taking card payments is the future and anything that lessens the need to count cash is helpful. Thanks go to Malcolm and Colin for doing this]. 	
c)	<p>Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report</p> <p>The minutes of the F&F Committee held on Wednesday 17th July have already been circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John said not a lot to say really. Given our budgetary restraints only essential maintenance and essential Health and Safety issues are taking place. We need to spend some money on the disabled ramp on the door as it was reported to him that someone slipped during the summer fete. This is ongoing. • Budget figures in Dawn's monthly overview show we are losing £1,000 a month. Fr Colin said that a letter will be going in the next magazine from him showing the congregation the exact position we are in. This will also be sent to everyone on the Electoral Roll. • Mo said she looked for a form for the Parish Giving Scheme at the back of church recently and was unable to find one. David Cavey needs to be made aware of this. • John advised PCC that it is possible to change the amount you give on the Scheme during the year by just ringing up and quoting St George's Church and your name. • A question was asked on the difference between the pink and green envelopes. Pink envelopes are used when someone wants to make 	<p>JH</p> <p>JC</p>

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		a one off donation and they can fill in their name and address on it for Gift Aid. The green envelopes are used by members of the congregation who agree to give a weekly donation in the green envelope. These have the date on them and a number which only David Cavey has so he can check.	
5.		Other Committee Reports	
	a)	Hall Committee	
		Minutes of the Church Hall Committee held on Wednesday 17 th July have already been circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian said the main thing is the replacement of the Hall kitchen roof. Work is due to start on 5th August dependent on the weather. We will need to block off the side path while work is taking place. We will still be able to use the kitchen although it could be noisy. Hirers are being informed of the situation. John said the hinges have broken away from the front door of the Hall. An order has been placed to replace these and it will be repaired as soon as possible at a cost of £375 + VAT. 	
	b)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		Minutes of the Social and Fundraising Committee held on Wednesday 3 rd July have already been circulated. PCC would like to record our thanks to the Committee for the wonderful amount raised at the Race Night together with a very successful Summer Fete despite the weather.	
	c)	Pastoral Committee	
		Not met.	
	d)	Safeguarding Report	
		The Safeguarding Report from Sonja for tonight's meeting has already been circulated. There were no questions. John said with everything in the news there is a much bigger emphasis on Safeguarding. Sonja has produced a Policy which fully complies with the national one and it is very clear on our website.	
6.		Deanery Synod Report	
		Candy said no minutes have been received from the last meeting. She said it was the shortest Deanery Synod meeting on record. A quite interesting priest from Gosport spoke about how we can communicate with our parishioners and how we can move forward. He is one of the pioneer ministers and Fr Colin knows him quite well. Fr Colin and Candy said that we already do a lot of what he was talking about. The minutes will be circulated when received.	
7.		My Faith Journey	
		Anne started by telling her story followed by Mo. The PCC appreciated them telling their stories which were both very interesting and quite different. Fr Colin asked for 2 more people for the next meeting on 23 rd September and Ian and John volunteered.	IG/JH
8.		St George's 50th Anniversary	
		Jane showed the PCC the events that took place for the 40 th Anniversary in 2010-11 which she had found on her computer and gave these to Fr Colin. Jane was asked to circulate these to everyone on the PCC.	JC

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9.	Mission	
	No meeting since the last PCC. They are meeting this Wednesday 24 th July.	
10.	Update by Fr Colin	
	Fr Colin has been on holiday for 2 weeks so not a great deal to report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He said that one thing that has happened is that you may remember he invited the Scouts to be involved on Remembrance Sunday. They are heavily involved in the Horndean march but are very keen to be involved in Harvest Festival. John said perhaps we could get them involved when we raise the flagpole. • On the Saturday before Harvest Festival Fr Colin is proposing having a blessing of animals at 11am. He has done this before and it attracts people who do not normally come to church. 	
11.	Correspondence	
	None.	
12.	Date of Next PCC Meeting	
	Monday 23 rd September at 8.00pm following 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL
	Closing Prayer There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.	