

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM IN CHURCH**

Present: Chris Gadd (Churchwarden)(Chair), Sarah Canham (Deanery Synod), Marian Haughton, Sue Hodgens, Sara Schillemore, Mo Peters, Anne Morgan, Dawn Hyett, Patricia Byrne, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

Co-opted:

Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer)
Candy Williams (Deanery Synod)
Lynn Winter, Deputy Safeguarding Officer

		<u>ACTION</u>
	Chris opened the meeting with the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer.	
	Heating Plans – David Cain	
	David gave an update on plans for the church heating. Previously we had spoken about air source heat pumps which are far too expensive. David showed a video of a church in Bristol who have installed infra-red HALO radiant heater chandeliers manufactured by Herschel. David has visited this church and met with a former churchwarden, who is the chair of the Bristol DAC and worked with Herschel to design the coronas. These can be turned on 5 to 10 minutes before a service as they heat up very quickly and are very cheap to run – around £10 for 1.5 hours. There are 3 different settings. Herschel have been and done a survey of our church and say that installation could be done in a day. They do not heat the air, they heat objects. We would probably need 4 and they would cost around £10,000 per unit. There could be grants available.	
	Church Hall Update – Chris Gadd / David Cain	
	The church hall committee discussed the way forward for the Church Hall at their meeting last week as it is only just about breaking even and if anything large were to go wrong we would not be able to pay for it. David and Chris attended an online meeting with a developer in Suffolk who specialises in helping CofE parishes with this sort of work. They are orking with several others in the Diocese and the guy they met is a member of general synod, so understands all too well the dilemma that parishes face. From preliminary findings and looking at the plans they came up with 2 options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sell the Hall and let the developers develop it as they wish which would achieve in the region of £250K. 2. The more preferable option would be for a developer to develop the hall with 8 or 9 flats which could be affordable housing or for veterans, and the suggestion was that the ground floor space could potentially be an area about half the size of the current hall which we could use for a mixture of uses such as a coffee/book shop or similar. We could keep the freehold so we get some income or just sell off the flats. They attended this meeting really to see if this would be feasible. There are lots of things to think about. This will be discussed again post APCM with the new PCC. 	Post APCM PCC mtg
1.	Apologies for absence: June Diaper	

2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on 31st January 2024	<u>ACTION</u>
		The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising (5 minutes)	
		<p><u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Eco Church – Mo to follow up with John Johnson about promoting Eco Church with a copy of our Bronze Award on the front of the website.</p> <p><u>Page 1, Item 3</u> – Churchwardens – Chris said he doesn't need to stand up on a Sunday to say what is involved as there are already people in the frame.</p> <p><u>Page 2, Item 4</u> – Parish Share – this is coming up under AOB.</p> <p><u>Page 3, Item 8d</u> – bookmarks were handed out on Mothering Sunday to everyone.</p> <p><u>Page 4, Item 8e</u> – Parish lunch - S& F are meeting after the service on Palm Sunday to discuss this.</p> <p><u>Page 4, Item 8g</u> – Deanery Synod - will come up under Item 8g) on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Page 4, Item 9b</u> – Gift Day - just need to come up with a date in September/ October. F&F will discuss at their meeting after the APCM.</p> <p><u>Page 4, Item 9c</u> – Chairs in front of the Altar - Chris said all the Celebrants know they are able to move the chairs onto the lower level if they feel happier.</p> <p><u>Page 5, Item 9h</u> – Remembrance Garden - Chris had been round to look at this after a member of the congregation had spoken to him. It looks like George's Men should have a working party to remove all the stones etc which have been there for a long time to tidy the place up.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>F&F</p> <p>CG</p>
4.		Finance Report – to agree accounts (10 minutes)	
		<p>Sara apologised that the Draft Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2023 had only gone out today but Paul Read has been away and she has only just had them back from him. These accounts need to be approved by the PCC so they can be presented at the APCM. Sara said it looks as if we made a surplus but we did not pay our Parish Share in full or this would have shown a deficit of about £50K. Paul Read is happy with the accounts. These were agreed by the majority of the PCC.</p> <p>Sara had also sent out the February monthly overview. Jane asked what the Clergy Expenses were for and Sara said they are for expenses paid to visiting clergy during Fr Colin's absence. David Cain said that we should be able to claim expenses back from the Diocese as Fr Colin is off sick.</p>	CG
5.		Safeguarding Report (5 minutes)	
		This report received from Sonja was circulated to PCC members on 18 th March. There were no questions.	
6.		PRAYER BREAK (5 minutes)	
		This was led by Chris.	
		Committees and Reports <u>ONLY</u> to approve any proposals (20 minutes)	
7.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report & Confirmation of 2024 Retiring Collection charities	
		<p>Lynne emailed Jane with the following report: “£209.13 was raised during January for Waterlooville Food Bank. £88.40 was raised during February for The New Blendworth Centre”. Lynne organises the Wednesday coffee rota which is also a good</p>	

		outreach and she doesn't have enough people to help. She is asking for more volunteers to come forward – the more the better as you won't have to do it so often. If no-one comes forward Wednesday coffees will stop. The Wednesday priests will be asked to announce it at the end of the service for the next few weeks.	<u>ACTION</u> ALL
	b)	Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report	
		The minutes of the Fabric and Finance Committee held on 26 th February have already been circulated. Chris said David Cavey presented a paper he has written on the financial challenges and one of his proposals is that the PCC recommend that each committee (and in addition the choir, George's Men and Ladies) all come up with (and organise) one fundraising event during the course of the year. This will be discussed further with the new PCC and Committees following the APCM.	Post APCM PCC mtg
8.	a)	Pastoral Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 29 th January have already been circulated. Anne said only she and Marian were present so she chaired the meeting.	
	b)	Church Hall Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March have already been circulated. The Marco water boiler in the kitchen is leaking badly and Malcolm has someone coming to look at it at the weekend.	MB
	c)	Mission and Stewardship Committee	
		Not met.	
	d)	Families Ministry and Young People's Ministry	
		<u>Toddlers</u> – Dawn said she is bringing them into church next week and she, Candy and Anne will read a story and end with a prayer as they did last year. <u>Dragons</u> - continue to meet and attend High Tide each month. Chris explained about the Big Church Day Out at the end of May. He would like to take around a dozen children to this and invited the PCC to make a donation to the overall cost of £1,000. He needs to get the tickets very soon while there is a half price offer on. After discussion it was agreed by a majority to pay this £1,000 from the Legacy account on the understanding that the Dragons come in and stand on the door each Sunday with a basket to collect some money to help offset this. An entry is needed in the Bulletin so people know this is happening and what it is for. It was thought this would not detract from our usual retiring collection for charity.	CG
	e)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th March have already been circulated.	
	f)	Eco Church Group Committee	
		Not met.	
	g)	Deanery Synod	
		Candy gave a handout to everyone from the Deanery Synod meeting which was held on 12 th March and led by Andrew Sheard. She explained what 'Prayers of Love and Faith' was about. This has come up in the past but has been discussed by the General Synod so has come to the fore again. She was in the group discussion with Havant and Warblington who were also in the dark about this as well. There are some websites to go to for more information.	

9.		Correspondence / AOB	<u>ACTION</u>
	a)	Parish Share Review	
		A letter has been received from the Bishop together with a Parish Share Review Questionnaire which needs to be completed by Monday 15 th April. After discussion it was felt that the PCC needs to have an extra meeting to discuss and complete this questionnaire. A vote was taken – 9 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. Sue offered her house to meet. Sara S will come up with some dates and send to Jane to circulate.	SS
	b)	Sub Committee Reports	
		Jane said some members of the congregation feel they don't really know what is going on because the Sub Committee reports only report on anything that has to be agreed. Jane suggested perhaps these could either go on the website with the minutes or put on the noticeboard at the back of church with the PCC minutes for people to read. This is a decision for the new PCC following the APCM.	Post APCM PCC mtg
	c)	Problems with gmail	
		People on gmail are not receiving emails and this is causing a real problem with meeting dates, receiving agendas and minutes of Committees. David Cain said he would talk to the IT person in the Diocese to see if they can shed any light on it.	D Cain
	d)	Parish Administrator, Alex Holmes	
		Chris advised that Alex has handed in her notice and is leaving at the end of the month. She has been a brilliant Parish Administrator and we will really miss her. The PCC would formally like to record our thanks to Alex and wish her all the very best in new job.	
	e)	Chris Gadd, Churchwarden	
		This is Chris' last meeting of the PCC as he will be standing down as Churchwarden at the APCM. Sara gave a vote of thanks to Chris on behalf of the whole PCC for all the work he has done for St George's over the last 6 years.	
		Date of Next PCC Meeting	
		The next meeting will be the APCM to be held on Sunday 21st April after the 10am Eucharist.	ALL
		Closing Prayer – The Grace	
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.	