## MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 8.00PM IN CHURCH FOLLOWING THE 7.30PM EUCHARIST

**Present:** Fr Colin, Sarah Canham (Churchwarden)(Chair), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer), Lynn Winter (Deputy Safeguarding Officer), Marian Haughton (Anna Chaplain), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Sara Schillemore, David Cavey, June Diaper, Patricia Byrne, Jane Cook (Secretary)

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	Richard opened the meeting with the Bishop's Parish Share prayer.	
1.	Apologies for absence: Sara Pask (Treasurer), Anne Morgan, Sue Hodgens, Dawn Hyett, Patricia Byrne	
2.	Minutes of last PCC meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Matters Arising	
	<ul> <li>Page 1, Item 3 – Gift Day – Richard said it has been decided to delay this until after the Confirmation by the Bishop. Gift day envelopes and resources will be distributed on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November and F&amp;F members will be in church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1000-1230 and have agreed to provide simple refreshments and to receive people's gifts and handle queries.</li> <li>Page 1, Item 6a) – Retiring Collection 2025 - Jane to check that Lynne McNeill has the brochures from Mosaic Middle East who are partnered with St George's in Baghdad to go on the Retiring Collections Charities list for 2025.</li> <li>Page 2, Item 6b) – Lightening Conductor - Richard confirmed that the lightening conductor was checked on 26<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>Page 2, Item 6b) – Thank you - Jane confirmed that a letter was sent to Jane &amp; Tony Rice-Oxley thanking them for all their support</li> </ul>	F&F JC
	<ul> <li>over many years.</li> <li>Page 2, Item 6b) – Card Reader - Richard confirmed the "Payaz" kiosk card reader and tablet which is being loaned to us will be here in time for Gift Day.</li> <li>Page 2, Item 6b) – Waterlooville Music Festival - Malcolm confirmed £4,000 has been received from WMF for hire of the church as a</li> </ul>	RS
	<ul> <li>Page 2, Item 7a) – Pastoral - Patricia said they are concentrating on keeping in touch/visiting people who live on their own as there are so few people on Pastoral to do this. There are already people in the congregation who do visiting but she will arrange for something to go in the Bulletin to see if anyone else is willing to come on board.</li> </ul>	РВ
	<ul> <li>Page 2, Item 7b) – Grant for Hall lights - an application has gone in for a grant from the Diocese to replace the light fittings in the Church Hall to take LED bulbs.</li> <li>Page 3, Item 7d) – Families &amp; Young People's Ministry - reports have been received from Dragons and Sunday School.</li> <li>Page 3, Item 9a) – Heating - Richard said David is arranging a visit from Herschel to several churches in the area who will split the cost.</li> <li>Page 3, Item 9b) - Westbury Consultants - the meeting has now</li> </ul>	

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		taken place with Westbury Consultants between Sarah, Richard and David who gave an outline of a plan to develop the land where the church hall stands developing 10 flats and giving the church a space of half the current floor space. Potentially £30,000 in cash and use of retained space in the development. They are consultants not architects or developers who work with General Synod and whose mission is to develop more housing. Lots more discussion and consultation to find a plan which generates us an income as well.  Page 4, Item 9e) – Anna Chaplain & Dragons services - Richard had sorted these dates.  Page 5, Item 9g) – Rats - Malcolm has spoken to Clear Round Pest Services Ltd. If we dispense with their services we do so at our own risk. They said with all the development work taking place around Waterlooville the rats could return to the churchyard. Malcolm suggests we keep it as it is but has agreed with the company that there will be no increase in price next April.  Page 5, Item 9h) – Cinema - Malcolm spoke to Barry Haughton who has taken on the ordering of films and licences for the Cinema. The Hall will charge the cinema £50 a night for the use of the Hall.  Page 5, Item 9i) – Reminder for Sub-Committee chairs/secretaries to let Jo Horner know date of meeting to put in Bulletin.	All Chairs/Secs
		the development company in Wellington Way.	
4.		Safeguarding Report (5 minutes)	
٦.		This report was received from Sonja on 9 <sup>th</sup> October and was circulated	
		to PCC members before the meeting. There were no questions and Fr Colin and the Churchwardens will read through the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy before signing and returning and displaying a copy in church.	CL & C/Ws
5.		PRAYER BREAK – will remove this from future agendas as we are now having a Eucharist before the meeting.	
		Committees and Reports ONLY to approve any proposals	
6.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report	
	b)	Lynne emailed Jane with the following report:  "£126.47 was raised during July for Mission to Seafarers £65.87 was raised during August for Sightsavers"  [Post Meeting note: the amount raised during September for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance was £101.23]  Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report	
	D)	Malcolm confirmed that The Dragons have paid £859.10 back from the	
		£1,000 loaned from the PCC for the Big Church event mainly from collections at the end of the service on Sundays and the cake sale which took place a couple of Sundays ago.  Richard said at the moment the leaders are funding all their meetings and he proposes that PCC consider putting £1,000 into the budget for Dragons next year. PCC agreed that it is very important that we encourage the youth in the church and commented on how good it was to see them taking part in the recent service.  The Quinquennial inspection took place and the Churchwardens appointed an Architect so that this could be done.	

7.	a)	Pastoral Committee	ACTION
		Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September have already been	
		circulated.	
	b)	Church Hall Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October have already been	
		circulated. Malcolm arranged for the dishwasher to be fixed. We had an	
		enquiry from lain and HATs asking if we could change the date of the	
		Cinema in November 2025 for their production. After discussion the Committee agreed that the Cinema date should not change as	
		members of the public as well as church people attend and are used to	
		it being on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This would also affect the	
		licence. They will hold their production on the Wednesday instead. The	
		Market also use the Hall every Thursday through December.	
		A reminder to everyone about the Pre-Loved Sale on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	ALL
		October and the Table Top Sale on Saturday 16th November.	
	c)	Mission and Stewardship Committee	
		Not met.	
	d)	Families Ministry and Young People's Ministry	
		<u>Dragons</u> - a report was received from Chris Gadd on 1 <sup>st</sup> October	
		reporting on St George's Dragons. Richard proposed writing to Chris	
		and all the leaders who take a significant role thanking them for their	
		contribution and asking them to put a proposal together to tender for a	
		budget for next year. Patricia agreed to look for the "Welcome to St	DD
		George's" booklet and update to include The Dragons.	РВ
		Sunday School/Creche – a report was received from The Sunday School Team outlining what they have been doing.	
	e)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
	<u> </u>	Minutes of the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> September have already been	
		circulated. Richard will write to Mark Lockwood, Communications & Net	RS
		Zero Carbon Support Officer at the Diocese of Portsmouth thanking him	
		for his sermon at our Harvest Festival service. Jane reported that	
		£304.86 after expenses was made on Sunday at the Harvest Lunch for	
		church funds. The PCC said what a good event it was with 61 tickets	
		sold and said a huge thank you to the organisers and everyone who	
		helped on the day.	
	f)	Eco Church Group Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August have already been	
	۵/	circulated.	
	g)	Deanery Synod Not met.	
		Not met.	
8.		Correspondence / AOB	
	a)	Letter to PCC from Adrienne Bridger, Verger	
	/	Jane read out a letter from Adrienne listing the work involved by the	
		Verger for weddings and funerals and asking for an increase in	
		remuneration. Fr Colin said this will be reviewed under Non-Statutory	
		Fees when these are next updated and F&F will consider this. Patricia	
		said she is happy to help Adrienne when needed and will talk to her.	PB
	b)	Anniversary of Baptism Cards (Lynn)	
		Lynn has found some cards from Eden which she would like to send out	
		with the dove on the 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary of Baptism and passed these	
		around for PCC to look at. PCC very happy for her to go ahead and	
	c)	use these cards.	
	c)	Letter from Dawn Hyett re Toddlers  Jane read out a letter from Dawn informing the PCC that she will no	
		longer be able to run Toddlers after the Christmas Party on 17 <sup>th</sup>	
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		December 2024. She will inform parents etc next Tuesday and see if anyone is willing to take over from her. PCC thanked Dawn for all her work with Toddlers over the past few years. Ask Jo to put something in the Bulletin to see if anyone is interested.	JC
	d)	Email from Sara Pask re David Pask Legacy	
		Jane read out an email from Sara saying she would like to donate some money to the PCC in memory of David and wonders if the PCC would like a new notice board to replace the wooden one on the grass outside the church which is looking rather battered and warped. The PCC were extremely grateful to Sara and think this is a very good idea and hopefully this won't need a Faculty as it will be a replacement. Jane to let Sara know.	JC
	e)	Carpeting on altar step	
		Patricia wondered whether it would be possible to put carpet on the altar step to make it safer if anyone falls as this is a health and safety issue. Richard thinks this would be far too expensive as it would need a Faculty.	
	f)	Photocopier	
		Malcolm reported that in November our 12 months of lease on the photocopier expires. They are trying to get us to have a new photocopier which would be much more expensive. At the moment we pay £66.46 a month, however a new machine on a 3 year quarterly rental would be £224.26. John Johnson has said that it would be ideal to keep the one we have for another year. The company are not obliged to give us an extension. Malcolm happy to speak to Sharps to see if he can get either another 12 months extension or a 3 month extension so it gives us more time to discuss and explore what to do.	
	>	PCC asked Malcolm to go ahead and speak to them.	MB
	g)	Grant for LED lighting in the Hall This was mentioned above and a grant application has been placed.	
	h)	Scaffold in Garden of Remembrance	
	,	Richard said he met with the developers and the ivy cutting is taking place and they will be respectful of the Remembrance Garden.	
	i)	Locking of Chapel Door	
		June said she doesn't know why the door into the chapel from the flower room needs to be permanently locked with very few people having access to a key. Fr Colin said they have discussed this before and he has explained to June that it is a chapel and it was being used as a corridor which is why he decided to keep it locked. As neither side	
		will back down Sarah offered to hold a meeting with both parties to see if it can be sorted.	SC
9.		The next meeting will be held in Church on <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> at 8.00pm following the 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.	