

Minutes of St John's PCC Meeting 17th January 2024
7.30pm at St John's

Present –Richard Skegg (chair), Revd. Christine Smith, Revd. Jen Holder, Andrew Holder, Charlie Barker-Wyatt, Sue Skegg, Oli Marjot, Paul Hamilton, Matt Sturgeon, Deb Hobbs (minutes)

Welcome and opening worship – Richard welcomed everyone and Christine led evening prayer.

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of last meeting Agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.</p>	
<p>2. Matters/actions arising Safeguarding action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine started the new course today - content has been updated and there are some helpful ideas e.g. having an induction pack for new PCC members. Suggestion that we encourage everyone to do the basic course during Lent. <p>Winchester and District Young Carers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue will bring the annual report. <p>Fund-raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage giving via weekly emails and include note of thanks from Sue. <p>Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • garden plan in progress • hot air weedkiller has been purchased. <p>Health and safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue provided fire warden guidance to newcomers. 	<p style="text-align: center;">CS/JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PH</p>
<p>3. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Mission Fund Review Group survey open until 2nd February for comments (sent to clergy and officers but all can respond). 	
<p>4. Review of Advent and Christmas services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard described the services as a brilliant success • the services for the scouts, school and nursery were time intensive - thanks to everyone who helped out • would be good to invite the schools to other festivals during the year • church was overcrowded for school carol service – needs two services to cope with the numbers of pupils and families. Jen will liaise with the school. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JH</p>

<p>5. Proposal to use ‘Prayers of love and faith’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everyone had received the link to the prayers and the guidance for use • the prayers are a resource for God’s pilgrim people and for use with same-sex couples • they have been approved by Synod and are for use at an incumbent’s discretion • they can be used as part of a service but not currently as a stand alone service • Christine and Jen would like to use the prayers as the opportunity arises. The PCC support this unanimously • Richard will add information about the prayers to our website • Jen suggested that we align ourselves with MoSAIC (Movement of Supporting Anglicans for an Inclusive Church) which is developing an informal database • Christine will investigate aligning St John’s to Inclusive Church. It has many resources, mailing list is free to join, local Facegroup page is Winclusive • A poster for the noticeboard would also be good – Christine has wording. 	<p>RS</p> <p>CS</p>
<p>6. Fabric reports and building specific matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard had circulated his report before the meeting • vestry heating issue resolved • awaiting stand for the clock • Richard proposed going ahead with the tower door project. The faculty was granted for a year on 23rd October. All agreed to go ahead and obtain quotes. It was stalled because of uncertainty about our liability for St Giles’ graveyard • Richard will write to WCC re. their maintenance of St Giles’ graveyard. 	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>7. Health and safety Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>8. Treasurer’s report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue had circulated her report before the meeting • we have ended the year in the black • investment income is up considerably • planned giving down but plate giving has increased. 	
<p>9. Safeguarding No issues to report.</p>	

<p>10. Parish profile and recruitment process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen attended All Saints PCC and explained that St John's may be unable to sign off the parish profile as it stands because of work needed on the role profile • All Saints are very keen to work with St John's and for us to be a supportive and united benefice • There is no bishop's candidate but the person who was to be put forward may still apply as part of the recruitment process • the main text needs proofreading and some editing – Christine and Jen will arrange a meeting with Sam • the role profile needs to represent St John's better. Some additions were suggested such as 'is aware of their own gifts, strengths and vulnerabilities and will bring all of themselves to ministry'. Please send and comments/changes to Christine by Friday so they can be taken to the meeting. 	<p>CS/JH</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>11. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton Stacey Chamber Choir concert in St John's – afternoon of Saturday 11th May. This will be a Friends event. Need to check re. expenses with the choir but they are happy for all proceeds to go to St John's • Contemplative prayer – first session will be 8th May at 3pm and there will be a poster showing subsequent dates • Lent course – we will be studying 'Entering the Passion of Jesus' by Amy-Jill Levine. There will be benefice groups – on Wednesday after the morning communion service and on Thursday evening • Quinquennial report – this has not been received, Richard will make contact with the DAC for advice. 	<p>MS</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>12. Date of March PCC meeting 20th March is a date set by for interviews so PCC meeting will now take place on 13th March.</p>	
<p>13. Closing prayer The meeting concluded at 9.20pm with the Grace.</p>	

Next meeting date – Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm