

St Margaret's Church – Crick  
Minutes of the PCC  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.30pm, The Old School.

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	<b>Attendees:</b> Zona Dipple, John Rogers (Chair) Dave Milne, Rev Jo, Andrew Hutley, Rev Kris, Jacqueline Smith, Ian Jones, Lyn Johnson																																																																																										
1.	<b>Opening Prayers:</b> Led by John																																																																																										
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> Rev Graeme (poorly) Kent Polley,																																																																																										
3.	<b>Minutes from 22/03/23:</b> Accepted a true record of the meeting																																																																																										
4.	<b>Matters Arising not on the agenda:</b> None																																																																																										
5.	<b>Actions from 22/03/23:</b> All completed																																																																																										
6.	<b>Vicar's Feedback:</b> Ascension Evensong was fabulous. Many compliments were received. The welcome and sharing across the benefice is phenomenal. Thanks were given to Andrew for his hard work and organization and Chris for leading the choir who sang superbly.																																																																																										
7	<b>Children's ministry:</b> Going well. The last Shine service was down in numbers and consideration about why that was will be discussed at a benefice meeting. The Shine team worked really successfully despite Rev Kris being on holiday. Thank you.																																																																																										
8	<p><b>Churchwardens' Report:</b></p> <p><b>1. <u>March and April services</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Service</th> <th>Adults</th> <th>Children</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>1<sup>st</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Morning Praise</td> <td>30</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>8<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Holy Communion</td> <td>36</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>15<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>19<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Shine</td> <td>28</td> <td>22</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>22<sup>nd</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>26<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Songs of Praise</td> <td>44</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>29<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>2<sup>nd</sup></td> <td>Morning Praise</td> <td>33</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Good Friday</td> <td>21</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>9<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Easter Day Holy Communion</td> <td>42</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments	March	1 <sup>st</sup>	HC midweek	8				5 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Praise	30	1			8 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	12				12 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	36				15 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	13				19 <sup>th</sup>	Shine	28	22			22 <sup>nd</sup>	HC midweek	13				26 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	44	1			29 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	11			April	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Praise	33	3			5 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	10				7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	21	1			9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Day Holy Communion	42	2			12 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	11		
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**1. Churchwardens' meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The benefice churchwardens met for a meal at the Red Lion, Crick. These events are very important in building relationships, dialogue and collaboration between the 3 parishes.

**2. Quinquennial report**

**Chancel ceiling:** Scaffolding is now in place in the chancel. John Barker, our surveyor, will be on site on 22<sup>nd</sup> May to make his inspection.

**Roof works:** During the very heavy rains on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May there was water ingress again on the south side of the nave roof and also in the north aisle in the same place where we had problems previously. We spoke to Simon Elbow, our builder, on 9<sup>th</sup> May about both issues. Now that the weather is better, he will now book a date for the lead roof repairs to be done and repointing on the south aisle roof. Whilst he is on site, he will also clear any debris that has accumulated in the rainwater gullies in the upper section of the roof and charge us separately for this.

**Moss clearance from lower roof gullies and clearing of soakaways:** David Westerman, Assistant Churchwarden at All Saints', Yelvertoft has kindly agreed to help us with clearing debris from the lower roof sections and a date is being organised. Once we have a date, we will put together a working group to tackle other urgent works such as clearing the soakaways and other weed growth around the base of the external walls.

**Churchyard works:** Crick Parish Council is obtaining quotations for urgent works in the churchyard, especially to the boundary wall on the west side, the broken steps and loose handrail by the west gate, the removal of ivy from walls, and repairs to leaning and/or broken gravestones.

**3. Fabric sub-committee**

A meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April chaired by the rector and attended by the chair and treasurer of FOSM and the churchwardens. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the PCC's decision to set up a sub-committee to manage the fabric of the building. FOSM agreed to discuss its representation on the sub-committee at its next committee meeting. In the meantime, we are approaching individuals to invite them to join the group. The sub-committee will be chaired by Kent.

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	<p>There was some water ingress when we had the terrible storms earlier this month and Simon Elbrow will look at this when he comes to work on other areas.</p> <p>Kent, John and Andrew</p>
9.	<p><b>Quinquennial update:</b></p> <p>John Barker came on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to complete his survey of the cracks in the chancel. He has sent a basic quote but further scaffolding and more intensive exploration is necessary. The beams and the panels need sections removed for deeper exploration.</p> <p>The screen and the curtains need to come down.</p> <p>There is also work that needs to be completed in the area of the East Window.</p> <p>We are paying a rental for the scaffolding so the PCC want the work done as soon as possible.</p> <p>There will be a Fabric Sub-Committee set up in partnership with FOSM and it will define the Schedule of Work following the full quinquennial report. (JR) It will be chaired by KP.</p> <p>The PCC discussed JB's proposal – circulated by email prior to the meeting - and unanimously agreed to action his recommendations.</p> <p><i>The proposed way forward would be to remove two panel areas at the extreme west end of the roof by carefully cutting out the various elements with small disc cutters. In this way it is hoped that we can retain and ultimately re-fix the rib mouldings and bosses on a renewed plaster soffit. What we cannot know until we carry out further exposure is the condition of the timber ceiling joists which support all this weight. The project will accordingly need to be phased before further decisions are made. Because of the issue with lime plaster dust it will be necessary to temporarily remove the projector screen and attendant electrical gear and I understand that this should be arranged by the PCC. We will also need to introduce more protection to the scaffold deck etc.</i></p> <p><i>In dealing with the inspection of cracking in the south-east corner of the chancel, an exactly similar applied plaster skim was seen to the soffit of the ceiling. There has been movement in panels adjacent to ribs and in the second of these an obvious fragment is about to break away. I consider it necessary therefore, as this situation occurs adjacent to the first truss towards the west, that we need to extend the scaffolding to deal with this issue.</i></p> <p><i>Simon Elbrow, the builder, has provided some budget costings for alterations to the existing scaffold at both east and west ends (in the case of the latter we will need to fill the gap once the projector screen is</i></p>

	<p><i>removed). With the installation of further sheeting down and employment of a mechanical dust extractor and provision of thick foam sheeting to provide appropriate cushioning of moulded work as it becomes detached, we can then proceed with opening up and removal of the ceiling where worst affected. The total budget for such work estimated at this stage would be approximately £3500 plus VAT. This will only cover the next stage of the project and does not include for repairs and reinstatement which cannot yet be properly quantified.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to my surveyor's professional fees these can only be charged on a time and expenses incurred basis. Hourly rate is £85 plus VAT to include all travelling and secretarial costs etc.</i></p> <p>JR and DM will look at the current PCC finances and the projected costs to see if the PCC can afford to pay from its current budget. The standing committee will be contacted for its conclusion.</p> <p>JR believes the PCC must take responsibility for the fabric of the building ongoing and it can appeal to FOSM for a contribution when the needs have been identified.</p>
10.	<p><b>Coronation Event:</b> Was excellent with lots of participation on a beautiful sunny day. We made £650!</p>
11.	<p><b>Safeguarding update:</b> The hand-over between Zona and Ray is in process. Ray has still to complete his training then he will be up to speed with the latest safeguarding requirements. We looked at our most recent Parish Action Plan, which contains some actions outstanding but can be easily completed to achieve our green status again. ZD is checking if Speak English classes come under the purview of the church The PCC thanked Zona for her hard work at getting us to this high standard.</p>
12.	<p><b>Little Saints:</b> Little Saints is doing well. We've had a couple of new families &amp; some interest from three new Mums via Facebook. I've been in contact with them all to introduce the group. We're averaging 7 children a week which works well &amp; they all seem happy!</p>
13.	<p><b>Deanery Synod update:</b> The synod met on 16<sup>th</sup> May at Harrington village hall. The topics were wide ranging and included a reminder of Christian Aid Week and information relating to the future appointment of a new Bishop, which is an intense process. We are not likely to have a new bishop before 2024. Rev Graeme gave a presentation/training session on 'Holding Responsibility in a Crisis' which was interesting and much appreciated by the attendees.</p>

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14.	<p><b>Speak English classes in the Old School:</b>          This is a terrific piece of outreach work!          We have now been running the Speak English sessions for six months! We have settled into a lovely group of students and volunteers; usually of around 15 students. There is a core of about 10 who we know well now, and have become very fond of. Sadly, in recent weeks we have seen a decline in morale, with some students giving us particular concerns. Their situation is pretty dire, with little to keep them busy and stimulated, however we endeavor to lift their spirits. A highlight was the session on the Coronation, which the men enjoyed, with two of them ending up being crowned! There was lots of celebratory food to share.</p> <p>The funds are depleting steadily, so I'll be applying for a grant from Migrant Help at the end of this month.</p> <p>I am hugely grateful for the commitment shown by the volunteers, and their efforts to really bless these lovely men.          Judy Anderson</p>
15	<p><b>Treasurer's update – including Parish Share:</b>          We remain on course to meet our parish share for this year, subject to further fundraising and no major surprises. An updated balance sheet was produced at the meeting The Ibis migrant fund is now under the auspices of the PCC treasurer. It has come from donations. The money is used for the running of the classes for the migrants and to help them with, eg clothing. The money raised from the plant sale will be divided between the Old School and the ring-fenced Ibis migrant fund.          JR will set up a donation area on 'Give A Little' to enable people to give money for both the migrants and the Foodbank.</p> <p>We will need to monitor light and heat ongoing.</p>
16.	<p><b>Benefice Walk 17<sup>th</sup> June:</b>          This is a walk around the benefice, or part of it where there will be services at each of the churches at different times. There will be short acts of worship and prayer on the way.</p>
17.	<p><b>Stewardship update:</b>          DM and JR met this week and have done a reclaim of £2,300 gift aid. Planned giving is fairly consistent but JR is encouraging new church members to take part in the scheme.</p> <p><b>1. Planned giving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since my March report there have been no changes to our planned giving</li> <li>• In view of the growth in members that we have seen over recent months, I have started making personalised approaches to those</li> </ul>

	<p>in our congregation who are not yet members of the Parish Giving Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on a rolling 12-month period the revised monthly and annual totals, assuming no other changes, are now £2,634/month/£31,608/year.</li> <li>• Our Parish Share for 2023 is £32,240.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Card reader</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our card reader has been live from the beginning of September 2021.</li> <li>• In 2021 there were 172 transactions totalling £1,290. Average of £7.50.</li> <li>• In 2022 there were 254 transactions totalling £1,688. Average of £6.64.</li> <li>• In 2023, to end of April:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings there have been 75 transactions totalling £623. Average of £8.30.</li> <li>○ For fundraising events including the Mothering Sunday teas there were 23 transactions totalling £592.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18.	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oil filled candles</b> – DM will order one and see what it looks like and if it will work for us.</li> <li>• <b>PCC representation</b> – Should we hold elections and encourage more, new members to join the PCC. Action to set up an Electoral roll group. (LJ) The PCC will actively seek potential new members.</li> <li>• <b>Ride and Stride</b> - SM would like someone else to take over the administration of R&amp;S. JR will action this.</li> <li>• <b>Harvest</b> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September is Harvest Supper and the harvest service is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• <b>Plaque</b> – will be purchased to recognise the donation of the Jordan's for the repair of our church clock and a suitable position found for it within the church.</li> </ul>
19.	<p><b>Dates of next meetings:</b> 26/07/23, 27/09/23, 29/11/23.</p>