

St Margaret's Church – Crick
 Minutes of the Meeting of the PCC
 Wednesday 30th November, 7.30pm, The Old School.

	Agenda Item
1.	Opening Prayers: Rev. Graeme shared a poem from Larry Norman about Christmastime. He followed this with a prayer.
2.	Attendance : Rev. Graeme, Rev, Kris, John Rogers, Jacqueline Smith, Kent Polley, Andrew Hutley, Hazel Gault, Dave Milne, Lyn Johnson, Sarah Fear Apologies: Zona Dipple, Ian Jones
3.	Minutes from 05/10/22: Agreed as an accurate record.
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ibis Hotel residents update – there have been various meetings about the residents. Parish council were concerned they had no forewarning or preparation before their arrival. There was no consultation with the community. It's been in local and national press and featured on radio interviews. (JR and Rev Kris interviewed!) <li style="padding-left: 20px;">ACTION send PCC the link to the radio interview • Main concerns expressed were – lack of engagement with and respect for community, and lack of respect for the hotel residents.
5.	Actions from 5th October 2022: All completed
6.	Vicar's Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyn has been elected onto the Diocesan Board of Education • Rev Graeme is now Rural Dean and oversees 43 parishes. A very large deanery. • A morning and evening prayer session has been set up by Rev G and we have been invited to attend at the Rectory. 8.30am Tues & Sat and 6.pm Mon & Wed. Currently following the Northumbrian Office • Thank you to everyone involved in the organization of Shine and the informal services. Attendance is rising. • The confirmation service is at Cold Ashby on 11th December at 10am. 8 members of our congregation are being confirmed and 3 also baptized! There will be another 3 from elsewhere in our benefice. • Remembrance Service, very well attended. 195 adults 90 children. Fantastic! • All Souls service was amazing. Incredibly moving. The organ music was superb. • UB service at Lilbourne was praised by Bishop John for its community spirit.
7	Children's ministry: <p>Since the last PCC meeting two Shine services have taken place, the first had 8 children and 25 adults, and the second had 12 children and 34 adults in attendance which is a huge blessing. The feedback has been very positive and both children and adults appeared to have a good time and enjoy the services and food afterwards.</p> <p>There has been a lot of planning, thought and work from all involved. The services have been advertised in the local newsletter, through personal invitations sent to our baptism families, Little Saints families, Wedding Families, and to all the students at Crick School. With the help of both Jacqueline Smith and John Rogers the services have also been advertised on Facebook, and hopefully you will not have missed the Shine banner which is outside of the Church. It is planned to continue with the advertising and personal invitations to the Christmas Shine service on the 18th December.</p>

The team have been a huge blessing and have worked together really well stepping in at the last moment to cover the first service which I could not lead due to Covid. I would like to thank each member of the team for all their hard work and support with this but also for their prayers and commitment to growing our children's and youth ministry.

The team has subsequently met again to discuss what went well and what could be improved and we are working towards making the service more intergenerational. It was discovered that a risk assessment was not in place for a standard church service so a Risk Assessment has been completed for Shine.

Please do continue to pray for Shine, or School, and for all the work which is ongoing to grow our Children's and family's ministry within the benefice

Rev Kris would like us to bless the staff at Crick school with a monthly cake and a card and show them the church is there for them. People can claim the costs back if they wish.

ACTION: Let Kris know if you're happy to go on a rota for the monthly 'thank you' with cake, and he'll send it out.

8 Churchwardens' Report

1. October services

Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments
Oct	2 nd	Morning Praise	38	2	New service
	5 th	HC midweek	9		
	9 th	Holy Communion	27	1	
	12 th	HC midweek	13		
	16 th	Shine	25	9	New service
	19 th	HC midweek	11		
	23 rd	Songs of Praise	26	2	
	30 th	All Souls (benefice)	74	3	

1. All Souls benefice service in Crick on 30th October

This is the first time in many years that an All Souls service has been held. All 3 villages were leafleted. 74 adults and 3 children attended. Our thanks especially to Jacqueline for leading on this service. In future years the service will rotate around the parishes; in 2023, Yelvertoft will host.

2. Remembrance service 13th November

Our annual service of Remembrance was attended by 195 adults and 90 children. The Scouting and Guiding groups were strongly represented. Just over £300 was raised through the offering for the Royal British Legion. In 2023 we will need to organise more orders of service to be printed to include the words of the hymns.

3. Christmas services 2022

The Christmas special services for 2022 are:

- 11th December, 3.30pm – Family carols
- 18th December, 6pm – 7 lessons and carols
- 24th December, 4pm – Crib service

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- 24th December, 7pm – Midnight Holy Communion
- 25th December, 11am – Benefice Holy Communion at St Margaret's
- 1st January, 11.15am – Benefice BCP Holy Communion

The Benefice Holy Communion on Christmas Day is a change to the original plan. Lilbourne thought that they could not cope with the service, so Rev Graeme changed it to Crick.

1,000 Christmas flyers advertising the Christmas services have been ordered from Vistaprint and will be delivered to every house in the village in the week of 28th November.

4. Churchwardens' meeting 2nd November

The benefice churchwardens met for a meal at the Wheatsheaf, Crick. During the meal we provided vox pop video comments on the value of these meetings from which Rev Graeme then produced a short video, shown at the diocesan clergy conference.

5. Parish Share meeting 31st October

Attended by benefice churchwardens, treasurers, Rev Graeme and Rev Kris. It was a very useful meeting to share information about each parish's finances and to agree the split of the parish share for 2023.

The benefice parish share will remain at £68,595. In 2023, this will be the split:

Parish	2023	2022	Change +/-
St Margaret's	£32,240 47%	£28,810 42%	+£3,430
All Saints' Yelvertoft	£28,810 42%	£32,925 48%	-£4,115
All Saints' Lilbourne	£7,545 11%	£6,860 10%	+£685
Total	£68,595	£68,595	Nil

6. Quinquennial report

Contacted John Barker on 11th November for an update. The report is in progress.

7. Update on the proposal to remove the rear pews

Extract of email dated 11th November 2022 from John Barker regarding proposed next steps regarding the removal of the pews:

The best way to proceed is to send an enquiry to the DAC secretary briefly explaining what the PCC is wanting to do and asking if it would be appropriate for a DAC visit. In this way views can be exchanged without preparation of detailed drawings and lengthy descriptions which might not seek favour. I have however attached for your use some images of the areas concerned together with a marked-up plan of the church showing the location of pews which are to be removed. At least in this way you are giving some basic information to move things forward. Ultimately of course a Faculty application will be required and there will be a need for more detailed information including a specification of works. At that time I can become more directly involved. As part of the Faculty application it will be necessary to produce Statements of Significance and Need as it must be borne in mind

	<p><i>that the Faculty procedure will in due course involve consultation with external bodies including Historic England etc. I trust that this helps and just to confirm that any time spent on this project will be charged on a time and expenses incurred basis.</i></p> <p>8. Church clock</p> <p>Letter from DAC stating that the proposed works to the church clock have been recommended for approval. A public notice of the works was displayed on the gate and porch noticeboards between 10th October and 8th November and this has been sent to the diocesan registrar. A Petition for Faculty has been prepared and will be submitted, subject to PCC approval. The total cost of the works and scaffolding, ex VAT, is £6,677. However, both quotes will need updating as they were prepared in May 2022. Fundraising and grant applications will be required before the work can be confirmed.</p> <p>9. Roof alarm 4th November</p> <p>Call from roof alarm monitoring company on 3rd November to advise that there was no signal from the CCTV cameras. SS Systems call out visit took place on 4th November. System checked and cameras reset. Callout cost £210.</p>
9.	<p>Clergy Expenses: It was agreed to raise clergy expenses for funerals to £25</p>
10.	<p>Church Clock repairs: Petition for faculty approval of proposed works – DAC now approved the process of the petition and the PCC must agree this. JS proposed, JR seconded and everyone agreed. We will then need to pay for it.....</p>
11.	<p>Removal of rear pews: – next steps JR spoke to John Barker about the removal of the rear pews. ACTION He will send an enquiry to the DAC secretary to check if approval can be sought. JR wants us to proceed as JB is recommend. DM seconded it. All were in favour. A discussion followed about the slowness of receiving structural reports about St M's because we need to keep the church in the best and safest state of repair. ACTION – JR/KP to speak to JB and express their concern about the slowness of the quinquennial report.</p>
12.	<p>Updating church notice board: What should we do about the information on the notice board? It was agreed to update the information. JR to Action</p>
13.	<p>Deanery Synod meeting: This was held on 11th October in Great Brington. Key items of note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Hayes, Rural Dean, was leaving at end of October. • Parish Share to remain the same for 2023 • There was an excellent presentation by the Gen2 youth team on ways to develop children's ministry, which used the work in our benefice as a case study of good practice. <p>(Minutes of this meeting available if required)</p>
14.	<p>Safeguarding update There has been no incident to report and we are up to date with our training and nothing is outstanding on the dashboard.</p>
15.	<p>Little Saints</p>

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	LS has been fairly quiet the past few weeks, but it is back up to 7 now. A good winter term and ZD heard some lovely feedback from the parents and Janet (a helper) at Monday Tots.												
16.	<p>Speak English classes in the Old School Meets in the Old School on Thursdays from 3-4:30. There have been seven to nine guests and eight helpers in the first two sessions. The first time, all the guests were Iranian; a man from Yemen joined us for the second time. During these sessions we have assessed the abilities of most of the guests, and have covered the topics of “having fun” and basic time telling, days of the week etc. The guests and helpers alike have enjoyed the time together, and it has increased the guest’s confidence in speaking English.</p> <p>ACTION: SF to ask her Iranian friend if she'll translate our liturgy into Farsi for the Iranians.</p>												
17	<p>Treasurer’s update – including Parish Share Our finances are still on target for the year. DM asked if there could be a change from paying out cheques to on-line banking. Santander is limited in its flexibility and do not offer the type of banking required. The Old School is in the process of moving banking from Santander to the Co-op Bank. JR recommends that we consider this change. It is good practice to keep at least two signatories on payments to protect the Treasurer. JR proposed, HG seconded and all in favour. ACTION JR/DM to research further.</p>												
18.	<p>Budget 2023 – update The budget forecast is there for us to have visibility of the assumptions being made about strands of income. It was noted that eg. This year we had many weddings as a consequence of Covid restrictions, but we do not have the bookings for next year. We definitely will have more money going out next year than we are getting in due to our increase in parish share percentage for the benefice. We know, generally, what we’re going to spend on the expenses of the church, and our planned giving is currently supportive. However, we do need to find some additional sources of funds hence the setting up of the ‘Bright ideas’ group.</p>												
19.	<p>Stewardship update:</p> <p>1. Planned giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the October report there have been no changes to our planned giving • Based on a rolling 12-month period the revised monthly and annual totals, assuming no other changes, are now £2,659/month/£31,908/year. • Our Parish Share for 2022 is £28,810. In 2023 this will rise to £32,240. <p>2. Card reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our card reader has been live from the beginning of September 2021. • In 2021 there were 172 transactions totalling £1,290. Average of £7.50. • The usage for the 10 completed months of 2022 is summarised below: <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event/service</th> <th>Volume of transactions</th> <th>Value of transactions</th> <th>Average transaction value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>14</td> <td>£95</td> <td>£6.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>13</td> <td>£88</td> <td>£6.77</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Event/service	Volume of transactions	Value of transactions	Average transaction value	January	14	£95	£6.78	February	13	£88	£6.77
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	March	19	£123	£6.47
	April	18	£95	£5.27
	May	15	£81	£5.40
	June	12	£85	£7.08
	July	16	£99	£6.19
	July - Scarecrow	60	£483	£8.05
	August	11	£75	£6.81
	September	17	£97	£5.70
	October	12	£73	£6.08
	Total	207	£1,394	£6.73
20.	AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JR has enquired through the parish buying organisation how much it would cost to have Wifi installed in the church. It would be £50 per month. It was not considered worthwhile at the moment. • GA asked us to picture a steam ship engine and compared it to prayer and puddings. The only qualification needed is to join in, monthly @ Carole and Ray's. 			
21.	Dates of next meetings: 25/01/23, 22/03/23 (APCM 26/04/23) 24/05/23, 26/07/23, 27/09/23, 29/11/23.			

Rev Kris gave the closing prayer @ 9.20pm