

St Margaret's Church – Crick
 Minutes of the PCC meeting
 Wednesday 25th September 2024, 7.30pm, The Old School.

	Attendance: Rev Graeme, Rev Jo, Hazel Gault, Dave Milne, Lyn Johnson, Andrew Hutley, Ian Jones, Jacqueline Smith
1.	Opening Prayers: Rev. Graeme gave a reflection. Throughout our lives we have to look to find who God is. We need to continue the journey with reverence and awe and not define him in any one way. Rev G prayed for us all to find the Lord.
2.	Apologies: Zona Dipple, John Rogers, Gemma Drakeford
3.	Minutes from 17/07/24: Agreed as an accurate record
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: None
5.	Actions from 17/07/24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek faculty for CCTV to be added to the next actions • Fire risk assessment to be carried over. • Speak to Glen re quinquennial
6.	<p>Vicar's feedback:</p> <p>Rev Graeme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Rev Jo for stepping in for him during his sabbatical. • Loved commissioning Barbara Brazier last Sunday as she embarked upon the theology study course towards working with children and youth. • The Big Boat Day in August went really well. • Aspects of his sabbatical review of his stay in Chicago were reflected on. The numbers in attendance at each service was incredible. There was a strong focus on community and locality. No prayers were said in the main services. These were reserved for home groups and smaller worship groups. <p>Sermon Series: Rev Graeme set out a new sermon series. The Lectionary has a series of readings set out on a three-year cycle which focus on how you should live your life as a committed Christian before Jesus. These are used by clergy as then focus of their sermons. Rev Graeme is adding a set if sermons based on the themes of discipleship and salvation. These will be delivered between October to March. At the end the PCC and Graeme can survey the congregation to see what they think with outcomes shared at the next APCM.</p> <p>Chrissie Turner fell down the stairs this morning and was taken to hospital. She is very bruised and has a broken collarbone. We need to keep her in our prayers.</p>
7.	<p>Children's ministry:</p> <p>Rev Jo spoke about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen 2 grant- applied for in the summer some of which will pay for Barbara's course, has gone to the committee. It has some questions it

	<p>needs answering relating to role descriptions which Rev Jo is answering in discussion with Barbara.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Boat Day was put together by Barbara and she is growing in strength and confidence. • The service with Crick Primary School worked really well. • Rev Jo has a placement at Crick Primary to learn how we can as a church best support the school in its spiritual development as we develop our mission and ministry. • We are praying about Shine. The numbers of children and families attending declined during the summer and so a new approach of personal encouragements will be tried. 																																																																		
8.	<p>Churchwardens' Report:</p> <p>1. <u>July/Aug services</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="427 786 1433 1960"> <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>July</td> <td>3</td> <td>Holy Communion midweek</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>Informal Morning Praise</td> <td>24</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>10</td> <td>Holy Communion midweek</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>14</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>No services in Benefice because of Rev Jo's priesting</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>17</td> <td>Holy Communion midweek</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>21</td> <td>Shine</td> <td>12</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>22</td> <td>Crick Primary School Leavers Service</td> <td>72</td> <td>178</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>24</td> <td>Holy Communion midweek</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>28</td> <td>Holy Communion</td> <td>23</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>29</td> <td>Funeral</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> <td>Shirley Keyes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments	July	3	Holy Communion midweek	7				7	Informal Morning Praise	24	2			10	Holy Communion midweek	11				14				No services in Benefice because of Rev Jo's priesting		17	Holy Communion midweek	7				21	Shine	12	3			22	Crick Primary School Leavers Service	72	178			24	Holy Communion midweek	6				28	Holy Communion	23				29	Funeral	31		Shirley Keyes
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		31	Morning Prayer midweek	5		
Aug		4	Informal Morning Praise	18		
		4	Baptism 2pm	65	22	Lucy Martin
		7	Morning Prayer midweek	7		
		11	Sung Holy Communion	32		
		14	Holy Communion midweek	9		
		18	Shine	17	8	
		19	Funeral	36	1	Pilar Cort
		21	Holy Communion midweek	9		
		23	Big Boat Fun Day	20	13	
		25	Songs of Praise	30		
		25	Baptism 2pm	38	12	Lacey
		27	Rev Graeme's service of institution	17		
		28	Holy Communion midweek	6		

2. Maintenance of the fabric

There are no items to report since our July meeting.

3. CCTV

Faculty required. This is the next step.

4. Review of church opening

Since 18th July the church has been open every day during the hours of 10am and 3pm. We are pleased to report that, so far, there has been no recurrence of any vandalism. It has been good to meet and say hello to visitors over the summer months. Our thanks to the people on the key rota who have all been very willing to support the reopening.

	<p>5. <u>Past and future events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scarecrow 13th/14th July. This year's Scarecrow BBQ and vintage teas produced a surplus after expenses of £2,300. This was about £100 down on 2023 but still an excellent result and our thanks to the team from St Margaret's who worked so hard over the weekend. It is was great fun too.• Big Boat Funday. Friday 23rd August. Barbara Brazier organised an excellent children's activity morning in church on 23rd August. This was a project as part of her Catalyst training for children and youth leaders. 20 adults and 13 children attended and everybody seemed to have enjoyed the event.• Elizabeth 1 event. Friday 6th September. Crick History Society organised a very successful fundraiser to support the fabric of St Margaret's. The event was attended by approximately 80 people. 100% of the ticket sales will go to FOSM.• Ride and Stride Saturday 14th September. This important sponsored event supports the work of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. <p>John, Kent and Andrew</p>
9.	<p>Safeguarding: Ray explained: CONCERNS & ALLEGATIONS: We have had one adult disclosure since the last PCC meeting in July 24. This was recorded and reported to the Diocese Safeguarding Team. They responded with a suggested way forward together with helpful additional resources. These have been shared and passed on to the person concerned together with continued pastoral support.</p> <p>PARISH DASHBOARD: We are currently at Level Three 100% on the Dashboard. -</p> <p>TRAINING & DBS CHECKS: Currently the following training courses are yet to be completed: - Church Wardens: Leadership Training. (one still outstanding) Seven Renewal DBS checks have been submitted, with one remaining to be completed Tower Captain: DBS now completed and approved, the necessary training courses have yet to be completed. Together with the remaining Bell Ringers DBS and training Courses. I have recently reminded Nick Hyam and asked whether it would help if we were to have a meeting with the ringers. To discuss any concerns and possibly to have a joint DBS sign up session.</p>
10.	<p>Little Saints: Zona explained: LS started back on the 9th with 5 children. I have added in a new singing prayer and also a weekly prayer which will relate to the story we have told.</p>

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	We've had 2 Baptisms over the summer and the families continue to come to Shine and LS which is encouraging.
11.	Church fabric update - Prioritisation of the quinquennial: There has been nothing to report. KP still must speak to GS.
12.	Treasurer's update – including Parish Share: We have met our parish share to date because the planned giving more or less covers it. However, the Rector's Disbursement is now in deficit. The general plate is well down as is the Goodbox. The costs of church heating will increase now we are moving into the winter months and we will soon need to review and renew our heating contract. DM is seeking the best provider. We are now at the time of year when the CW's need to meet and discuss the respective portion each church contributes towards the Parish share. (Action Heather Whyment) Occasional offices need review also. (Heather Whyment) Action
13.	Stewardship update: Planned giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 32 members on the Parish Giving Scheme and 3 people who pay by standing order direct to St Margaret's. The Gift Aid on the latter is claimed annually. 1 person has left the scheme since our July meeting. • 14 members on the Parish Giving Scheme have agreed to annual inflation increases. • Based on a rolling 12-month period the revised average monthly and annual totals, assuming no other changes, are now £2,964/month/£35,568/year. • Our Parish Share for 2024 is £32,239.65 Card reader <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. • In 2022 there were 254 transactions totalling £1,688. Average of £6.64. • In 2023 there were 371 transactions totalling £3,574. Average of £9.63. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings there were 207 transactions totalling £1,625. Average of £7.85 ○ For fundraising events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mothering Sunday teas 23 transactions totalling £592 ▪ Coronation weekend BBQ 45 transactions totalling £326 ▪ Scarecrow weekend BBQ and teas 85 transactions totalling £830 ▪ Harvest supper 11 transactions totalling £201 • In 2024 to end of Aug there have been 178 transactions totalling £1893. Average £10.63 of which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings - 71 transactions totalling £547. Average of £7.70. ○ For fundraising events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mothering Sunday teas 12 transactions totalling £335 ▪ Plant Fair 17 transactions £221

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Scarecrow weekend BBQ and teas 78 transactions totalling £790
14.	AOB: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FOSM use of church for curry nights- The PCC agreed that FOSM could use the church for curry nights and they would ask it to pay the same amount towards heating costs it as it does for the Old School - £30• Barbara has to anonymise the names of people that she refers to in the reflections she submits as part of her course. The reflection is sent to the tutor only. Is the PCC comfortable for this to happen? It was agreed. It was also agreed that BB could put up a poster in church requesting the same permissions from our congregation.• Bishop Debbie is visiting our Deanery in November. She is going to Yelvertoft Shepherd's Delight and for breakfast at the Welford Truck stop!!
15.	Dates of next meetings: 27/11/24, 22/01/25, 26/03/25, 21/05/25, 16/07/25, 26/11/25 (AGM 23/04/25)

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8.45pm