

St Margaret's Church – Crick
Minutes of the PCC meeting
Wednesday 24th November, 2021

	Attendees: Rev. Graeme Anderson, John Rogers, Kent Polley, Dave Milne, Hazel Gault, Lyn Johnson	
1.	Opening Prayer:	GA
2.	Apologies: Zona Dipple, Ian Jones	LJ
3.	Minutes from 29/09/21: Agreed.	GA
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: Electoral roll. DM will circulate the current ER list. The ER officer will proactively encourage people to add their names. February 2022 is selected for this project.	GA
5.	Actions from 29th Sept 2021 Electoral roll update to be completed	All
6.	Vicar's Feedback: 1. We have now been booked onto the <i>Leading Your Church Into Growth</i> course. 2. Crick Old School is moving on at a fast pace. The changes include, maintenance, purchases and cleaning. The bookings are increasing. 3. GA took part of the Harvest assembly at Crick Primary school. 4. The Music evening in the church was wonderful. 5. Little Saints has restarted, and it is great seeing the mothers, grandmothers, and children there. Zona creates a lovely tone. 6. Our Treasurer, churchwardens and GA had a meeting regarding budgets. GA subsequently sent round a video regarding this in order to encourage us to think along these lines. 7. Many thanks to Rev Tim Mitchell, who has stood in for GA when he was away from the Wednesday services. 8. GA went to the closing down service of his theological college. About three hundred people were there, and it was a good and sad time. 9. Jo is continuing treatment for cancer. She will probably be back to meeting in person just before Christmas. She is very active online and by telephone 10. Lorna has lost her driving licence for a while. She was made redundant, but has since found a new job. 11. We had a Deanery Synod in Lilbourne. Charlie Nobbs was the main speaker, and he was talking about churches coming out of lockdown. 12. GA met face-to-face with Bishop Donald for a good discussion. He is very keyed into us as a benefice. 13. The Curry night was a great event. GA loved it. Simple as that!! 14. The United Benefice service went very well. The spirit of this service is great. 15. Some of us had a Christmas service organisation meeting at the Rectory. 16. Thank you to Hazel, who organises the church cleaning each month. Both Judy and GA had a great time, and the bacon baps disappeared quickly! 17. John, Lyn and GA had a Family Carols organisation meeting. It went well, and brought more clarity. 18. Bishop Donald got a zoom meeting together to speak with all clergy about financial giving. 19. Remembrance Sunday saw two services at St Margaret's (9:45 and 15:00). This is new to us. The services were appreciated. The Scouts did a wonderful display. 20. After some sterling work by Bev at Towers, she tracked down the	GA

	<p>deceased name that the £422 payment to us is linked to. Information passed on to Church Wardens and Treasurer.</p> <p>21. Towers is kindly donating a Christmas tree to the church this year.</p>	
7.	<p>Budget 2022:</p> <p>A budget for 2022 has been produced to help the PCC plan more effectively as it continues to improve church finances.</p> <p>Headings came from 'Practical Church Management'</p> <p>It helpfully breaks areas into e.g. planned giving and expenses</p> <p>Figures are not guaranteed, but are there for guidance.</p> <p>Because of the improvement in our planned giving, it was recommended that SMC increases its parish share by 5% to 42% of the benefice total. This will start the process of rebalancing each parish's respective contributions relative to the size of each village.</p> <p>The PCC agreed to the changed percentages and will review the situation in November 2022.</p>	GA/JR
8.	<p>Churchwardens' Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 packs of Christmas cards have been on sale since 16th October of which the Post Office kindly agreed to display 20 packs. Currently, approximately 70 packs have been sold which has been sufficient to cover the costs of production. The cards have been well received • Our new boards were ordered on 13th October and a deposit of 50% of the total cost has been paid. Delivery is due around mid-December. • John Barker, the church surveyor, completed the first part of his quinquennial inspection on 19th October 2021. He will need to make another visit, date to be arranged, to complete the survey. His report will follow after the second visit. • From December, our church rotas will include a 'meet and greet' role which is separate from that of verger. An updated role description for both 'meet and greet' and verger has been circulated with the December rota. We will arrange • Cleaning of the church to take place on 4th December. The new candles and sconces will also be installed at that time. • Following floods on 30th October JB was contacted and recommends action to be taken to review the roof and repair any problems and clear the gutters. PCC agreed to quotation being sought 	KP/JR
9.	<p>Assistant Church Warden proposal:</p> <p>Andrew Hutley has agreed to take on this role and the PCC were very pleased to accept him. He will be invited to future PCC meetings!</p>	GA
10.	<p>Queen's Green Canopy Project:</p> <p>PCC agreed to the proposal to plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee. JR will seek a faculty for permissions</p>	JR
11.	<p>Commonwealth War Graves:</p> <p>SMC was approached to have a registration of its war graves site. PCC agreed.</p> <p>KP will follow up.</p>	KP
12.	<p>Sofas:</p> <p>Suggested that we have soft seating area in the North aisle to make it a more comfortable and relaxing space, plus a carpet. Faux leather and a suitable height for easy standing was discussed.</p> <p>The sofas will need to be easily removed to enable the wider flexible use of the area for fundraising events and social activities.</p>	KP

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	KP is continuing researching suitable furniture that can work as part of the multi-purpose meeting and events space in the North aisle. A proposal will be presented for agreement at the next meeting.	
13.	Safeguarding update: There has been no safeguarding issues reported. The PCC are trained and those working with the congregations, DBS checked. One outstanding DBS to be followed up.	ZD
14.	Planned events for December: Leaflets promoting the Christmas services have been delivered to all households in the village. Thank you to the distribution team. They will also be advertised in Crick News.	JR
15.	Treasurer's update: We are on target to meet our Parish Share and leave a surplus at the financial year end of 31.12.21. This is due in main part to the increase in pledged giving including gift aid to nearly £2500 per month. Although this cannot be guaranteed for the future it gives us a firm basis for the finances. The funds were also boosted by a legacy of £2500 included in "Donations". The card reader is showing a steady use We appear to be in slight surplus on our electricity costs.	DM
16.	Stewardship update: Our regular planned giving per month totals £2,546 (£30,552pa). To put this into context, 12 months ago our income from planned giving was approximately £13,000pa; a truly transformational turnaround! The card reader has been used for approximately £1000 of our income. Its use is steadily increasing.	JR
17.	AOB: <u>Peter Fursman plaque</u> The family feel his plaque is not well positioned so people can easily see it. A faculty will need to be sought for its repositioning. The PCC will review its location and see if another more suitable position can be found then speak to the family. Its relocation will need to be paid for by the family.	JR/KP
18.	Dates of next meetings: 26/01/22 30/03/22 25/05/22 27/07/22 05/10/22 30/11/22	GA
	The meeting closed with the blessing at 9.30pm	