

St Margaret's Church – Crick  
 Minutes of the Meeting of the PCC  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7.30pm, The Old School.

<b>Agenda Item</b>																															
	<p><b>Attendance:</b>            Rev Kris (chair) Lyn Johnson, (secretary), Dave Milne, Ian Jones, Andrew Hutley, Zona Dipple, Jacqueline Smith, Rev Graeme, Hazel Gault, Kent Polley, John Rogers</p>																														
1.	<b>Opening Prayer:</b> by Rev Kris																														
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> Sarah Fear																														
3.	<b>Minutes from 30/11/22</b> Agreed as an accurate record																														
4.	<b>Matters Arising not on the agenda:</b> None																														
5.	<b>Actions from 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022</b> SF still to follow up JR still to follow up. (Action)																														
6.	<p><b>Vicar's Feedback;</b>            GA thanked everyone for the support for the service changes during the last few months. They have gone well and he is now thinking about the next changes. He has been in post for nearly two years and wants to continue with growing our church.            Rev Graeme wants to spend some money from the children's work budget on a meal for the volunteers who regularly support the event. He also wants to move £500 of the money to the church account towards the heating costs.            A budget of £300 has been set aside to cover the ongoing costs providing food at the Shine services.</p>																														
7	<p><b>Children's ministry:</b>            It is going really well. Shine attendance has increased from about 30 in November to 50 in January. Fabulous.            The children and families Christmas events were also very well attended.            There was a discussion about how Shine is advertised and it was decided to directly approach families alternate months and continue to use our Facebook pages and word of mouth.            There is a refreshed children's book display in the baptistry which is available to borrow.            KS will speak to ZD and JS about further ideas.</p>																														
8	<p><b>Churchwardens' Report:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>1. <u>November and December 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>Nov</td> <td>2<sup>nd</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>6<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Morning Praise</td> <td>38</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>9<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>13<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Holy Communion</td> <td>25</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments	Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup>	HC midweek	10				6 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Praise	38	1			9 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	10				13 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	25		
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	13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	195	90	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	10		
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Shine	34	12	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	HC midweek	10		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	39	3	
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral	77	1	Goodwin
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Funeral	38		Cave
Dec	4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Praise	35	1	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	10		
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	17	1	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Family carols	78	25	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	10		
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle	130	180	Crick Primary
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Shine	32	21	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	7 lessons and carols	92	4	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	HC midweek	7		
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Crib Service	155	97	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Holy Communion (7pm)	31		
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Holy Communion	38	5	

### 1. Christmas services 2022

The Christmas special services were very well received:

- 11<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30pm – Family carols. Attendance up 47% on 2021
- 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm – 7 lessons and carols. Attendance up 6% on 2021
- 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm – Crib service. Attendance up 102% on 2021
- 24<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm – Midnight Holy Communion. Attendance up 7% on 2021
- 25<sup>th</sup> December, 11am – Benefice Holy Communion at St Margaret's. No service in 2021.

### 2. Video of 7 lessons carol service

A video of our traditional carol service was produced by Andrew. At the time of writing, it had received 154 views. The feedback has been very positive.

The videos of earlier carol services in 2020 and 2021 are still being viewed: 2020 has had just under 400 views and 2021, 210 views.

### 3. Churchwardens' meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January

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The benefice churchwardens met for a meal at the Wheatsheaf, Crick. Amongst other things, we agreed the calendar of dates for the 2023 benefice services and events.

**4. Parish Share 2024 Average Sunday Attendance submission**

Our benefice parish share calculation currently is based on 75% allocated on clergy numbers and 25% on Average Sunday Attendances (ASA).

Each parish in the benefice has calculated its ASA for 2022, the results of which are:

St Margaret's **32**, All Saints', Yelvertoft **22**, All Saints', Lilbourne **14**

As a reminder, our benefice parish share for 2023 is unchanged on 2022 and will be split as follows:

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

**5. Quinquennial report**

Our quinquennial report was received on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The priorities and actions are covered in a separate agenda item.

**6. Update on the proposal to remove the rear pews**

Actions to progress this is on hold whilst we assess the actions required to progress the priorities in the quinquennial report.

**7. Church clock**

As advised by email to the PCC on 10<sup>th</sup> January the faculty for the repairs was granted on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Additionally, thanks to a generous donation from Peter and Wendy Jordan to cover the full cost of the works and scaffolding hire: ex VAT totals just under £6,700, the works can proceed. We will be able to reclaim the VAT under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme (confirmed by telephone on 10<sup>th</sup> January). We have confirmed the order with Smiths of Derby and a date for the works to start will be advised in due course. The indicative timescales are that this should be completed by Easter.

Peter and Wendy's support for this project as well of FOSM too is a great blessing to us. We have sent a letter of thanks. In due course, Peter has asked if a plaque could be erected to mark his donation and this is something that we will of course arrange. When the works are further progressed, Peter is happy for a piece to be added to Voices and Crick News.

**8. Urgent repairs to nave roof**

	<p>Carried over from our meeting in November. A date is awaited for the works to be done.</p> <p><b>9. <u>Christmas cards</u></b></p> <p><b>2022 collection net income £59</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 69/102 packs sold plus a couple of single cards. Income £349</li> <li>• Costs £290</li> </ul> <p><b>Card sales analysis (number of packs):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church sales 45</li> <li>• Club 3</li> <li>• Post Office 21</li> <li>• Total sales 69</li> <li>• Remaining stock 33 to be sold in November/December 2023</li> </ul> <p>The sales were</p> <p><b>10. <u>Crick Old School</u></b></p> <p>St Margaret's pays an annual fee to the Old School for our use of the toilets at all our services and use of the building for church meetings. The cost for 2023 will be £575 which works to about £11/week.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Quinquennial report:</b></p> <p>Last done about 7/8 years ago.</p> <p>There are no horror stories in the report, but certainly work to be done! We MUST eg. deal with rain water, stonework decay and stonework movement.</p> <p>Our first priority is to deal with the potential danger of the cracks in the plasterwork in the chancel ceiling. This is a Health and Safety issue and must be addressed.</p> <p>Additionally, AH believes he's found evidence of woodworm activity in the organ loft which also needs further investigation.</p> <p>The PCC unanimously agreed to close the chancel until further investigation into the problems can be arranged.</p> <p>The PCC unanimously agreed to a fund of £2000 towards the investigation process of the chancel and the woodworm.</p> <p>There was a further discuss about the process necessary to appeal to FOSM for its support to fund the works once they were identified. The investigation work needs to be done first. The PCC needs to write to FOSM outlining the needs, so that everything is clear.</p> <p>It was considered necessary to work more closely with FOSM to build an ongoing working partnership.</p> <p>The PCC expressed its gratitude for the generosity of Peter and Wendy Jordan in paying for the repair of our clock. It is really appreciated.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Bright Ideas!</b></p> <p>Occho booked to come back in the summer (25<sup>th</sup> May) in addition to a winter concert.</p>

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	<p>The 'Bright Ideas' group met to discuss ways of fundraising, and it decided that there were opportunities to do this is at some of our services, eg Mothering Sunday and Harvest Festival. It was decided that this year, raising the profile of our special services would be the main focus.</p>
11.	<p><b>Safeguarding update:</b>          We are still up to date with requirements for our Level 3 and no issues have been reported.</p>
12.	<p><b>Little Saints:</b>          Little Saints started back with 6 children this term which is a good for January. It can be a slow/quiet start after Christmas, but we're hopefully looking forward to another lovely term!</p>
13.	<p><b>Fees for occasional Offices:</b>          AH expanded on the document relating to fees for organists and choirs. The PCC decided there will be no change to fees at Crick, and Lilbourne and Yelvertoft PCC will also need to vote on this so there will be an agreement across the benefice.</p>
14.	<p><b>Speak English classes in the Old School:</b>          Speak English has met nine times. We had a break for two weeks over Christmas, and are back in the swing of things now. On average, we have 12 students, however, the numbers are increasing; last time having 17.          The helpers are doing fabulously, getting alongside and encouraging the men with their English. On average, we have between 5 and 9 helpers, and have more volunteers we can call on when needed.          We continue with the weekly topics, and now we are so encouraged that some local qualified ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) teachers are providing us with material each week. This is a great help, and will ensure a good standard for the sessions. Some more topics covered have been: Transport, Food, Greetings, clothing and parts of the body, and visiting the doctor.          We are paying for the hire of the Crick Old School on a month by month basis.</p> <p>Speak English is going very well, and is giving these men a really useful opportunity to improve their English speaking, and to feel welcomed by the local community. It does also let them know the love of Jesus through being loved and valued.</p>
15	<p><b>Treasurer's update – including Parish Share</b>          There was a discussion about the service collection and if we should send around a collection plate. It was agreed this is not really wanted. A suggestion was made to make a sign to sit alongside the offering plate and card reader to encourage the giving.          We also need to put out the donation box at coffee time.</p>
16.	<p><b>New Bank Account:</b>          The proposal is to move from Santander to the Charities Aid Foundation Bank who are more accommodating to the needs of a church banking system. It will cost about £96 annually.          It was unanimously agreed by PCC.</p>

17.	<p><b>Stewardship update</b></p> <p><b>1. Planned giving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Since my October report there have been no changes to our planned giving</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• Our Parish Share for 2022 is £28,810. In 2023 this will rise to £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></ul> <p>In 2022 there were 254 transactions totalling £1,688. Average of £6.64.</p>
18.	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>There are safety concerns about the bulging churchyard wall alongside Church Street pavement and the unsteady rail up the steps.</p> <p>The quinquennial report has identified a range of repairs needed that include these areas and they are the responsibility of the parish council. JR is waiting for some clarification about the Bier House which also needs repair, before he forwards the information to the parish council.</p>
19.	<p>Dates of next meetings: 22/03/23 (APCM 26/04/23) 24/05/23, 26/07/23, 27/09/23, 29/11/23.</p>