

St Margaret's Church – Crick
Minutes of the PCC
Wednesday 26th July 2023, 7.30pm, The Old School.

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	Attendees: Rev Graeme, John Rogers, Dave Milne, Andrew Hutley, Rev Kris (from item 12), Jacqueline Smith, Ian Jones, Hazel Gault, Gemma Drakeford (non-voting observer)																																																												
1.	Opening Prayers: Led by Rev Graeme																																																												
2.	Apologies: Zona Dipple, Rev Jo, Lyn Johnson, Kent Polley																																																												
3.	Minutes from 24/05/23: Accepted a true record of the meeting																																																												
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: Rev Graeme welcomed Gemma Drakeford who was attending the PCC for the first time. Currently, Gemma will be attending as a non-voting member until such time as the Church Representation rules have been met.																																																												
5.	Actions from 24/05/23: All completed																																																												
6.	Vicar's Feedback: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The establishment of the Fabric Sub-Committee is a good and important step for the PCC and St Margaret's. 2. FOSM's support for the next stage of the ceiling work and the speed of their decision is brilliant. 3. Rev Jo has started her curacy. This is a big deal for her and for the benefice. She has been accepted by the diocese to continue her training. Rev Graeme is responsible for Rev Jo's training and the objective is to bring her to a place where she is nationally deployable. 																																																												
7	Children's ministry: Rev Kris wasn't available to give his report. The July Shine service was attended by the Guides which included a blessing of their flag. About 20 children and 20 adults attended.																																																												
8	Churchwardens' Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>May and June services</u> <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>May</td> <td>3rd</td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7th</td> <td>Morning Praise</td> <td>29</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>10th</td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>14th</td> <td>Holy Communion</td> <td>36</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>17th</td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>21st</td> <td>Shine</td> <td>25</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>21st</td> <td>Choral Evensong</td> <td>61</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>24th</td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>28th</td> <td>Songs of Praise</td> <td>36</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> 	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments	May	3 rd	HC midweek	10				7 th	Morning Praise	29	1			10 th	HC midweek	12				14 th	Holy Communion	36	4			17 th	HC midweek	13				21 st	Shine	25	6			21 st	Choral Evensong	61	1			24 th	HC midweek	8				28 th	Songs of Praise	36		
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1. Churchwardens' meeting 26th June

The benefice churchwardens met for a BBQ at The Rectory. Our thanks to Rev Graeme and Judy for their hospitality.

2. Quinquennial report

Chancel ceiling: Following John Barker's site visit on 22nd May he has made a recommendation for a second phase of exploration in two places. Firstly, to the ceiling plasterwork on the north side close to the arch and secondly in the ceiling area adjacent to the East window. This will involve removing some of the plaster panels to allow inspection of the timbers and extending the scaffolding. The AV screen will also need to be removed for the duration of the works. Total costs estimated at £6,120. This excludes the VAT which the PCC can reclaim under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme. The scope of the works was considered at the PCC Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory on 5th July. There was unanimous agreement to recommend this next phase to the PCC for agreement and that the PCC approaches FOSM for the funds. This was done by email and agreed unanimously.

Roof works: Dates awaited from SC Builders.

Churchyard works: Crick Parish Council has obtained quotations for urgent works in the churchyard. Faculties will be required for these works and the Parish Clerk is now in direct contact with the DAC. We are providing support to the clerk as required.

3. Fabric sub-committee

The PCC Standing Committee met at the Rectory on 5th July to consider the draft terms of reference for the Fabric Sub-Committee (FSC). Agreed unanimously and recommendation to the PCC for their adoption. This was done by email to all PCC members and agreed unanimously.

4. Scarecrow weekend

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	<p>The vintage teas and BBQ for the Scarecrow weekend raised just over £2,400 net of expenses. This is a 12% increase on 2022. Our thanks to the team of helpers and cake-makers for their hard work, enthusiasm and collaboration for producing another first-class result.</p> <p>Kent, John and Andrew</p>
9	<p>Fabric Sub Committee update</p> <p>The PCC Standing Committee met at the Rectory on 5th July to consider the draft terms of reference for the Fabric Sub-Committee (FSC).</p> <p>In summary; the fabric committee's main purpose is to recommend a programme of works to improve the fabric of the church. Not fundraising.</p> <p>An electronic copy of the quinquennial report has been sent to the group where applicable.</p> <p>The members of the group include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ian Jones• Glen Smith• John Winn• Andrew Hutley• Dave Milne (At the time of writing: FOSM representative) <p>The first meeting is due 13th September 2023; 7pm; Old School.</p> <p>Followed by.</p> <p>15th November 2023;7pm; Old School.</p> <p>Kent Polley (Chair) July 2023</p>
10	<p>Safeguarding update:</p> <p>There have been no issues raised and RS has nearly completed his training as part of his hand over from ZD.</p> <p>JR proposed that the following statement be agreed by the PCC. Seconded by AH. All in favour.</p> <p>“Known offenders, and others who may pose a risk to children or vulnerable adults, must be effectively managed and monitored in consultation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.”</p>
11.	<p>Little Saints:</p> <p>Little Saints is as good as ever. 6/7 kids a week. The only thing I've noticed is the weekly donations have decreased. Whereas we'd be getting £8/9 a</p>

	<p>week in our basket it's now more like £4 which only really covers basic crafts and snacks. We have three children with allergies so the cost of snacks has increased.</p> <p>One of the Grandmas said they have been asked to "play Little Saints " at home. Apparently, they have to do a craft, sing a song, say our prayer and then Granddad has to put some money in a basket! It really made me smile</p> <p>I've made photo bookmarks for all the children with our prayer on, made sweet bags plus a gift for the mums. We have one leaver, so she will have had her photo book of her time with us and all the summer birthday presents will be given out also.</p>
12.	<p>Communion 'one cup'</p> <p>Following a request from a member of the congregation to return to the 'one cup' administration of the wine at Holy Communion, the PCC shared their personal views on the pros and cons and this. After discussion it was agreed to try out a hybrid approach from 13th August where there will be 2 chalices – one for intinction of the bread and the other for sharing. Two chalice assistants will be required. Any surplus blessed wine must be consumed and David Turner will be approached to see if he will be happy to do this.</p>
13.	<p>Speak English classes in the Old School</p> <p>We are now into the ninth month of Speak English. It's going well, with a core group of learners plus extra additional men from time to time.</p> <p>We held a Plant Fair at the end of May, and raised £470 to assist with the running of the sessions. Three of our learners volunteered at this, and thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the members of the village and church who attended. Fantastic achievement!</p> <p>The money raised through fundraising is now held in the Church bank account ring fenced for work with the Ibis asylum seekers.</p> <p>Over the Summer holidays we will be getting all the helpers fully trained and DBS'ed to the level specified by the Diocese. Speak English is now on the church dashboard, and so we need to upgrade our training. It has been hard work for Zona who has given her time and energies since standing down from this post. I thank her for this, and for Ray also, who is keeping abreast of the situation.</p> <p>Also, over the summer holidays, we will be offering social gatherings in the Village Hall for our learners at the same time as the usual sessions. This will maintain the contact and improve language skills as well as giving opportunity for some church/village members to meet up with the men in a relaxed setting.</p> <p>We will restart the Speak English sessions in September in Crick Old School.</p>

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	<p>Please continue to pray for the men who come along, and also for the helpers as we help them with their language skills as well as offer general support.</p>
14.	<p>Treasurer's update – including Parish Share: The parish share continues to be met by planned giving but only just and more regular donors are needed. So far this year our general expenses have been met from other income and fundraising and there is no reason to believe that this will not remain so as long as there are no sudden expenses. The chancel roof investigation is being covered by a donation from the Friends but work resulting from that investigation may not be able to be met from their very limited funds without fundraising and grants from outside bodies. An up-to-date balance sheet was provided at the meeting.</p>
15.	<p>Migration to Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) bank account: The PCC agreed to the opening of the CAF bank account at our January meeting. The current and deposit accounts are now open. To complete the migration, the online banking application needs to be set up and a plan made to contact all those affected by the change of banking, e.g. the Planned Giving Scheme, planned givers by standing order, direct debit payments, single payment debit offerings via Goodbox, Planned Giving Scheme and Give a Little. Action DM to progress by the next PCC meeting. JR to provide support as required.</p>
16.	<p>Stewardship update:</p> <p>1. Planned giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since my May report there have been 2 new members to our planned giving scheme. 3 more people have been approached who have agreed to join the scheme. I will continue to make personalised approaches.• We have 34 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.• 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 £2,816 (£2,634)/month/£33,793(£31,608)/year.• Our Parish Share for 2023 is £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 totaling £1,290. Average of £7.50.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2022 there were 254 transactions totaling £1,688. Average of £6.64.• In 2023, to end of June:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings there have been 117 transactions totaling £1,038. Average of £8.87.○ For fundraising events: Mothering Sunday teas 23 transactions totaling £592 and Coronation weekend BBQ 45 transaction totaling £592.
17.	AOB: July PCC meeting. From 2024 onwards, adjust the date of the July PCC meeting to avoid the start of the school holidays. Action: LJ
18.	Dates of next meetings: 27/09/23, 29/11/23.