

St Margaret's Church – Crick
Meeting of the PCC
Wednesday 28th July 2021 7.30pm St. Margaret's

| Minutes | | |
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| 1. | <p>Attendance: Rev. Graeme, John Rogers, Hazel Gault, Zona Dipple, Lyn Johnson, Ian Jones, Kent Polley, Dave Milne</p> <p>Opening Prayer: led by GA</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Apologies: None</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Minutes from 09/06/21: Accepted.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Matters Arising not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scarecrow festival We need to get coordinated. LJ & JR to meet to plan accordingly. IJ to consider the 'teddy on the zip wire' activity. Sue M to organize Ride and Stride. 11th Sept ● Charges for occasional offices GA asked what the PCC thought about a price increase. It was asked what the reasoning was behind the changes. Some issues it resolves, eg. if the organist isn't available it enables for the purchase of services from someone else. There was some discussion about the different charges, balance, fairness, seasonal differences etc. Comment made regarding eg. Parents' and children attending LS on Monday and the use of the heating in winter. The proposed price increases were accepted. They will be reviewed in 2022. | Action |
| 5. | <p>Actions from 9th June 2021: JR has added a Google diary to website. It sits on the events page. All actions completed.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Vicar's Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A sense of rhythm is back in the church and the congregation beginning to return ● Weds HC service resumed and a goodly number attending ● Spent some time getting people standing in for GA when he is not available. ● We have a curate, Rev. Kris from Naseby benefice, standing in on the 2 Wednesdays when GA on holiday. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Order of services are being refreshed ● Thank you to all who supported the Garden Party, both in organising and attending, including the ‘gardeners’. ● Children’s event to be booked for harvest time. ● The CWs have had their admission service (online) ● LJ Deanery Synod Rep ● The Robertson’s now left, but a big hole created which has taken time to fill. ● Lorna and Jo leading all children and youth services. There is now an all age service in one of the churches each week. ● Fred Norton’s funeral held in June. ● GA was welcomed to the diocese with a visit to the diocesan offices in Northampton ● The wedding law and processes have recently changed. All old registers to be returned to Northampton. Instead we will have a new, simple record register stored in the church. ● In June the children’s team all met in the pub for a meal. Appreciated. ● Several baptisms in church- thanks to ZD and LJ ● GA meets monthly with Lorna and Jo (independently) to support their ministry and spiritual development. ● Judy Anderson is now our wedding coordinator and GA is training her. ● Also giving training for churchwardens to up-skill them to keep pace with the changing needs of the church. | |
| 7. | <p>Frequency of PCC meetings and standing committee: It was suggested that we met bi-monthly. A Standing Committee to meet between times to make any urgent decisions. (Committee contains Clergy/Church Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer) Allowed to make spending decisions up to £500 It was unanimously agreed.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Covid Policies, including coffee after services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teas and coffees –yes ● HC administration – yes ● Masks wearing in pews – no unless the choice of participant ● Segregated pews – retain and monitor situation ● Sign removal to be reviewed by standing committee | |
| 9. | <p>Replacement of Notice Boards by South Gate: Plan is to remove both blue outside notice boards and replace with one larger one by the south gate. Will cost approx. £1200 Quote from Green Barns, Northants, but we will have to install it.</p> | |

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| | KP to continue research for more quotes and speak with the Lilbourne Churchwardens (who have just replaced their notice board) for the next meeting. | |
| 10. | <p>Remembrance book: Has been relocated into the baptistry. It was discussed how much should be charged for an entry. There is a calligrapher in the village who will make the entry for £30. It was agreed £50 would be charged for a name and basic details, to be included in the book. The offer of the entry of the name to be included as part of the Funeral Package.</p> | |
| 11. | <p>Old School: A new group of trustees has formed to look at the future use of the OS. It includes two members of the parish council and JR is chairing the group. Our Rural Dean has appointed GA as a trustee. The PCC offered a huge thanks to DM for his caretaking and stewardship over the years.</p> | |
| 12. | <p>St Margaret's Voices: LJ asked the PCC to consider the long-term future of SMV. Is it still relevant? There is a very wide (100+) circulation list and its weekly, but LJ is the only editor. Is this sustainable. The PCC to reflect and return to the question next meeting.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>Safeguarding update: Every church is required to have a safeguarding officer but there is no requirement for a benefice wide role. There was nothing to report for Crick</p> | |
| 14. | <p>Churchwardens' Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christmas Eve service times now agreed with CWs. This year midnight mass in Crick ● The Robinson's card now available for signing. JR asks that people donate towards the benefice gift, either by cash to him or directly into the Yelvertoft collection ● Photo gift agreed. ● Harvest service added in diary as 26th Sept. Possible children event on 25th? Are we having Harvest Supper? To be discussed at standing committee meeting. ● Organ recital event 9th Oct organised by Nigel. ● Should we swap the all age worship on 7th Nov with 31st Oct benefice service? This would mean a benefice service on 7th to celebrate GA's official induction? It was suggested it should be discussed with all benefice CWs. ● It was discussed if there should be a HC on the morning of the Remembrance Day service. It was decided yes, but GA and CWs will also take into consideration how | |

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| | the other churches want to respond to Remembrance Day. | |
| 15. | <p>Fundraising committee: JR attended a presentation on fundraising which said 'do not rely on events! The PCC is responsible for both capital and revenue costs for St Ms and we need to reflect on what we want and the skills and strengths of the people needed to enable successful fund growth. We need to pray about it. Raising funds is very much about our aims for discipleship in Christ.</p> | |
| 16. | <p>Church Cleaning: HG will restore the Helping Hands cleaning group and communicate date/times to PCC</p> | |
| 17. | <p>Stewardship update: ● Card readers for offerings/donations JR had researched card readers and general consensus is that they increase funds into churches. Full price for one year is £275. It was unanimously agreed it should be purchased.</p> | |
| 18. | <p>Treasurer's update: We have now paid 50% of the parish share and there is enough in the funds to pay the full share for this year. There is some money in a restricted fund, donated for the improvement of the kitchen facility. It needs to transfer to FOSM because it is paying for the improvement work. It was agreed.</p> | |
| 19. | <p>Electrics update: IJ explained some work needs to be done to make some heaters safe and he is researching suitable replacements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andrew Hutley has done a brilliant job reviewing our AV system and has saved us a bigger expenditure!! The system is now working well. ● JR will put an idiot's guide together. <p>Thank you Andrew because your work has transformed the congregation's appreciation and inclusion in services.</p> | |
| 20. | <p>AOB: None</p> | |
| 21. | <p>Date of next meeting: 29th September 7.30pm @ St M's.</p> | |
| | Meeting closed with a prayer at 9.50pm | |