

St Margaret's Church – Crick
Meeting of the PCC
Wednesday 5th October, 7.30pm, The Old School.

	Agenda Item
1.	Opening Prayers: Rev Kris
2.	Attendance: Rev Kris (Chair), John Rogers, Sarah Fear, Kent Polley, Andrew Hutley, Zona Dipple, Hazel Gault, Dave Milne, Lyn Johnson Apologies: Rev Graeme (Covid), Ian Jones, Jacqueline Smith
3.	Minutes from 27/07/22: Agreed as an accurate account; Correction of the time of the All Souls Service to 6.00pm (A - LJ)
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: After much debate and consideration purchasing sofas is deferred until we know more about the possibility of removing pews under the organ loft. The north aisle is a very useful/practical space for many events, eg LS and it was felt adding sofas may restrict its flexibility.
5.	Actions from 27th July 2022: All completed
6.	Vicar's Feedback: Unfortunately, Rev Graeme is poorly. The first Morning Worship service was held on 2 nd October. Generally felt went well but had a few teething problems eg. sound not always good. The four pieces of music at the beginning possibly too long. However, as we find our way through it will evolve and more of the community can be involved in its development and delivery.
7.	Children's ministry: The All Age service has been adapted to be more intergenerational and involve our children, families and congregation in more interactive ways. The feedback has been very positive and the services have been well received. The Shine team has had its first meeting which went very well. The sense of excitement and commitment to grow our Children's and family ministry was palpable and Rev. Kris was struck by the team's missional hearts. Team roles have been agreed including preparing the service, leading, reading, prayers, activities, advertising, music, food prep and serving. Shine is launched on Sunday 16 th October. Personal invites will be sent to our families and children, Little Saints, baptism families, wedding families, and Crick School inviting them to the launch. An advertising campaign has started on Facebook and will run each Friday promoting Shine up until the launch event. Posters for Shine have been put up in the village and a banner has been ordered and will be placed in the Church grounds during the run up to the service.

	<p>To celebrate the launch of Shine there will be food and drinks provided.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there will be costs for food which we plan to serve at the end of each service and some initial set up costs with the banner (Approx £60-£70), and new floor mats.</p> <p>The PCC agreed to support this from the Vicar's disbursement fund which is allocated for education.</p> <p>Rev. Kris thanked the Children's Ministry team for their hard work and Revd. Graeme.</p>
8	<p>Churchwardens' Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>All Souls benefice service in Crick on 30th October</u> A planning meeting for the benefice All Souls service was held at the Rectory on 17th September with Rev Graeme, Andrew Hutley, Jacqueline Smith, Jo Ognjanovic and John Rogers.<u>Remembrance service</u> A meeting has been arranged on 12th October with representatives from Crick Scouts/Cubs/Beavers/Guides/Brownies/Rainbows. This will also be attended by Rev Graeme, Rev Kris, Jo Ognjanovic, Ann Ward, John Rogers. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the young people can be involved in the service. There is interest in a parade either to or from the Tommy soldier before or after the church service.<u>Churchwardens' meeting 14th September</u> The benefice churchwardens met for a meal at the Knightley Arms, Yelvertoft. These provide very good opportunities to get to know each other, share ideas and resources between the three parishes.<u>Quinquennial report</u> Visit 27th June by John Barker. Phone call with John on 15th September. He acknowledges that this is overdue and he is aiming to have completed as soon as possible.<u>Update on the proposal to remove the rear pews and extend the store rooms</u> Phone call with John Barker on 15th September. Brief notes of John's advice as follows: <u>Storage space</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAC probably wouldn't agree to the walls being extended beyond the wooden pillars• And might not even agree to this if the additional space to be created was modest

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- The concern is about creating a boxed-in elevation at the west end that takes away the profiling of the organ loft
- Therefore, make best use of the existing storage space
- JB could though see some sense in increasing the width of the door openings to the LH store to improve access. DAC approval for this would still be required
- Suggested inviting a group from the DAC to visit. If we do this, contact via DAC secretary

Pew removal

- JB's view is that generally the DAC is in favour of pew removal, especially at the extremities of the seating area. Note that JB is a DAC member
- We already have some precedent for this given that pews have been removed in the past in the north aisle and baptistry
- A scheme to remove the nave seating might be more problematic but not necessarily insurmountable
- JB will drop by the church before the PCC meeting on 5th October to take a look at all the above and call John.

6. AV/radio microphones

The existing radio microphones are starting to show their age plus we have had a few accidents with wires and antennas getting trapped in the sides of the big black box. Repairs are being attempted and a small number of spares are in hand but they won't last forever. A third spare radio mic has been acquired and tested at a service recently and seems fine. Individual plastic boxes have been acquired for each radio mic and vergers are asked to use them going forward. A spare lectern mic has also been acquired. It is planned to put a socket point in the pulpit so that the spare mic can be plugged in and removed after a service without the need for running cables and getting a mic stand out of the Sacristy. Weddings this year have seen readers using the pulpit. Under development, is a plan to remote the power switch for the amplifiers in the Sacristy so that they come on when power is applied to the desk upstairs. In turn it may be possible to have a power switch for the desk in the vestry (removing the cable to the kitchen) thus simplifying the process of turning the system on especially for those who don't have keys to the kitchen or Sacristy. It is planned to run the extension speakers for the armistice outdoor activity again this year.

7. Updating noticeboards and web site with new services

The noticeboard at the south gate will need to be updated with the new service pattern. We have contacted the noticeboard supplier and have received detailed instructions. The supplier can supply the new lettering or we can go to a local sign maker. For the time

	<p>being we will post a notice of the new service pattern in the poster case on the south gate and also update the church website and Facebook.</p> <p>8. <u>Church clock</u></p> <p>Our proposal is with the DAC awaiting their response. We understand that it was tabled at the meeting on 13th September.</p> <p>Kent, John and Andrew</p>
9	<p>New Ibis Hotel residents: Asylum seekers and refugees are in the hotel. Rev G shared a voice message with the PCC about his visit to the Ibis and the needs, expectations and potential concerns regarding the asylum seekers in residence. The men need warmer clothes, support with cooking, and a space for football. Cheryl Stonehouse (scout leader) suggested the village hall could be used for them to cook their own food. Our congregation will be asked if anyone knows where funding can be accessed or has any other advice to offer. It will be good to support this in a Christian way, but we have to use discernment so that our response is appropriate.</p>
10.	<p>Financial forecast 2022-2023: JR spoke to his spreadsheet. This financial year we will have paid our bills with a small surplus. We had a surprising bonus from the number of blessings and the plate has started to improve. 2023 – JR has tried to forecast finances based on the 2022 totals. Currently we are paying 42% of the parish share (Yelvertoft 48% and Lilbourne 10%), but next year likely to be paying 48%. The Benefice has to pay its share and our proportion will increase. Electricity is less of a concern because we have a contract until 2025. 40% of planned givers have agreed to the annual % uplift. Fundraising will continue: Definitely Scarecrow and Occho, because currently we are likely to have a £3000 shortfall in 2023. JR noted that we have gained most donations during events where we have opened our doors to the community.</p>
11.	<p>Event and fundraising planning principles for 2023: JR and LJ met in September to reflect on fundraising and a set of principles to guide how that was processed was produced for PCC consideration. It was agreed that a fundraising committee should be created and JR will produce a suggested calendar of events for the new committee to consider.</p>
12	<p>Safeguarding update: We have achieved a Level 3 on the Diocese Safeguarding Action Plan. There are no further levels. Very well done to Zona for pursuing this.</p>
13	<p>Little Saints: There were 10 children last week, which included 3 new families. We've started to talk about Shine and we're incorporating "God is good</p>

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	all the time and all the time God is good" each week with the lighting of a candle.
14	<p>Treasurer's update: We are on course to meet our Parish Share, but the position may change after the Benefice Treasurers and Churchwardens meet. Also, the Quinquennial Report is still awaited.</p>
15	<p>Stewardship update Planned giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since July report there is one new joiner to the planned giving scheme by direct debit and standing order. • 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. • Our Parish Share for 2022 is £28,810 compared to our current annualised planned giving of £31,908. • 40% of our planned givers have agreed to increase their monthly direct debits by RPI. From 1st October, direct debits will be increased by 7.8% <p>Card reader 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. The usage for the 9 completed months of 2022 is £1,321</p>
16	<p>AOB: Church cleaning Saturday 8th Oct, 9.30-12.30 Set PCC and APCM dates 2023</p>
17	<p>Dates of next meetings: 30/11/22, 25/01/23, 29/03/23 (APCM 26/04/23) 24/05/23, 26/07/23, 27/09/23, 29/11/23. (For approval)</p>