

St Margaret's Church – Crick  
Minutes of the PCC  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7.30pm, The Old School.

	Agenda Item																																																
	<b>Attendees:</b> Rev. Kris, (Chair) Dave Milne, Lyn Johnson, Zona Dipple, Kent Polley, Rev Jo, Ian Jones, John Rogers, Hazel Gault.																																																
1.	<b>Opening Prayers;</b> given by Rev Kris																																																
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> Gemma Drakeford, Jacqueline Smith, Graeme Anderson, Andrew Hutley,																																																
3.	<b>Minutes from 26/07/23</b> Accepted as a true account of the meeting																																																
4.	<b>Matters Arising not on the agenda:</b> None																																																
5.	<b>Actions from 26/07/23</b> Fulfilled																																																
6.	<b>Vicar's Feedback:</b> Services have gone well over the summer and they feel as if they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank you to those who do the preparation at the services. Harvest meal was a phenomenal event which was brilliantly supported by the Crick team. Rev Kris took over the running of the benefice for seven weeks this summer as part of his preparation for his own parish. Rev Graeme has now resumed his leadership. Rev Graeme will be taking a three-month sabbatical from May-August 2024. Rev Alison Twigg will be providing Rev Jo support during this time. There will be a home group/study group to be introduced soon.																																																
7	<b>Children's ministry:</b> The last Shine service was really good. There was an increase in children and their families. Please keep praying for the ongoing success of the service and the support of the people who lead it.																																																
8	<p><b>Churchwardens' Report</b></p> <p><b>1. <u>July and August services</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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>July</td> <td>2<sup>nd</sup></td> <td>Morning Praise</td> <td>25</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>5<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>9<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Holy Communion</td> <td>34</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>12<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>15<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Service of prayer and dedication</td> <td>54</td> <td>17</td> <td>Dan and Gemma Drakeford</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>16<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Shine</td> <td>21</td> <td>19</td> <td>Guides</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>19<sup>th</sup></td> <td>HC midweek</td> <td>8</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments	July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Praise	25	3			5 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	11				9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	34	1			12 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	12				15 <sup>th</sup>	Service of prayer and dedication	54	17	Dan and Gemma Drakeford		16 <sup>th</sup>	Shine	21	19	Guides		19 <sup>th</sup>	HC midweek	8		
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	23 <sup>rd</sup>	HC midweek	10		
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	32		
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**1. Churchwardens' meeting 25<sup>th</sup> September June**

The benefice churchwardens met over a meal at The Red Lion, Crick on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**2. Quinquennial report**

**Chancel ceiling:**

FOSM has kindly agreed a grant of £6,120 for the total estimated costs of the exploration phase of the chancel works. On behalf of the PCC, the churchwardens express their thanks to FOSM for its support. The grant excludes the VAT which the PCC can reclaim under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme.

The removal of AV screen was completed on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The scaffolding adjacent to the chancel arch was extended on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Simon Elbow, SC Builders, attended on 15<sup>th</sup> September to undertake the investigation work in this area of the ceiling. His assessment is awaited. The extension of the scaffolding at the east end was done on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The scaffolders have extended the support and Simon Elbow noticed that the lathes on north side need addressing and John will get John Barker in for advice.

**Roof works:** The previously agreed repair works to the lead on the nave roof will be done at same time as chancel inspection. Whilst the builder is on site, he will also the clear downpipes from the nave roof. The cost for this will be charged separately.

**Churchyard works:** Crick Parish Council is proceeding with the urgent works to churchyard. The parish clerk is in direct contact with the DAC to obtain faculties, where required.

	<p><b>3. <u>Fabric sub-committee</u></b></p> <p>The Fabric sub-committee held its first meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September. A separate minute of this meeting has been produced.</p> <p><b>4. <u>Orders of service</u></b></p> <p>Paper orders of service have been produced for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for use whilst the chancel works are in progress. Whilst we expect to revert to the use of the screen as soon as we are able, the paper copies will aid those members of the congregation who might find it more comfortable to follow the service in this way. The paper versions will also give us a back-up should there be any unexpected failure of the AV equipment.</p> <p><b>5. <u>Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023</u></b></p> <p>A meeting to plan the Remembrance Sunday service at 3pm has been arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> October. Representatives from the Guides, Scouts, Crick Parish Council and Crick Ex-Serviceman's have been invited.</p> <p>Kent, John and Andrew</p> <p>Thank you to John for all his work on the church repairs which has been quite relentless!</p>
9.	<p><b>Fabric Sub Committee update:</b></p> <p>The committee met for the first time, clarified its core purpose, which is to focus on the fabric of the church, rather than the fund raising. They are going to focus on 'quick wins' eg. linseeding and sanding down. Glen Smith met with Kent and talked through the range of repairs and restoration that needed doing. Next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
10	<p><b>Renewal of 'Succession of Rectors' board:</b></p> <p>There is a board in the baptistry area that records the list of rectors who have supported St Margaret's over time. It is now faded and needs refurbishment before Rev Graeme's name is added. It will cost £700 to do this.</p> <p>John Winn has offered to gift aid the money and he would like it dedicated to his late wife Loraine and in his loving memory.</p> <p>The PCC voted unanimously to accept John's generous offer. They recommended a dedication service at some time in the future.</p>
11.	<p><b>Safeguarding update:</b></p> <p>Zona gave a summary about the difficulties in getting the teaching team for the Speak English classes complete with their safeguarding training. Ray has been steadily taking over the other safeguarding issues. There have</p>

	<p>been two allegations of safeguarding incidents which have been reported to the Parish Safeguarding Officer and Diocese Safeguarding Team in line with the Diocese Safeguarding Policy.</p> <p>Many thanks were offered to Zona for her work in this area.</p>
12.	<p><b>Little Saints;</b></p> <p>A lovely new group has started this term and 12 children have attended so far which is excellent. Zona does an excellent job of making the families feel welcome which is what encourages them to return each week.</p>
13.	<p><b>Harvest events:</b></p> <p>Harvest supper was a lovely community event and very well received. We raised £351</p> <p>The Harvest Sunday service was well attended and there was a goodly quantity of food collected for the Foodbank.</p>
14.	<p><b>400 daffodil bulbs:</b></p> <p>These are being offered by the Parish Council to go along the path to create a daffodil walk. The PCC agreed to support this. We will need to get a group of volunteers to actually plant these. KP has a suitable 'dibber'.</p>
15.	<p><b>Speak English classes in the Old School:</b></p> <p>During the summer there were 'drop-ins' available for the refugees. Now the classes have resumed. There is a smaller group starting this term and thanks go to Cheryl Stonehouse for putting together the materials for the term and to Judy for leading on this really impactful programme.</p>
16.	<p><b>Treasurer's update – including Parish Share:</b></p> <p>DM commented that the plate offerings are down, but some of that is explained through the increase in planned giving. However, fewer people contribute than used to pre covid. We are still on course to achieve our parish share.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the need to encourage people to feel welcome in church without the pressure of them contributing.</p> <p>We will begin using the donation box again at coffee time.</p> <p>Rev Graeme will be preaching on giving at a future date and his thoughts will be sought following the PCC's discussion.</p>
17.	<p><b>Stewardship update:</b></p> <p><b>Planned giving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since my July report there have been two 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 members on the Parish Giving Scheme have agreed to annual inflation increases.</li><li>• Based on a rolling 12-month period the revised average monthly and annual totals, assuming no other changes, are now £2,816 /month/£33,793/year.</li><li>• Our Parish Share for 2023 is £32,240.</li></ul> <p><b>1. 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><li>• In 2022 there were 254 transactions totalling £1,688. Average of £6.64.</li><li>• In 2023, to end of August:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings there have been 139 transactions totalling £1,191. Average of £8.56.</li><li>○ For fundraising events:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mothering Sunday teas 23 transactions totalling £592</li><li>▪ Coronation weekend BBQ 45 transactions totalling £326</li><li>▪ Scarecrow weekend BBQ and teas 85 transactions totalling £830</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
18.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date for AGM 2024 is April 24<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed with Rev Graeme</li><li>• The date for July PCC 2024 was agreed to be 17<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>• Ride and Stride - £564 has been sent off. Sue Milne is retiring from leading on it and it has now passed to the PCC for future organisation.</li><li>• JR offered thanks to Ian for his generous support with all the repairs and improvements in the old school that have transformed the building.</li><li>• <b>Oil filled candles-</b> it was unanimously agreed to purchase some more oil filled candles of the right size to fit the brass candle sticks. JR is going to research smaller candles to fit the aisle candles during Christmas.</li></ul>
19.	<p><b>Dates of next meetings:</b> 29/11/23. 24/01/24, 27/03/24 APCM-24/04/24 22/05/24, 17/07/24, 25/09/24, 27/11/24</p>

**The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.20pm**