

St Margaret of Antioch Church, Crick
Minutes. PCC meeting, 29th September 2021

Opening Prayers: Given by GA
Apologies: DM
Minutes from 28/07/21: Were agreed.
Matters Arising not on the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Av system Andrew is now assisting Yelvertoft with their audio system
Actions from 28th July 2021: All completed
Vicar's Feedback: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It was agreed that JO can attend PCC meetings as an observer.2. Future PCC meeting dates agreed. Please note corrected date as different to that stated on the agenda. It is 27/07/213. We have had our first wedding, and I want to thank Hazel, Zona and Judy so much – not only for their help, but the spirit in which they served.4. One big change is Lorna and Jo are heading up the children's work. They are doing well, and it is good to see numbers increasing. The aim is to expand the focus of these services to be relevant to older children and through the age range.5. The diocesan Children's Ministry Course has started, and Jo, Lorna, Lyn, Zona, Barbara and Jacqui are attending. This should increase the skills, knowledge, confidence, awareness and team-working of these people6. GA is in contact with the local school, and Ray is putting together a new assembly list.7. JR, KP and GA have had several meetings regarding the Old School, with a view to gaining a vision, renewing the building, and making it more useful to the village. JR is chair of the trustees, and is doing a great job. Jo is the new manager.8. GA commented on the Scarecrow weekend. To see everyone working together and be part of it himself was a joy! The village enjoyed coming into the church and tasting the burgers/cakes too! Thank you all so much.
Mission: <p><i>Leading Your Church into Growth</i> is a course offered by the diocese which has a focus on growing congregations. Should there be representation from each of the churches in the benefice?</p> <p>There was discussion about who attends this course from Crick and it was recommended that there are 2 representatives. JR will approach possible attendees.</p>
Churchwardens' Report: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Christmas Cards: It was agreed that producing cards would be a good idea. A small group to look at them and select a set of 6 that represent Christmas, get them printed and then review sales and other's comments. There will be an upfront cost of around £120 for a run of 100 packs of cards and envelopes. If we retail these at £3 per pack, it would produce a surplus of £180 per run. We would need to sell 40 packs to recover our initial investment. This was agreed.2. Bell ringers: It was agreed that the proposed adjustment to the cost of

bell ringing for special events eg. weddings, be set at a fee of £180 for ringing at the end of the service. This is for 6 ropes (£25 per rope) plus £30 to the bell fund as a contribution to maintenance

3. The PCC wanted it recorded that the church is looking really good with the rearrangement of furniture and the lovely harvest displays.
4. Fabric of the building: The quinquennial (church building survey) will take place on 19th October.
5. Church attendance: 'Normal services' have returned; Sundays, midweek and Little saints on Mondays. Initial attendance is promising though a little early yet to create a stable baseline on which to gauge future growth.
6. Improvements to the AV system: Our thanks to Andrew Hutley for his work in helping us get best use from our AV system. The feedback from the congregation has been very good...everybody can now hear what's being said. Andrew's work has also greatly improved the consistency of the AV connections and links to the worship group's instruments.
7. Meeting and greeting: We are in the process of putting together a team who will meet and greet people as they come into church. This will help us focus on this important aspect of welcoming all who come and ease the load on those who are already verging or doing other roles during the set up for each service.
8. Church cleaning: Our thanks to a number of people who have taken responsibility for making sure that the church has been cleaned. Some of this is down to individual efforts and some to the Helping Hands team led by Hazel. By these means we are keeping on top of things but we will need a more planful approach. Work in progress.
9. Book of Remembrance: The use of this has been reviewed with a view to encouraging a greater use of this by the community to remember loved ones. Since our last meeting, we have received 3 requests for insertion. Total donations received £200. Net of the costs of calligraphy, £110 has been added to church funds and an additional £27.50 will be claimed in GiftAid.
10. Donation from the estate of Jean Garner: St Margaret's has received a donation of £2,500 from the estate of Jean Garner. There are no restrictions on the use of this money. Jean's son Adam said "please use the funds as all consider appropriate". A note of thanks on behalf of the PCC has been sent.
11. Online Nativity: Lorna will lead on this again to offer an online nativity for 2021.

Approval of proposal for 2 new noticeboards:

It was agreed we need to replace the two blue noticeboards and replace with a large blue notice board on the front area of the church and a gate notice board. This will mean the removal of the current ones and the concrete blocks from an even older version. The current black notice board on the front gate will be resituated on the side gate.

Future random posting of notices on gates and railings will be discouraged.

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A vote on the proposal, submitted prior to the meeting was agreed unanimous.

Feedback from first session of Children's Ministry Course.

ZD shared her interest in the course and LJ shared the Welcome audit with the PCC for completion by them.

Safeguarding update:

ZD is now DBS leader and all PCC need the DBS certificate for St. M's. Z will send out information to all concerned by end of the week.

Planned events for Oct-December:

- Planning in place for a musical event 9th Oct
- JR will get a plan in place 2 weeks before the UB service on 31st Oct. because St M's is responsible for the main course of the lunch.
- Christmas events need organising and a planning group is meeting in November to organise eg mulled wine, mince pies decorating etc.
- Family carol service suggested for this year 12th Dec 3.30. PCC unanimously agreed. This is not designed to compete with the traditional 9 lessons and carols, but will form part of our on going children's ministry development

Treasurer's update:

We are on target to pay our parish share this year. (£25,380)

The sum of money in the accounts for a funeral that cannot be accounted for still needs to be addressed.

The CWs want to set a budget for 2022 so that it can address the question of what percentage Crick should be paying of the benefice parish share.

Stewardship update:

- Planned giving: Since our last meeting there have been 2 new joiners to our Parish Giving Scheme and 1 leaver. 2 of our regular givers have reviewed and increased their giving as a result of Rev Graeme's preaching on 19th September. Currently, our regular planned giving per month totals £2,190
- Card Reader: Our card reader has been live from the beginning of September. We have taken card payments to the value of £608. This is a steadily increasing amount and it will take people a while to get used to not putting money on the plate.

Proposal to purchase a spare replacement bulb for projector:

Agreed to purchase a spare bulb

AOB:

- Cable covering to be purchased for safeguarding children running between the nave and the LS area. There are many cables on the floor that are a risk.
- The PCC expressed its thanks to Vicki and Colin Mynott for the altar cloth repairs, which are beautiful and the clever cloth hanger.
- Electoral roll needs to be regularly reviewed and updated. The officer can lead this process so that our congregation have a broader understanding of why it's important.

Dates of next meetings: 24/11/21, 26/01/22, 30/03/22, 25/05/22 , 27/07/22, 05/10/22, 30/11/22

Meeting closed with a prayer 9.30pm