

St Margaret's, Crick

~Sharing Jesus~

Minutes of the PCC Meeting on 31st March 2021

Held at 7.30pm via Zoom.

	Attendance: Rev. Graeme Anderson, Lyn Johnson, John Rogers, Kent Polley, Sheila Robertson, Dave Milne, Hazel Gault, Zona Dipple.	Actions
1.	Apologies: Ian Jones, Ron Parker	
2.	Opening Prayer was led by Rev Graeme	
3.	Minutes: were agreed	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: GA referred to the SWOT analysis and asked what further thoughts the PCC had following a period of prayer and reflection. The responses were varied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth church needs to be more developed • To help children to resume LS • To work towards the communion of people to move forward. • Families and the lonely elderly • Opportunities for the younger members • All ages and us as leaders, our own journey and the way in which we express our faith. • Take things steadily. Concerns about both the young and old also we need to be sure of our own foundations and certainties and faith in the church. • 'steady as she goes' slowly focus on all areas, rather than on one particular area. <p>What we believe and how we believe it is important and GA wants to be collaborative, as long as we accept leadership. Loves the evangelistic approach and wants to expand and develop it.</p>	
5.	<p>Vicar's report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Church re-opening: Bishop has not the authority to tell us when, but suggests when we are tier 2. This will be mid May. We could open the church for prayer earlier. Logistically it would be easier if we opened at same time as Lilbourne. Older population still very cautious. 2. Provisionally open in June for services. 3. Opening for private prayer? Should we take a poll of opinion from our congregation that receive Voices? 4. It was decided to open for private prayer over Easter. People were prepared to oversee this. Good Friday and Easter Sunday. GA asked churchwardens to organize. HG will arrange. 	

	<p>5. Proposed service plan: First and third Sunday - LS all age. Second – HC Fourth – Songs of praise without HC 5th UB GA is thinking in terms of all three churches. Wants an all age service every week across the benefice. Timings: GA will not be at one church once each month, Eg miss the first at Crick, but wants to make it so that he is around for all the churches. Wants to give as much time as possible to the churches and to make it practical too.</p> <p>The refreshed pattern of services will be under review and reflection ongoing. Once Yelvertoft PCC have met and agreed their pattern, GA will contact the Bishop for confirmation.</p>	
6.	<p>Easter Services and events: There will be a communion on Sunday. Online services at all three churches.</p> <p>ZP- now got 20 children over 3 days for the Easter trail. Trail starts at main gates and there are little bags with children's name attached. Parents can go any time on their chosen day. Advertised on the gate and ZD left her phone number. She will also monitor several times during each day.</p>	
7.	<p>Baptism/ wedding/funeral coordinator roles:</p> <p>There is a difference between each role. Eg wedding has a financial element. GA will look at the ones we have and can see if our current role descriptions are appropriate. He will discuss with the people currently in the role.</p>	
8.	<p>Role and relationship with Parish Council: GA attended a Parish Council meeting and enjoyed it. Was very pleased they agreed to support us with another £900 towards our church insurance. The committee asked for more information relating to St M's finances for future reference. GA wrote to thank it for its ongoing support.</p>	
9.	<p>Safeguarding: ZD updated on safeguarding training. Several of the PCC now completed it. Website not entirely clear and well signposted. ZD will support those having difficulties.</p>	All PCC to complete training
10.	Churchwarden's report.	

	<p>KP sent off for some new names for the boards for the church</p> <p>It was suggested that after lockdown those who have helped with the children's services should be taken for a meal. How to fund it was discussed and DM explained about the <i>Rector's Disbursement Fund</i> which has been accumulating over last 3 years and can be used for all aspects of support for youth church. It was agreed that this would be used.</p>	
11.	<p>Church Land</p> <p>DM - explained Howkins and Harrison are our land agents. They negotiate the rent, collect it and take off their fee. Current tenant would like to buy this land. There was much discussion about when and how the land was gifted to the church. All the information regarding this land gift is currently housed in Northampton records office.</p> <p>KP- explained there was a historic management fee of 10% and it is let on a standard tenancy agreement. No rent review has recently taken place. Current tenant had it since 1999. Wants to own it to extend his freehold. The PCC do not wish to sell the land at this point in time.</p>	<p>KP to follow up on rent review with H&H</p>
12.	<p>Village Thanksgiving Event:</p> <p>KP and GA would like a <i>Vicar's Tea Party</i> at the vicarage. Strawberry tea with children invited. The suggested date is 10/11th July to coincide with the scarecrow weekend. There was a discussion about the intention of the thanksgiving event, which was fully supported, and the potential conflict of dates as the Scarecrow Festival is an enormous fundraiser for FOSM and the church. It was concluded there would be time for reflection.</p>	<p>KP to pursue alternative dates and ideas</p>
13.	<p>Stewardship update:</p> <p>JR explained that the last time we discussed this was in the context of migrating from the previous planned giving scheme. For the most part 'givers' have migrated, however, there are a few that JR cannot contact because he has no idea who they are. He has written to ask the diocese for their help in identification.</p> <p>12 months ago, including gift aid we raised £15,000 from 23 donors</p> <p>Now we have 30 donors and raised £25,000</p> <p>JR noted we spoke about giving at a service in 2020 and we need to give some thought about when we address again.</p>	

14.	<p>Treasurer's update.</p> <p>DM – not paid any parish share yet, but intends to do so soon. Quinquennial will cost money.</p> <p>Electricity is expensive in the winter. Currently using SSE but will be changing supplier next year.</p> <p>GA reminded the PCC it is their responsibility to decide how much parish share to pay. On-going this has to be the way we work.</p>	
15.	<p>FOSM update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servery is now complete. • Lighting in the vestry still to be resolved and IJ is doing this. • KP wanted to know if we should have a second electrician to support IJ because he is very busy. • DM will get keys cut for the new vestry door lock. Many people use it. • Several actions now need to be taken to return the church to its normal functionality. JR will put an actions plan and time line together 	<p>DM Get keys cut JR Action plan for church organisation</p>
16.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Christian Aid Week.</p> <p>JR will come up with something that gives people the opportunity to donate.</p> <p>Old School.</p> <p>DM -at the moment it is not possible to have a trustees meeting because various people stepped down. The building is not bringing in any income due to the improved facilities elsewhere in the village. We need to retain it because of the access to toilets. DM will continue in his caretaker role.</p>	
17.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 9th June. 7.30pm</p> <p>Zoom meeting link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599340848</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.40pm with a prayer.