

## St Andrew's PCC meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Present:** Andrew Horn (Chairman/Churchwarden), Jeanette Horn, Robert Thornton, Fiona Davies, Sally Rees (Secretary), Sheila Banyard (Interim Rector) Evelyn Ellis, Jenny Batelen (Churchwarden), Gill Oldfield, Angela Randle, Louise Robinson, James Martineau (Treasurer), Liz Hooper, Tony Checketts, Edward and Anita Stearn.

1. **Opening prayers** Sheila led prayers that God would grant us vision and discernment in the decisions to be taken; giving thanks for those who give their time to help in the Church and asking that we may continue to grow in faith.
2. **Apologies** Judy Baer, Mike Griffiths, Meg Martineau, Stuart and Lynne Larnder.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** having been issued in advance by email were taken as read and signed as a true copy.
4. **Matters arising**
  - Sound system being fitted 10<sup>th</sup> May
  - Jenny and Andrew presented the summary of our Articles of Enquiry at the Archdeacon's visitation last week.
  - Rectory now let on a rolling short term basis.
  - Sheila is meeting with the Benefice Reps on 1<sup>st</sup> June to discuss pros and cons of rectory location.
  - Link to Herbert Protocol now on website; this will enable those with vulnerable adults or children to record details about them which would be immediately available to the Police in the event of their going missing.
5. **Services**
  - **Review of Easter services & events** This is in parish magazine and on website, the services were much appreciated and feedback was very positive, Easter reflection was a great success with the schoolchildren; we need to find a way to publicise this more widely in 2018.
  - **Family service format.** There was much discussion on this topic. It was agreed that the Breakfast Church had been very successful and that we could possibly hold one in the Memorial Hall; this may attract people from the Hamptons and also the Brownies and Guides. Invitations should be sent to the nearby estate. This service needs to be in a month when the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service is in Ombersley so that we have two Church services in the month. It was agreed that we should trial this in October with a Harvest theme. Fiona is planning that the Christian Aid Service 2018 should be a joint benefice breakfast service to be held in the Memorial Hall. Consideration was given to changing the name of the Family Service to something like "Doing it Differently" this should be a outreach service which hopefully appeals to a wider congregation. **ACTION PCC members** to give this some thought, there will be an item to discuss Family Service format in the agenda for the next meeting.
  - Christian Aid breakfast 14<sup>th</sup> May Organisation in Hand, Fiona will start setting up at 5pm.

## 6. Forthcoming Events

- **Cathedral Girl Choristers 30<sup>th</sup> June** We are now registered with 'Ticketsource' which enables us to sell tickets for our events online. Fiona has produced a poster for this event and there is a link to the Ticketsource site on the website. **ACTION: Andrew** to obtain a drinks license for this event and for the Harvest Supper.
- **Fete 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Liz has emailed all previous stall holders and has had a good response. Helpers are required for setting up etc on the day.

## 7. Fabric and Fittings

- **East and West Windows** no further info
- **Lead replacement** Much of the lead on the roof has recently been stolen. Andrew has received a quotation of £16,845 plus VAT for like replacement; we will also require a cherry picker for roof access which will cost an additional £2.5K. Ecclesiastical Insurers have a cap of £7.5K for the replacement of metal taken from the outside of a church so we have a significant shortfall. It may be possible to replace any lead not visible from the road by either stainless steel or a plastic lead lookalike, however, unfortunately the sandstone of the building does not lend itself to these types of material and there is a question over the life expectancy of such a repair. Andrew has had a visit from the Crime prevention officer to discuss methods of deterring similar thefts in the future. As there was significant publicity both on local news and in the papers it was felt that an appeal to the parish may be a possibility. We plan to have a stall at the Fete with pictures of the damage and an indication of the financial shortfall.

8. **Finance** Acceptance of financial report is subject to signing off by Stuart Larnder who is away at present.

## 9. Safeguarding

- **Lone working** – Jenny is producing an advisory leaflet.

## 10. H&S

- **Annual safety check and Dementia friendly environmental check**  
Thanks to Jenny for producing the documents issued earlier with the agenda. There remain items to be cleared. **ACTION: Jenny** to report progress at next meeting.

11. **Security** Nothing to discuss at present.

## 12. Future vision –

- Discussion on “how to inspire congregations to participate in benefice services”.  
It was generally agreed that the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday rotating around the 7 churches was a good idea however a Route Map is desirable. There was some discussion on what format the service should take; Sheila pointed out that it would need to be a communion service as there has to be one such service in the Benefice each week, however there is scope for variations in the format. Andy suggested that we could possibly hold an 8 am BCP service first followed later by a different type of service, although this has the disadvantage of splitting the congregation. There were several suggestions

for service format including a variety of different music, possibly a local music group; holding the service later followed by a picnic lunch and talks by visiting preachers. **ACTION Sheila:** to gather ideas from all parishes and report back.

- A follow on from 2016 Vision Day is to be held at Elmbridge on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 9:30 12:30. The focus will be how we see ourselves; what are our shared values and aims.

**13. AOB**

- A meeting for those interested in leading intercessions to be held in Ombersley Narthex on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7:30pm.
- “Sharethemiracle”. Gill Oldfield had identified this charity which is aimed at outreach. Cards are supplied free to issue to parishioners advertising special services eg Easter. Gill had copies of two cards and also some associated paperwork which was passed around. It was generally agreed that this was a good idea but possibly we could generate similar cards ourselves and obviate the need for writing service details separately on each card.
- A discussion on the format of the Parish Magazine will form a topic at the next PCC Meeting on Tuesday 11th July.
- Date of next AGM Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**14. Closing prayers** The meeting closed at 9:05 with members saying the Grace.

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