

**PCC FOR THE PARISH OF ST GILES THE ABBOT,  
FARNBOROUGH**

Minutes of the PCC for St. Giles the Abbot  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**  
at the St. Giles Church

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Present</b>	The Rector: Matthew Hughes <b>MH</b> , , Carol Fryer <b>CF</b> , Nick Joliffe <b>NJ</b> , Roger Allard <b>RA</b> , Helen Roberts <b>HR</b> , Jo Cook <b>JC</b> , Carol Stokes <b>CS</b> , Linda Montgomery <b>LM</b>
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Susan Midha <b>SM</b> , Chris Hallet <b>CS</b> ,
3	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
4	<b>Minutes of previous meeting – March 2021</b>  Proposed: <b>ID</b> Seconded: <b>JC</b> <b>Agreed by all</b>
5	<b>Matters arising from the minutes:</b> None .
6	<b>Appointments:</b> Unfortunately, Richard Healey feels he cannot sit on the PCC. Therefore, the Rector proposed that John and Lynn Kelly be co-opted at this meeting.  Proposed: <b>JC</b> Seconded: <b>HR</b> <b>Agreed by all</b>
7	<b>Electoral Roll:</b> The following were accepted onto the electoral roll Sheila Wheble Valarie Reynolds Bijou Joseph Hency Paul  Proposed: <b>JC</b> Seconded: <b>HR</b> <b>Agreed by all</b>
8	<b>Rector's report:</b>  A discussion was held about the numbers at each service and the 11.15am service remains very fragile.  <b>Parish Magazine</b> A new editor has volunteered for the post and will take over from Helen and Eddie at Christmas. <b>MH</b> thanked them for all their hard work in ensuring the magazine continued at a such a high standard.

	<p>Despite the concerns over the reduction in the cost of advertising, the magazine still makes a healthy profit but there is a need to widen the readership again. It was decided that a comparable costing for advertising would be made with the Farnborough Connections magazine and that this would be discussed at the next meeting. It was decided that prices would remain the same currently until further study has been done. <b>CF</b> to find out pricing of advertising.</p> <p><b>Choral scholarships</b></p> <p>Having studied the way that these work in other churches the PCC decided that at least two scholarships would be offered where scholars would be paid £1500.00 per year to supplement the loss in approximately 13 volunteer singers. For this they would be expected to sing at at least three services per month plus special occasions. This would be aimed at young adults not children. This would be funded by a legacy from someone who held the music of the church very close to their heart. There was a discussion about the need to expand the type of music sung in church.</p> <p>Proposed: <b>HR</b>    Seconded: <b>CF</b>    <b>Agreed by all</b></p>
9	<b>Safeguarding:</b> As discussed at united meeting.
10	<b>Correspondence</b> None
11	<p><b>AOB:</b> <b>Payment by Cheque</b> – CS – Most people do now not have this facility. Payment by BACS accepted.</p> <p><b>Opening of new account with Metro Bank</b></p> <p>There is a need for a new account to be opened to remain under the £85,000.00 threshold for guarantee. It was proposed that a new account be opened with <b>MH, PB, CF</b> and <b>LC</b> as signatories.</p> <p>Proposed: <b>CS</b>    Seconded: <b>HR</b>    <b>Agreed by all</b></p>
12	<b>Confidential items agreed</b> None
	<p>The meeting closed with prayer at 5.45pm.</p> <p><b>Date and time of next meeting:</b> <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 8.15pm at the St. Giles Centre</b></p>