

PCC FOR THE PARISH OF ST GILES THE ABBOT, FARNBOROUGH

Minutes of the PCC for St. Giles the Abbot, Farnborough

Sunday 21st March at 4.30pm via Zoom

Item	
Present	The Rector: Matthew Hughes, Chair MH , Carol Fryer CF , Linda Montgomery LM , Jenny Wilkins JW , Jo Cook JC , Helen Roberts HR , Martin Parsons MP , Linda Crisp LC , Irene Dancer ID
1	Apologies: Chris Hallet CH , Susan Midha SM , Andrew Fruin AF
2	Declaration of interests: None
3	Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed: HR Seconded: JC Agreed: All
4	Matters arising from the Minutes: None
5	Electoral roll: Four applications were made and agreed. Proposed: JC Seconded: MP Agreed: all
6	Safeguarding: The Rector welcomed Irene (PSO) and proposed that Irene be co-opted onto the PCC to help keep members up to date with this particularly important role and he thanked her for all her hard work. He felt this would support the development of our safeguarding culture and ensure correct governance of these important issues. Proposed: HR Seconded: MP Agreed: all The Rector reported that Irene had been working very hard and had written an excellent safeguarding article to go into the Parish Magazine and this would be done twice a year. Also, it would be placed into the bulletin to help people understand that safeguarding is everyone's role and that everyone should be vigilant. Irene responded by saying how please she was that the article had been well received and asked if it was felt that as things get back to normal, should there be a weekly standing statement in the pew sheet. CF agreed that this would be a good idea. ID explained further that this would be a very brief – Do you know who to contact? After discussion it was agreed by all that this would be a good idea. The Rector then suggested that it each PCC there could be a short safeguarding scenario presented and discussed. The scenario would be circulated in advance of the meeting. This was agreed as a excellent refresher to the online training that people had received. ID reported that she was updating her leadership training next month and this would the highlight any new developments in this area.

8	<p>Rector's report:</p> <p>I. Reopening of St Giles</p> <p>The Rector, MH reported that St Giles was once again open for public worship but understood that many are still very nervous of mixing. It is not an easy time and without music, singing, young people etc it can feel a little flat but that it is lovely to reconnect. He reported that he could not see a change in this until there was a change in the social distancing rule. MH suggested that as a PCC we held a special meeting to discuss the life of the church and the way forward. This was received with positive discussion and agreement especially if restrictions stay in place for some time. It was felt that this was especially important for elderly and vulnerable members of the congregation and that parking was a real issue especially with dog walkers using the car park. HR asked if there was ever a problem with the online booking and if people turned up that were not booked in. MH reported that some do turn up without booking in but other than Mothering Sunday, where the ceiling had been met, there had never been a problem fitting them in and that no one had ever been turned away. ID reported that on Mothering Sunday there had been 42 people, but this was fine as we were able to use the choir as it was not a Communion service.</p> <p>II. Clergy vestry</p> <p>MH reported that the clergy vestry has been cleared out, repainted and that there had been the purchase of a new desk. This had involved over 30 hrs of work. The desk has been purchased using a small legacy left to the church by Lorraine Langley-Davis, a previous PCC secretary. MH has written to the family and people are welcome to look into the vestry to see the work and desk that has been purchased in her memory.</p> <p>III. AGM</p> <p>The AGM has been now set for the 23rd May 2021. It was agreed that subject to any issues, the accounts would be agreed in principle and that if there were any problems raised by Baxters these would have to be re-examined and signed off again.</p> <p>Proposed: LC Seconded: MP Agreed: all</p>
9	Deanery Synod: Has not met
10	Financial report: CF

CF had presented a written report prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions – none were asked. Below is an overview summary of the accounts.

STG Accounts as at 28.2.21

Income

32,077 35,296 – L/year

Down:

Collections as church has been closed

Centre hire

Funerals: Cremations – 5 Burials – 6 Burial of ashes - 4

Expenditure

21,654 20,363 – L/year

Up:

Repair to roof of centre: 954

Church alarm not invoiced for last year

Profit

10,423 14,933 – L/year

Magazine

Income to date:

2019 prepayments – 1,912

2019 advertising prepayments – 1,612

Donations 2021 - 90

Cash sales 2021 - 34

Total = 3,648 Can be used to support magazine in the coming months

Hard copies 2021 - 4,136

Email copies 2021 - 440

Magazine expenses 2021- 942

	<p>Magazine Delivery 122</p> <p>Hard copy subscribers as at 28.2.21 = 142</p> <p>Approximated cost of magazine = £3.74, but will reduce as subscribers and one-off sales increase.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Although we are holding our own with regular donations, with the church closed other collections are well down. Fees from funerals are down but are probably just monthly variations.</p> <p>With the church opening, we should start to see a general increase in collections.</p> <p>MH explained that at St Nicholas there had been a significant loss during lockdown and that they currently have approximately £100,000 in reserves but if they were to get into real difficulty then as a PCC we would look to helping them out.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Charities in focus: HR put forward the following suggestions.</p> <p>Jan/ Feb – Zane March – Hearing dogs for deaf April /May – Christina Aid May/ June – The Parish July/ Aug – The Primrose Trust Sept - The Friends of St Giles Oct – Poverty and Hope Nov – Crisis Dec – Friends of the PRUH</p> <p>After a very positive discussion this schedule was proposed.</p> <p>Proposed: MP Seconded: CF Agreed: all</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Correspondence: None</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Purchase of card reader Proposed: LC Seconded: JC Agreed: all</p> <p>Filming during lockdown There was a short discussion held about ensuring that the organist was offered payment for playing if a service was being filmed. CF said that she had talked to him about this. It was also discussed that filming during a service was impossible as seating would need to be provided for those not wanting to be filmed and photographic permission sort from the parents of junior members of the choir. An issue was flagged up as a result, what happens when junior choir members are singing at a wedding and the couple have their own videographer.</p>

	ID said that this is not included in our policy and she agreed that she would look into this with the diocese.
12	Date of next meeting: Sunday 18 th April 3pm – This will be a one item agenda only to discuss forward planning for St Giles during Covid/ Post Covid times.

Signed.....

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