

**UNITED PCC FOR THE PARISH OF ST GILES THE ABBOT AND ST NICHOLAS,
FARNBOROUGH**

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

Sunday 26th September at 4pm

at the St. Giles Church

Item	Description
Present	The Rector: Matthew Hughes MH , Associate Rector: Stephen Broadie SB , Claire Couldridge CC , Carol Fryer CF , Nick Joliffe NJ , Roger Allard RA , Helen Roberts HR , Jo Cook JC , Carol Stokes CS , Richard Butterworth RB , Linda Montgomery LM
1	Welcome and prayers The Rector opened the meeting with prayer
2	Apologies: Sue Simpson SS , Susan Midha SM , Chris Hallet CS , Jayne Calvert JC , Diane Stiff DS
3	Declarations of Interest: None
4	Minutes of previous meeting – March 2021 Proposed: CF Seconded: CC Agreed by all
5	Matters arising from the minutes: None .
6	<p>Rector’s report: St Giles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like all churches, tentatively, there is a full pattern of services. The choir are singing again, and Sunday School has returned as have some social event. There are a mixture of people wearing masks and some not. It has a sense of business as usual but not everyone has returned. This equates to about a 60% return. There is the need for some rebuilding which is quite demoralizing. Some new people have started to attend. It was pointed out that many older members are being pressurised by their children not to mix. MH felt that some people were still very anxious about returning, other had got out of the habit. • Sunday school has returned, and most children continue to attend. There has also been the setting up of a monthly youth discussion group, but children’s work continues to be under great pressure. • All fabric works have been completed as highlighted in the quinquennial inspection including the roof. • There was a discussion about creating a safety zone for people who want to socially distance further. <p>Associate Rector’s Report: St Nicholas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to repair works services were held online over the summer and a reading and thoughts are still shared on Facebook. Although many have returned and there is still a 1m social distance rule in place. It has been shown through research that some online presence is helpful to many. • There is now an 8am and 10.30 service being held in church. • A very successful summer activity week was held that was science based. Numbers

	<p>were down but fun had by all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children's groups have now resumed but bookings on hall are down. • A new cleaner has been employed and is very good – lots of positive comments. • Planning light celebration again at end of October
7	<p>Financial reports</p> <p>St Nicholas – RA</p> <p>The St Nicholas Accounts for 2020 show an excess of expenditure over income of £22925 with a consequent reduction in the reserves from £95926 to £73001 as a result of the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>Restrictions on hall use continued into the early part of 2021. These were lifted earlier than the assumptions on which the 2021 budget was based and I reassessed the likely position as at 31 December with the anticipated deficit falling from the budget figure of £18350 to around £5000. At that stage – in June – an appeal was made to the St Nicholas congregation to donate and fund the deficit and I am pleased to say that a total of almost £6000 including gift aid, almost entirely in one off lump sums, was given. We should therefore reach the end of the year in a break even position provided there is no significant unplanned expenditure.</p> <p>Up to and including 2020 St Nicholas has paid the Calculated Indicative offer to the Diocese but this year we have not felt able to pay the Wider Diocesan Mission element of £10757, paying just the Ministry Costs and the Benefice Cost totaling £41994. The anticipated break even position at the year end reflects this lower payment rather than the full amount of £52751.</p> <p>The income outlook for 2022 and beyond is not promising with Lucy Griffiths Dance Academy, our largest hall user, reducing their bookings and Little Kickers not returning to St Nicholas on Saturday mornings for the foreseeable future. Hall lettings income is likely to be well down on the 2019 figure of £50448, the last Covid free year. Planned Giving Gift Aid Bank Standing Orders estimated at £30100 this year are marginally less than the actual of £31000 in 2011, ten years ago, and there seems little prospect of any significant increase in these current difficult times for many people.</p> <p>The Calculated Indicative Offer from the Diocese for 2022 is awaited but if we pay in full I can only see that our reserves will be further depleted by the end of the year. The Diocese too is not in a good financial position. I have always argued that if we pay what the Diocese asks then St Nicholas is safe, but if we don't then perhaps we give them cause to look more closely at St Nicholas if they need to make savings.</p> <p>In conclusion I am sorry if this seems rather gloomy but I would not be doing any favours if I didn't tell it as I saw it. A final thought – reserves can only be spent onc</p>

St. Giles: CF

ST Giles PCC Accounts Summary to

31.8.21

	2021	2020	2018	2017
Income	127,139	123,730	132,097	145,092
Expenditure	100,395	92,350	114,293	117,543
Profit	26,919	31,380	17,803	27,549

Points to note in 2021:

Church Roof - £1,494 + £468

Treatment of Eaves - £1,134

Centre Roof - £954

Payment of auditor - £1,200 (2021 + 2020)

Points in 2018:

Reduction in funeral income

Income is improving compared to last year, but compared to 2018 still down. SOs, Regular giving, church boxes and donations

2021 – 39,263

2020 – 37,731

2018 – 42,259

Expenditure is still reduced if we take out the points above. The reductions are mainly related to church services i.e. organist, music, junior choir

Flower Fund

Incoming – 394.00

Outgoing – 808.00

Fund – 696.00

Points to note:

Flower expenditure is still not back to normal Main donations

received around Easter

Fund balance at beginning of year was 1,111.00, so no requirement yet for support from General Fund

Postage donations

Incoming – 1,436.00

Outgoing – 3,577.00 Points

to note:

Posting out weekly bulletins and services has increased postage Approximate cost pm =

£55

Donation will cover 26 months

Funerals & weddings

2021 – 29,176.00

2020 – 23,573.00 (No weddings)

Points to note:

Burials – 16

Cremations – 17 Burial of

ashes – 28 Weddings – 7

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Deanery Synod:

LM unable to attend. St Nicholas to appoint new representative.

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Correspondence

None

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AOB: Safeguarding

Updates are coming through, but much remains the same. **ID** will update when these are confirmed. Please email **ID** with certificates for training when completed.

11	Confidential items agreed None
	Date and time of next meeting: Monday 21st March 2022 8.15pm at the St. Giles Centre