

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 11 April 2019**

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar) (Chairman), Michael Kirk, Bob Rutland, Ann Squires, Nigel Siesage (Secretary), David Stanyer and Tanya Willis.

Apologies for absence were received from Angelica Amoroso, Mary Britton, Rosalind Mathew and Andrew Oldershaw

19/30 Prayers and reflection

The Vicar led the meeting in prayers and a reflection on Acts 16.

19/31 Membership, elections and officers

Mr Kirk was welcomed to his first meeting since the recent APCM election.

The PCC noted that there were still vacancies for one Church Warden, one member of the Diocesan Synod, and one other member. There was provision for the filling of vacancies during the year and it was hoped that candidates might come forward. The PCC **approved** the immediate co-option of the following:

Dr Sian Howard

The PCC **approved** the appointment of the following:

Vice-Chairman:	Mrs Rosalind Mathew
Secretary:	Mr Nigel Siesage
Treasurer:	Mr David Stanyer

Conveners/Chairs of Sub-groups:

Social and Fund-raising: Mr Michael Kirk

Worship and Outreach: The Vicar

Buildings: The Vicar would act as convener for the present. The Buildings Group was now very small and it would very much benefit from the addition of two further members. Meanwhile the Vicar and Mr Bonnett would work together on preparation for the Quinquennial Inspection.

Other roles:

Sidespersons' co-ordination: Mrs Susan Ardley

Electoral Roll: Mrs Eileen McKellican

Standing Committee: The ex officio members were the Vicar, the Church Warden, The Treasurer and the Secretary. In addition it was agreed that Mr Rutland would serve.

The PCC **approved** the establishment of a new sub-group, responsible for co-ordination of the spire fund-raising campaign. The group would report directly to the PCC and would be convened by Mr Siesage. A further announcement about membership would be made shortly.

It was agreed that a review of the work of sub-groups should feature on a future agenda.

Action: PCC Secretary

19/31 **APCM**

The PCC considered the way in which the Annual Report and other business of the APCM had been presented. It agreed that this had been effective and should form the basis of the presentation for 2020.

19/32 **Faith for Life**

The PCC gave preliminary consideration to the way in which the overarching objectives agreed in the Parish's *Faith for Life* document should be taken forward and embedded in all the church's activities. It was agreed that this would best be considered at the PCC Awayday which had been postponed. The Vicar would seek to identify a date for this.

Action: Vicar

19/33 **Morning Worship**

The PCC had an interim review of the introduction of Morning Worship on the third Sunday of the month, in place of Eucharist. This represented roughly the mid-point in the initial 12-month trial period. It was noted that the average number attending the new service was slightly higher than had attended the equivalent 3rd Sunday Eucharist in the previous year. Though not dramatic, this was encouraging. Members observed that the new service had established a different atmosphere from both the Eucharistic services and the family service, and appeared to be attracting a small number of new members of the congregation.

A further review would be conducted when a full year's services had been completed. It was noted that at that stage it would be possible to consider the effect of the new pattern of worship at St Guthlac's (minute 19/22 refers).

Action: Vicar; PCC Secretary

There had been some misunderstanding about the role of the choir in Morning Worship, and it was agreed that the Vicar would consider ways in which the choir might have a place in some of these services in future.

Action: Vicar

19/34 **Legacies**

The PCC approved the allocation of a recent legacy to the Spire Fund-raising Appeal, in accordance with the benefactor's known wishes.

The use of legacies for the portable font proposal discussed at the previous meeting (minute 19/19 refers) would be considered at a future meeting.

Action: Vicar

19/35 Quinquennial Inspection

With reference to minute 19/20, it was noted that it had been confirmed that it would not be necessary to appoint a new architect. The arrangements with the present architect were sufficient.

Progress on the inspection would in future be reported at each meeting of the PCC by the Vicar and Mr Bonnett.

Action: Vicar

19/36 Minutes of the PCC

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 12 March 2019 were taken as read and approved. It was agreed that Mr Siesage would update the action list.

Action: PCC Secretary

19/37 Safeguarding

There were no current matters to report. It was noted that the Vicar had been invited to a review meeting concerning an historic case which might have some indirect link to the area of the parish.

19/38 Health and Safety

The Vicar would speak to Mr Britton to confirm his willingness to continue to deal with and report on these matters now that he was no longer a member of the PCC.

Action: Vicar

19/39 Next meeting

The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 June 2019 in the Narthex.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm with Grace.

Chairman