

ST. MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January 2020
in the Narthex**

Present: Revd Adrian Jones; Revd. Matthew Gough; Andrew Oldershaw; Bob Rutland; David Stanyer; Mary Britton; Angelica Amoroso; Anne Squires; Sian Howard;

Apologies: received from Nigel Siesage; Michael Kirk; Tanya Willis; Ros Matthew

20/1	<p>Prayer and Reflection</p> <p>The meeting started with a reading from Ephesians, Chapter 1, and the definition of a church. We talked about channelling beliefs into the body of the Church, while broadening our mission through personal contact.</p>	ACTION
20/2	<p>Children and Families Pioneer Worker</p> <p>Matthew spoke about the Church Army working through the Diocese, bringing new ideas about holding church gatherings. The God at Work pamphlet “Fresh Expressions” gave a summary of what is working in our Diocese, offering a great deal of variety.</p> <p>Adrian commented that “Fresh Expressions” covers the Church outside of traditional boundaries. These can be walking groups, forest churches, friendship gatherings, which are essentially expressions of Christianity. An example is that Church of Martyrs provides breakfast for parents of children doing Saturday morning activities.</p>	
20/3	<p>“Neither Rashly nor Timidly” – building on our Vision</p> <p>Adrian had prepared a paper outlining 7 proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Projection Screen for Church Services2. Community Garden on site of the former Gardener's Hut3. Pioneer Children's Worker4. Prayer Space – small services in the All Souls Chapel5. West End of Church – welcome area6. Becoming an Eco Church – as St. Denys, Evington7. Support for action in the world – mission groups, charities, etc. <p>These proposals were openly discussed, and the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the positioning of the screen, which may block out the view of the Band.• the community garden would require volunteers – might Knighton Wild be interested?• what age of children would be covered for the pioneer worker.• lack of space is a problem. Should extra storage be required• eco church – may require a sub-group of the PCC to explore	

	<p>possibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a need to support specific aims of groups e.g. the South Leicester Partnership. SEMP has all but finished, which we have supported for several years <p>Adrian's aim is for flexibility while still providing for traditional services.</p> <p>The PCC supported this Manifesto, with the aim of completing all proposals during this year.</p>	
20/4	<p>Health and Safety Policy</p> <p>Revision of the Policy is required. An Accident Book is needed to comply with RIDDOR Location of First Aid box to be made known to all</p>	PCC
20/5	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Adrian proposed that the fee for Bell Ringers for weddings etc.be increased to £110 (against the current £105). This covers a contribution to the Tower Fund, plus the ringers. Proposed by Adrian, and Seconded by Bob, and approved.</p> <p>David reported on the current state of the accounts. We have so far raised over £33k for the Spire Appeal, and David will confirm, by the end of January, the exact figure, taking account of the Christmas Tree Festival income, to be divided between the Spire appeal, and Hope for Cancer.</p> <p>The PCC gave its approval for Ida Stanyer and Sue Holligan to return the completed form to the Leicester City Council Licensing Officer on the conduct of the Christmas Tree Festival Raffle. This proposal, having been agreed, would be signed by Adrian and Nigel.</p>	DS AJ; NS
20/6	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed.</p>	
20/7	<p>Sub-Groups</p> <p>Social and Fund-raising – no report.</p> <p>Christmas Tree Festival – our first Festival proved so successful that it has been decided to repeat the event this year, on the weekend of 4th/5th/6th December, 2020.</p>	
20/8	<p>Matters for Future Discussion – ongoing</p>	
20/9	<p>Minor Maintenance</p>	

	Adrian asked for a small donation towards the cost of redecorating the study area of the Vicarage. The PCC will need to vote on this during a future meeting, in Adrian's absence.	PCC
20/10	Matters to remain confidential – nothing identified	
20/11	Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 3 rd March, 2020, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's	