

ST MARY MAGDALEN KNIGHTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

21 January 2025

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar), Revd Cecilia Adjadje, Beryl Bonfield, Tabitha Fogg, Michael Gasper, Nigel Siesage (Secretary) and Ida Stanyer

Apologies for absence were received from Kate Adams, Amanda Beck, Sian Howard and David Palmer

The meeting opened with prayer and reflection on Galatians 3 - Children of God through Faith.

25/1 MINSTER COMMUNITIES

The PCC reviewed the stages through which its thinking on the establishment of Minster Communities had proceeded. The process was now due to enter Stage 2. The PCC had previously endorsed a suggestion of a group of churches which was different from those put forward by the Diocesan team. The Vicar, through the Diocese, had now invited the parishes which St Mary's and St Guthlac's had originally identified to a meeting on 30 January to explore that option.

The PCC welcomed this initiative and agreed that any members who were available should attend. If there was only limited acceptance of the invitation from the other parishes, it was agreed that the meeting should be cancelled. It was noted that the PCC would then need to give further consideration to the grouping now being advocated by the Diocese, which had been designated 'Teal'.

[Post meeting note: in the absence of sufficient acceptances, the 30 January meeting was cancelled.]

25/2 RENEWAL OF GIVING

The PCC considered a report and proposals by the Treasurer on levels of regular giving, and agreed that there should be a further programme of information and encouragement on either side of the APCM. Aspects of this should include an open letter by the Vicar, individual letters to parishioners who have not joined the Parish Giving Scheme, and a clinic after a service to assist those who wish to join. A meeting of the Standing Committee, which would be required in due course to review the financial statements, should also be used to put details on this plan.

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25/3 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The PCC agreed that the Annual Vestry Meeting and the APCM should be held after the 10.30am service on 11 May. The Annual Report should be drafted on the same lines as in recent years. The Electoral Roll was due for full revision. Mrs McKellican would undertake this but would then retire as Electoral Roll Officer.

Appointment as Church Warden was annual, and the PCC noted that Mrs Bonfield did not intend to seek re-election. The appointments of Ms Adams and Mr Siesage as elected members of the PCC were due to expire, as were those of the representatives on the Diocesan Synod, and there were several other vacancies.

25/4 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The PCC recalled that the practice of intinction (dipping) of the host into the wine was strongly discouraged, in part because it can increase the risk of spreading infection. There was also concern that traces of gluten in the wine might adversely affect gluten-intolerant communicants. As a first step, enquiries should be made about the cost of providing gluten free bread to all communicants. If this proved too expensive or otherwise impractical, consideration could be given to providing separate chalices.

25/5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 19 November 2024 were taken as read and approved.

25/6 SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The PCC noted that the recent coffee morning had raised £617.84. The Lent Lunch was scheduled for Saturday 8 March.

25/7 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Mrs Stanyer reported that the Festival had raised £6,559 for the two good causes - a considerable increase on the previous year, which had hitherto been the record. The PCC recorded its warm appreciation to all involved.

25/8 PARISH CENTRE

Mrs Fogg agreed to circulate her suggestions for marketing the Parish Centre.

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25/9 FUTURE MEETINGS: The next meeting would be on 6 March, with the APCM on 11 May. Other dates to be determined.

Action Vicar

The meeting closed at 21.25 with the Grace.

Chairman