

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7:30pm on
5 April 2022**

Present: Revd Matthew Gough (in the chair), Amanda Beck (Treasurer), Beryl Bonfield (Churchwarden), Sian Howard (Churchwarden and Acting Secretary), Michael Kirk, Andrew Oldershaw, David Palmer, Lorna Pollard, Judith Rudd and Ida Stanyer.

Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar, Bob Rutland and Nigel Siesage.

The meeting opened with a reading from Psalm 139.

22/26 MUSIC COORDINATOR AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

With reference to previous minutes 22/3 and 22/16, the PCC confirmed that the appointment of a music coordinator should be on contractual, not casual, terms. It noted that detailed discussions on the contract were taking place between the Vicar and the candidate to ensure that the requirements of both parties were met. On the proposal of Mr Kirk, the PCC unanimously agreed that, subject to agreement on the terms, the candidate should be appointed without advertisement.

22/27 PLACE OF PEACE

The PCC noted that Miss Howard was conducting the wider consultation on the plans for the Place of Peace. It was expected that this would be for a period of approximately 6 weeks. Public notice of the process would be provided on the Parish website and the Parish Facebook page, and contact would be made with Knighton Wild. Mrs Stanyer agreed to put up posters at a number of public sites.

Action: SH, IS

22/28 CLEANING

Mrs Bonfield reported on her enquiries into a suitable company to carry out church cleaning. She recommended the use of Dusty Dollies, a local firm which had competitive rates for two 3-hour sessions per month.

22/29 BARNETT BEQUEST

The PCC agreed in principle that the bequest from the estate of Isobel Lady Barnett should be divided between the cost of the pioneer worker, development of the Place of Peace and necessary works in the Parish Centre. The allocation to each project would be decided in due course.

22/30 CHOIR ROBING

The issue had been raised in a letter to the Benefice Magazine. The PCC did not form an opinion but renewed its appreciation of Mr Relph's work in leading the choir.

22/31 UKRAINE

Revd Matthew had been involved in the Diocese's discussions with the University of Leicester about the welcoming, hosting and supporting of Ukrainian refugees in Leicester. The PCC encouraged him to continue these discussions on behalf of St Mary's.

22/32 PLATINUM JUBILEE

The PCC noted some of the plans being considered to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. These included providing refreshments in the church/churchyard, bunting in and around the churchyard, craft activities for children, an appearance by the Fleckney Silver Band, and a dedicated Evensong service. The PCC welcomed these ideas and agreed that there should be some budgetary provision to support them.

22/33 FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

It was noted that the relationship between the work of the Social and Fund-raising Committee and the Friends of St Mary's had still to be clarified.

22/34 FIRST AID

The PCC recalled that the need to provide trained first aiders had not yet been addressed, although a number of volunteers for training had been identified in 2019. Revd Matthew agreed to take this forward as a matter of urgency.

Action: MG

22/35 PARISH CENTRE

The PCC was reminded that the quinquennial review had identified several areas where work was necessary in the Parish Centre. It noted that the Vicar was already considering the priorities and that these would be discussed in more detail by the Buildings Group.

22/36 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2022 were received and approved.

22/37 SAFEGUARDING

There were no matters to report.

22/38 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mr Oldershaw agreed to identify a roofer to inspect loose tiles which had been noted by Mr Britton.

Action: AO

The PCC noted that a bench in the memorial garden had been dismantled by Revd Matthew as it was broken and currently unsafe for use.

22/39 STANDING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 10 March 2022 were received and approved. The PCC noted the decision on the annual pay review for Parish employees. It noted to that some adjustments to staff roles were under discussion.

22/40 APPRECIATION

In view of his impending retirement from membership, the PCC placed on record its appreciation of the many contributions made by Mr Kirk to its work.

22/41 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 5 May. The APCM was scheduled for Sunday 15 May.

The meeting concluded with Grace.

Chairman