

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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

Present: Revd Matthew Gough (in the chair), Beryl Bonfield (Churchwarden), Sian Howard (Churchwarden), David Palmer, Lorna Pollard and Ida Stanyer.

Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar (on sabbatical), Kate Adams, Amanda Beck, Judith Rudd and Nigel Siesage

22/66 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PIONEER WORKER

At a previous meeting it had been suggested that St Guthlac's might wish to contribute to the cost of this appointment. Revd Matthew reported that St Guthlac's did not feel it had the necessary resources, but would be happy to make in-kind contributions e.g. provide venues (incl. Holbrook Hall) and their time.

The PCC discussed the remit for the post and whether outreach constituted part of it. Revd Matthew said that the purpose of a pioneer was not about growing the congregation nor even necessarily about spreading the Gospel. It should be seen as a selfless gift from the church to the community to support them in a myriad of ways, e.g. childcare, foodbanks, helping to organise and host secular community events.

In the light of this information and the other financial pressures and demands, the PCC felt it would be advisable to discuss the project further after the Vicar's sabbatical.

22/67 SOUND SYSTEM

Ms Howard had provided a rough specification of what is desired to two companies (Distributed Sound & Video Ltd; and Noiseboys Technologies Ltd). The specification was a system which can act as a more effective PA for presenters; which will improve the experience for those hard-of-hearing; and also cover current and projected future musical requirements. DSAV visited last week to assess the church. A quotation was pending. Noiseboys were due to visit next week.

22/68 SAFEGUARDING

With reference to minute 22/55, the PCC noted with concern that nobody had been identified who was willing to undertake the role of Safeguarding Co-ordinator. We still don't have anyone willing to fill this post, which is a concern. The duties included checking PCC members had done mandatory training; that those who need it have a current DBS; and to contribute to risk assessments, especially regarding any new volunteers joining the church. The role was filled most capably by Ann Hunt at St

Guthlac's and Revd Matthew agreed to explore the possibility of a single safeguarding coordinator for the whole benefice.

Revd Matthew was seeking confirmation from the diocese of the requirement that all PCC members be DBS checked.

22/69 PLACE OF PEACE

The PCC agreed to close the consultation period. Ms Howard reported that several objections had been raised, in particular to the development of the memorial garden, since paving over this area would end any possibility of further interments of ashes here. She had spoken with the Archdeacon on this point and, as part of forming his opinion, Richard had asked to see the 2015 Privy Council order regarding the closure of the churchyard.

22/70 RENEWAL OF GIVING

At the recent meeting of the Diocesan Synod attended by the parish's new representatives, parishes had been encouraged to conduct a renewal of giving in the Autumn. Some guidance and recommendations would be made available to the PCC.

22/71 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

With reference to minute 22/54, it was noted that Mr Ardley had declined to join the Group.

22/72 SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The PCC noted that the Committee had agreed to hold a 'Carols with cake and coffee' event on Saturday 17th December. Mrs Bonfield agreed to discuss with the committee a suggestion that this event might be upgraded/replaced by a Christmas party.

The Committee had also agreed to approach Michael Relph to ask if he would be available to provide live music during coffee mornings on Saturdays.

22/73 MINUTES

The PCC had received a summary of the business at the meeting held on 7 June. Formal minutes would be presented at the next meeting.

22/74 FUTURE BUSINESS

It was agreed at the next PCC to discuss the restoration of some elements of our communion services which had been suspended during the pandemic, such as: shaking hands during The Peace; the offertory; robing and procession of the choir.

It was suggested that the Buildings and Grounds Committee should discuss the condition of the church walls.

The meeting closed with Grace.

Chairman