

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD.

MINUTES

OF THE PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM

ON 13TH JUNE, 2022 AT 7pm.

Present: Revd. Geoff Boucher, Revd. Sam Perez, Revd. Clifford Owen, Sue Craven, Paul Fearon, Elaine Levitt, Pam Clark, Tony Humes, Helen Dowzall, Mary Adlam, Derek Colbert, Peter King, Carol King, Colin Jones, Amanda Smith, Pam Fearon.

The new PCC shared communion at the start of the meeting, administered by Revd. Geoff Boucher.

There were no apologies for absence.

- 1. The minutes of the PCC Meetings held on 21st March and 26th April 2022 were approved. Colin Jones wished to have recorded that his apology for absence from the meeting on 26th April had not been shown. This would be amended. Also that he had not received a copy of the Minutes of the A.P.C.M. It was explained that these were not circulated until the A.P.C.M. for 2023 was being held.**
- 2. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.**
- 3. Correspondence: The Mayor of Huntingdon had sent his thanks for being made so welcome to our Jubilee Festivities in Church which he had greatly enjoyed. He also made us aware that he was more than happy to offer his support to future events we might be arranging.**
- 4. Safeguarding: There was nothing to report on this subject. Revd. Clifford Owen took the opportunity to give the PCC a brief update of the renewal of his Safeguarding which he had recently completed.**
- 5. The Chalice: Revd. Geoff Boucher made the PCC Committee aware of the updated guidelines from Ely on the sharing of the Chalice. After discussion it was decided that Communion would still be given from the Chancel step with the wafer being intinctured by the Celebrant.**
- 6. Ordination of Reverend Sam Perez: This was to take place on Saturday 2nd July at Ely Cathedral at 5pm. It was hoped that as many people possible would be able to attend this very special occasion. Revd. Sam Perez would celebrate his first communion on Sunday 3rd July at All Saints, Hartford at 11pm. Sam was asked if he would kindly leave the meeting for a short period of time as the PCC wished to discuss further arrangements.**

7. **Church Wardens Report:** There were no questions on this report which had been circulated with all the PCC papers.
8. **Treasurers Report and Approval of PCC Expenses:** The Treasurer's Report had been circulated. Paul explained that it was in a slightly different format which he hoped was helpful for PCC Members. He summarised the results to the end of May as well as the forecast for the year.

With the turbulence on the world financial markets due to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia it will be unlikely to see any capital growth in our Investment Fund in 2022. The fall in value in the Investment Fund since the end of 2021 is around 8%. Paul explained that we invest for the long term and need to take a five-year view for growth.

Paul is going to prepare a proposal for the PCC to consider about how we handle the funds from the sale of the grazing land when we are in receipt of them.

The PCC Expenses were approved and the recipient of the money paid, being given the option of accepting the amount or donating it to the church.

9. **P.A. System Speaker Microphone:** The quote, which had been circulated to the PCC was approved and the order placed for this piece of equipment which was felt to be very needed.
10. **Choir Robes:** A short discussion took place on the need to replace the Choir Robes, some of which are very old. Any decision on the replacement of the robes was held over for further discussion.
11. **Social Events:** All arrangements for the H.M.V.C. concert were in hand and there was a good amount of interest and tickets sold. The Advent Concert it was agreed, should take place on 2nd December.
12. **Deanery Report:** Elaine gave a brief explanation of her report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The need for the appointment of a Rural Dean was expressed.
13. **Grazing Land:** Paul reported that the Custodian, Ely Diocese Board of Finance, had approved the offer recommended by Brown & Co on the 5th May. Heads of agreement have been drawn up by Brown & Co and agreed by us and the buyers. Solicitors were instructed on the 25th May. John Thorogood of Ward Gethin Archer, Ely is acting for us in this matter.
Paul confirmed that following discussions with Brown & Co about the stipulation in the Red Book Valuation that a fence should be erected by the purchasers of the land had been waived as the land was not going to be used for grazing cattle. The custodian had also agreed to this waiver.
14. **Any Other business:** There were no items.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. with the PCC sharing in the saying of The Grace.