

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HARTFORD.

MINUTES

OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MARCH, 2022

IN THE CHURCH ROOM.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Clifford Owen.

Geoff welcomed Sam Perez (our Curate) to the meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer.

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 were approved by the meeting.
- 2. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from these minutes.
- 3. Correspondence:** It was decided that as a church we would not be proposing anyone for the Etheldreda Medal Award.
- 4. Safeguarding:** The meeting was informed that there was nothing to report. Paul reported that Sue Craven's DBS check had been renewed.
- 5. Church Away Day:** The Away Day held on Saturday 19th March was attended by 18 people. Discussions took place in three separate groups. The three groups were Communication, Pastoral Care and Social Activity. From each group came thoughts and ideas to help with progress and making known our church in the community. The Pastoral Care Group were already meeting, and an Evening Eucharist Service is taking place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Pam Clark raised the possibility of replacing the crockery that we use in the kitchen. This was now very old and had been well used over many years.

6. **Annual Report:** The report was approved by the PCC.
7. **Annual Accounts:** The accounts for 2021 had been examined by David Ebdale and signed off with approval. The PCC meeting proposed that the accounts be approved, this was proposed by Sue Craven and seconded by Pam Clark. As David will not accept a fee for the examination of the accounts it was proposed a gift be made to him as appreciation for his help. These Accounts would now be placed on the Church website and copies made available in Church.
8. **Church Wardens Report:** From the report Sue mentioned some of the items that have been carried out. Cromwell Fire had completed their inspection of fire alarms and fire extinguishers. The electrical testing had taken place and any items high lighted had been dealt with. Two new kettles had been purchased.
9. **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurers Report and Accounts had been circulated. Paul highlighted the key points in the Treasurers Report. There were no questions from the PCC.
10. **Easter Services:** On Maundy Thursday there will be a service of communion in Church at 7p.m. Good Friday at 12 noon there is a service of devotion lasting approximately 1hr and Easter Sunday 11a.m. Holy Communion. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at St. Mary's Houghton, there will be a short service of devotion at 7pm. each evening. On Palm Sunday 10th April, All Saints Church will erect the Wooden Cross in the churchyard. Near to the cross Sam will be arranging an Easter Garden.
11. **Electoral Roll:** At the time of the meeting there was no further information to discuss. All the relevant paperwork for the A.P.C.M. would be completed.
12. **A.P.C.M Tuesday 26th April,2022:** The meeting will be held in Church at 7pm. The PCC discussed ways of attracting more members of our

congregation to attend this meeting. It was suggested that a notice be printed and put in each pew or on each chair giving notice of the meeting and asking people to try to come along. Also, to find people who would be interested in joining the PCC. We are looking for new members with fresh ideas. To become a member of the PCC you do need to be on the electoral roll of the church. Helen Dowzall is the electoral roll secretary who can help. It was reported that Tony Humes our organist is willing to join the PCC and Mary Adlam is due for re-election. Paul Fearon is standing for Church Warden and will remain Treasurer, Sue Craven has expressed her willingness to continue as Church Warden. There is a six-year period of maximum service for a Church Warden and in 2023 Sue Craven will have served her six years. A resolution will need to be passed at the meeting allowing a Church Warden to carry on beyond the six years if they agree to and are nominated by members of the church. The meeting agreed to look into the possibility of having Assistant Church Wardens. This would be discussed at the next PCC Meeting.

13 Church Kneelers: The meeting was informed that the kneelers, at the moment were not being used. Most of them are in very poor condition. It was decided by the PCC that 20 of the kneelers, those in the best conditioned were cleaned and then one would be placed in each pew. Hooks would be put in the pews to keep the kneelers off floor when not in use. The remaining kneelers would be disposed of.

14. Jubilee Tree Planting: A Native Rowan Tree is going to be planted in the church yard on Tuesday 22nd March, 2022. The Town Council had very kindly helped with the planting. It was hoped that members of the congregation would attend and Sam would read a beautiful poem and give a blessing. The poem will be laminated and secured to the wall near the tree, a plaque will also be placed at the foot of the tree commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

15. Social Events: The concert to be given by Huntingdon Male Voice Choir was discussed. It was felt that several points need to be clarified and the PCC Secretary agreed to make contact the secretary of the choir for some clarity. Pam would keep Geoff informed of progress.

Action: Pam Fearon.

16. Deanery and Synod Reports – Deanery Planning: It was felt that the Away Days were providing the necessary input that is needed for the Deanery Planning. Elaine would keep us informed as progress happened.

17. Completion of Oak Audio Cabinet: The cabinet has now been installed and is proudly holding the audio equipment of the church. It is a beautiful piece of carpentry which enhances our church. The pulpit microphone is a great improvement to our sound system.

18. Grazing Land: Paul reported that the custodian (EDBF) had approved the request to sell the land on the 3rd March with the proviso that it was not sold for less than the Red Book Valuation. Brown & Co are commencing the marketing of the land for sale on 25th March with a guide price of £55,000. Paul is going to circulate the sale brochure to the PCC.

19. Newsletter: It was hoped that the Newsletter would be sent out on the 1st April. Geoff thanked Amanda for all her work in producing the Letter. It is now received by many members of not only the church but all who have signed up for Hartford Connect. Printed copies of the News Letter will be made available in Church for those who do not have access to a computer.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm with prayer.