

Approved (19/9/2017)

Minutes of ALL HALLOWS CHURCH, South Cerney with HOLY TRINITY, Cerney Wick PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday, 19th July 2017 in All Hallows church at 7.30pm

- 1 **Prayers** Led by Mrs D Hazelden. (Next meeting to be led by Mrs C Kennedy)
2. **Present:** Rev'd J McKenzie (Chairman), Mr R Edgar, Mrs J Gardiner, Mrs J George, Mr M Gould, Mrs D Hazelden (part-time), Mr G James, Mrs V Jones, Mrs C Kennedy, Mrs J May, Mr M Otter, Mr R Owen, Mr G Payne, Mrs J Townsend,, Mr R Webb, Mr P Williams.

Apologies: Mrs C Wilkinson

- 3 **Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2017:**

Proposed by Martin Gould and seconded by Roger Edgar that the minutes are a true record. All in favour. Minutes then signed by the Vicar.

- 4 **Matters Arising:** From minutes of 16/05/17 meeting:

a) 4c) **Concert 24/6/17:** Vicar spoke of the excellent Aber Male Voice Choir /Blue Notes Jazz Group concert and thanked Graham James and the Social Committee.

b) 4d) **Church Website:** Vicar would like to form a benefice working party for the important work of improving and updating our benefice website.

JMcK

c) 4e) Joan Townsend commented on a very good School Leavers' Service this morning in All Hallows.

5. **Correspondence:** None.

- 6 **Finance:**

a) General: The Treasurer handed round his report.

Garidepalli: It was decided to keep the link going, Vicar to speak further with Bishop Rachel. £1,500 to be sent, £1,000 from us and £500 from the Bishop. Proposed Rogert Edgar, seconded Diana Hazelden,. All in favour.

Martin Gould reported that £460 was raised from the Big Lunch and paid into the South India fund.

Vicar thanked Peter Williams for the huge job he does managing our accounts, especially with the recent Street Fair involvement.

b) Stewardship: Parish Giving Scheme: Vicar said that this needs to be rolled out and that she had seen really good results at her last church. It makes the treasurer's job easier. Meeting to be arranged.

- 7 **Deanery Synod:** Jennifer May reported on the recent meeting which she and Jane George had attended as our representatives. First meeting of the new triennium. Bishop Rachel celebrated Holy Communion. Résumé of the Diocesan Vision Statement 2017-2022 and our part in it. Members asked to arrange time with their respective PCCs to supply a summary action plan to of what we are doing and what we need to do - by 31st August. Vicar to ask for extension. JMCK
- Vicar/secretary will send members the minutes and summary - copy to be filed on PCC minutes file.
- 8 **Church Cleaning:** Diana Hazelden asked for more people to come forward to help with church cleaning or to consider this being done every other week. Vicki Jones also noted that the coffee rota and sidesmen's rota needed more volunteers. Decided to put a note in Interlink. JMCK
- 9 **Communion Set** Jane George wished to pass her late husband's communion set to the church for use. The set had originally come from Mabel Waddington-Jones to Joan Tranter and then to Robert. Jane was thanked by the Vicar.
- 10 **Position of the Lady Chapel Altar:** Vicar said that the altar is mainly used for 8 o.,c. Sunday and 10 o.c. Thursday communion services. She would like it moved forward a short distance so that the celebrant could stand behind it facing the congregation. Proposed Vicki Jones, seconded Roger Edgar. All in favour. JMCK
Martin Gould commented on the brass dedication plaque that needs to be fixed in place. Vicar to look into this.
- 11 **Baby Changing Facilities:** Vicar would like there to be proper baby changing facilities in All Hallows and Martin Gould has researched this. A suitable item would cost £164 + £25 VAT. Proposed Martin Gould, seconded Jenny Gardiner that this be purchased. All in favour. The baby changer would be fixed to the wall in the disabled toilet area. Vicar has also provided a step and toilet seat for young children to use. MG
- 12 **Music Group – New Keyboard:** Agreed in principle that a new keyboard is needed and should be researched. Mike Otter said he had given a clavinova to another church which he didn't think was being used. Would ask if they needed it anymore. Agenda for next meeting. Agenda nxt mtg
- 13 **Safeguarding** Vicar said we need to appoint a new safeguarding officer for All Hallows and it would be good to do this before Mandy moved so we could have a handover. All the safeguarding officers should meet together to share good practice. Noted that our Church Policies need to be reviewed and any amendments recorded at our January meeting. (Mandy is aware of this). Appt. Review

14. **Street Fair Review**

Generally felt that the Street Fair weekend went very well despite the rain on the Monday. Jenny Gardiner spoke of the very big involvement she'd had with organising the church raffle and of Gill Scott's help. Jenny pointed out that she will not be offering to run the raffle next year.

Noted that volunteers were very good at helping put things up beforehand but more people needed to take things down afterwards. Secretary has sent letters of thanks to Katharine, James and Ian as in other years.

Treasurer pointed out that the 'counting up' that has taken place in Mandy Fry's house in recent times would need to find different premises from next year. We will need to reconvene a small group and possibly use Atkyns Manor or the church office.

Also noted that the Saturday night 'church' event was a huge success – band booked for next year but maybe we will consider a change after that,

15. **Ministry Development Team:**

Last meeting continued working on 'Building Teams'. Vicar to lead next meeting.

16. **Social Committee:**

Met 28th June.

Forthcoming 2017 events -

Scarecrow trail 22/23 July

Safari Supper 23rd September

Thamesdown Ladies Choir concert – November/December

Quiz Night 30th September in aid of the Firemen's Benevolent Fund.

17. **Fabric and Furnishing:**

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Heating – Vicki Jones reported that Tony Squire is looking into renewing our church heating which is 35 years old. Vicar said there were grants that we could apply for. She will invite Tony to our next meeting when we can further discuss this.

Martin Gould informed members that a water leak had been repaired. He hopes to get a locksmith to get our outer door open as we haven't been able to find a key. He proposed to compile a list of all church keyholders.

Roger Webb reminded PCC that we need to buy a safe and that we have money for this purpose. Also loft steps are needed..

JT

18. **Any other business:**

a) **Parish Christmas Card:** Joan Townsend asked PCC if she should research this – as in recent years. Last year's cost £272.40. Agreed she comes back to PCC with likely cost.

b) **Army:** Vicar said that she would not be Army Chaplain as David Bowers had been.

19. **Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday, 19th September 2017, 7.30 pm in All Hallows' church.

Meeting closed with The Grace at 9.30pm.