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Minutes of ALL HALLOWS CHURCH, South Carney with HOLY TRINITY, Carney Wick
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday, 15th November 2017 in
All Hallows church at 7.30pm**

1 **Prayers** Led by Mr G James (Next meeting to be led by Mrs J Townsend)

2. **Present:** Rev'd J McKenzie (Vicar - Chair), Mrs J George, Mr M Gould, Mrs D Hazelden, Mr G James, Mrs V Jones, Mrs C Kennedy, Mrs J May, Mr R Owen, Mr G Payne, Mrs J Townsend, Mr R Webb, Mrs C Wilkinson.

Apologies: Mr R Edgar, Mrs J Gardiner, Mr A Squire, Mr M Otter, Mr P Williams.

3 **Minutes of Meeting held on 19th September 2017:**

Proposed by Joan Townsend and seconded by Roger Webb that the minutes are a true record. All in favour. Minutes then signed by the Vicar.

4 **Matters Arising:** From minutes of 19/9/1717 meeting:

a) 8) **Replacement Keyboard:** Vicar to meet with Music Group tomorrow.

JMcK

b) 4b) **Parish Christmas Card:** Ready - passed round to members.

5 **Correspondence:** Nil.

6 **Finance:**

a) **General:** Treasurer's report had been sent to members before the meeting. In the absence of the Treasurer, the report was considered self-explanatory.

b) **Stewardship:** Joan Townsend gave a report on the recent meeting. We will promote the Parish Giving Scheme.

Vicar to write a letter to the congregation and those who give on a regular basis thanking them for their giving.

Let people know what we've done with the money. Parish Share costs.

Event after a Sunday service to explain about finances. PowerPoint presentation (from diocese).

Shift dependence on Street Fair. Aspiration.

Long term – regular Sunday attendance.

Grow in discipleship. Static giving not good.

Once a year Stewardship Day.

Meeting felt to have been positive.

7 **Safeguarding:**

Carolyn Kennedy said that the training day will be 24th January, for which she'd booked 7 places - 5 taken up so far. Noted that this will be ahead of our 30th January meeting. Vicar and Carolyn to talk with Mandy Fry when she returns from abroad. Item on January agenda – review of our church policies.

Agenda
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Joan Townsend showed a leaflet that she picked up on a recent visit to a school about the responsibilities of visitors which she will pass to Carolyn.

8. **Deanery Synod report on 18th October 2017 meeting:**

The minutes and summary are attached. Jennifer May gave her comments on a long meeting as follows:

The Area Dean spoke about possible developments for a sports ministry to get alongside the younger generation who are often engaged with matches on Sunday mornings. Scripture Union are at present discussing possibilities with the Diocese.

We shared ideas given by churches for outreach in their parishes and ways of welcoming newcomers, particularly in areas where there are new housing developments in place or planned.

We were challenged by Arthur Champion, the Diocesan Environmental Adviser to look at what we are doing to care for God's creation. Are we looking into the possibility of using "green" suppliers of electricity or planting wild areas in churchyard to encourage wildlife for example. A Questionnaire has been prepared, and we hope that All Hallows would at least get a Bronze Award on completion!

Concern was expressed concerning the changes in BBC policy regarding religious programmes and the state of religious education in schools. Recommendations have been prepared about teacher training issues in particular.

9. **Benefice service pattern:**

Benefice meeting Sunday at 3pm to discuss this.

10. **'Festival for all', May to June 2018**

Vicar spoke about this Bishop Rachel initiative.

Info att.

11. **Outdoor church:**

Joan Townsend spoke about Outdoor Church in Gloucester, who we've been helping over the years. They are now are in great need of cash. Decided to send a donation. Proposed Vicki Jones, Seconded Graham Payne that we send £100. All in favour.

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12. **Hand towels:**

Decided to purchase 3 new holders, at an approximate cost of £20 each, and paper for out toilet area. Proposed Vicki Jones, seconded Jane George. All in favour.

JT

13. **Dates of 2018 meetings:**

Tues 30th January
Mon 12th March
(Wed. 25th April APCM)
Tues. 15th May
Wed. 11th July
Tues. 18th September
Wed. 21st November

Jeannie

(Noted Easter Day is 1st April)

14. **Review of Wedding and Funeral fees for 2018:**

Agreed they will remain the same as 2017 fees.

Wedding Flowers: Fees across the benefice have been agreed as -

1. 'Use of our flowers - already in church'. No charge.
2. 'Provide their own'. No charge.
3. 'Our ladies buy and arrange flowers'. Charge - cost of materials plus £50.

Jeannie

'2' and '3' – they may take their flowers from church after service.

15. **Ministry Development Team:**

Joan Townsend gave a summary of the meeting on Wed. 1st November.

Discernment: Theme for our individual Discernment and that of the whole benefice:

Grow in:

Prayer; Bible reading; Relationship with God; Church to grow in fellowship; People to know that God loves them.

Christmas: Cards to be delivered to every home in South Carney and Cerney Wick Crib service time changed to 5pm.

Carol services to be reviewed in 2018.

Invitation cards so that congregation could personally invite a neighbour/friend to Christmas services.. Available from Advent Sunday 3/12/17.

Lots of ideas put forward for 2018.

Away Day: A morning in the New Year.

Discernment: What does God want from us. How are we going to be doing it. Praying together.

16. **Social Committee report:**

Safari Supper 23rd September – a great success.

Quiz Night 30th September in aid of the Firemen's Benevolent Fund – another great success with proceeds of £650 for church funds.

2018 events:

April Thamesdown Ladies' Choir concert.

May Street Fair

September Treasure Trail

October 20th 'Splash of Red' concert (hosted by the British Legion)*

December Christmas Tree festival

*Noted at this point that Remembrance Service next year is on the 11th November. 100 years since the end of World War One. Church service to be earlier and procession arrive at War Memorial for 11 o'clock.

17 **Fabric and Furnishing:**

Martin Gould reported that the porch light will be put right. Our new flag is flying well. Some discussion on audibility in services.

- 18 **Any other business:**
- a) **Christingle Service** 21st January 2018 4pm. Invitations to be given out at Crib Service.
 - b) **Youth Group meeting** Sunday evening 6pm in church.
 - c) **Church Raffle:** Vicar will put a request in Interlink for someone to run the raffle at the Street Fair.
 - d) We have only one churchwarden this year and need two to be nominated before the APCM in April next year. Information to be given to congregation about what the role of a churchwarden is. Also that of the PCC secretary.
 - e) **Benefice Website** Martin Gould reported on a very constructive meeting in October. Congregations are to be asked to send in their ideas/comments to Martin. Possible use of social website, eg Facebook.
19. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday, 30th January 2018, 7.30 pm in All Hallows.

Meeting closed with The Grace at 9.35 pm.