

Meeting of St Mary's PCC, 23rd July 2018

Agenda

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7. Fabric
8. Friends
9. Health and Safety
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11. Date of next meeting - 24th September.

Standing Committee 9th July 2018

Present: Val, Mavis, Geoff Peter, David, Liz

Apologies: Rob

Matters arising from PCC minutes David said the matter of electronic voting at PCCs in exceptional circumstances would be raised at the next Diocesan Synod.

Most consent forms under GDPR regulations have now been received.

Fabric Geoff reported that Dave Crosskell has been clearing debris from the church roof, clearing gutters etc. and has also been investigating the cause of the recent roof leaks in St James' Chapel. David has also repaired the door closure on the inner church door, to the relief of all eardrums.

There was a discussion around the heating/lighting question. Since many of the convectors had been found to be turned down very low and needed cleaning out it was agreed to test them at more appropriate settings over the summer and see if they were more effective. Various possibilities were discussed regarding lighting. LEDs seem to be the best way forward and it may be possible to do this with an Archdeacon's Certificate rather than a full faculty application. It was suggested that we ask Kaye Electrics for a quote to install some in St James' Chapel as a trial run, this being the area of the church used most extensively in the evening over the space of a month.

Friends of St Mary's It was felt that we need to bring the Friends to the attention of the congregation more directly. John French has taken leaflets to the Civic Society and we also need to explore the possibility of approaching businesses like Wren, offering some form of corporate membership. For local people who don't want to see the church fall down we need to be able to make the Friends attractive, as well as for our congregation who, in addition to keeping it standing, also want to keep it running. It was suggested that our Patronal Festival would be an appropriate occasion to distribute leaflets about the Friends to the congregation and also for something to be said directly about the project and why it's needed during the service. The Tesco tokens scheme remains a possibility.

Mavis reported that all the Toddler Time cupboards had been open that morning and that she and Michelle believed some toys were missing. The doors have been taped up and the spare key hidden.

Val said she had been told that putty had fallen out of the hall windows. Geoff said this matter had been passed on to Ian Wilson but as he is on holiday this week it would be a few days before we could expect any repairs. Meanwhile, David assured us that the glass was in no danger of falling out.

Notable dates It was noted that Jean Dawson celebrates her 90th birthday this November and that Mary Robinson will have been in the choir for 50 years this year and both occasions should be recognised in some way.

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21st May 2018

Present: Frs. D. Rowett (Chair) L. Brown (Secretary). Messrs. G. Brown, R. Smith, Dr P. Large
Mesdames: S. Brennan, M. Nutbrown, A. Trubshaw

Apologies: Messrs. S. Bennett, K. Henson. Mesdames; V. Dukes, A. Henson, M. McManus,
S. Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and accepted as a true record. Proposed – Rob.
Seconded – Geoff

Matters arising: Fr. David reported that the proposal to allow email voting for PCCs in exceptional
circumstances had now been passed on to the Diocese to go to Synod. Fr David also reported that he had
drafted the first of the new batch of leaflets available at the back of the church for visitors .

Correspondence – none

Co-option of Mr S. Bennett Mr Bennett had indicated that he would be prepared to continue on the PCC.
Proposed: Rob Seconded: Mavis. All in favour

Committee reports

Social – Auriol said the Summer Fair would be held on 7th July and help was desperately needed both running
stalls and helping to set up. She asked that this information be added to the weekly notice sheet.

Toddlers – Mavis reported that the group now had two new bikes and that several mums are returning who
had previously left to take children swimming etc

Safeguarding: Rob said the church now complies fully with the requirement of all policies. We will be
volunteering to be “guinea pigs” in the diocesan audit. Under Safer recruitment we have to look at roles and
responsibilities. If paid staff/volunteers are deemed to need a DBS the diocese will pay for a basic check.

**Update 19/7/18. After a remark at Deanery Chapter, the diocese was asked whether it was true that all PCC
members now need to have a basic DBS check, despite an apparent tension between this and the Church
Representation Rules. The reply seems to be 'Yes' – we'll deal with this at the September meeting*

GDPR – very limited data is held. Those who do not wish to receive information can opt out. Events can be
publicised by anonymous “mail drops” since these do not require knowledge of names/addresses etc.

Confidentiality Policy A draft was circulated. The idea is to be simple, clear and in line with common sense.
PCC voted to adopt the policy. Proposed: Mavis Seconded Sue B.

Quinquennial Geoff referred to the Standing Committee report and the continued bafflement over the floor in
the north aisle. He said there was a danger that we would be so preoccupied with that problem that other
work would be forgotten. The door to the meter cupboard needs replacing and this could be combined with
the work needing to be done replacing the boiler house doors.

Val and Geoff have collected the church plate from the bank since the branch is now closing. Some will now be
used and photos are in place in the log book.

Heating Although heating and lighting are poor, the cost of replacing is prohibitive and there is structural work
which needs to be done first. The “Friends of St Mary's” need greater publicity but even if we attract support
from the community it will inevitably be actual church users who will bear the brunt of costs. A leaflet about
the “Friends” will be given out with service books on Sunday and one to Fr Gordon in his role as Publicity
Officer. Fr David said the £50,000 needed to install new heating was impossible to find and that the church
was too big to keep very warm. Some of the work of cleaning out the convectors we could do ourselves. Steve
Leaning has been contacted about the faulty pilot light and about the damp/rusty patch at the back of the
north aisle, but as yet has not responded.

It was suggested that we should flush the convectors through ourselves and Hoover out any dust/debris.
Lighting may be improved by the installation of LED floodlights at a relatively low cost. Proposed: Mavis
Seconded: Sue B. All in favour. Fr David thanked the working party for all their efforts but said we need to
prioritise necessary structural work over other matters which are desirable but not essential.

AOB none. The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: 23rd July