

Meeting of St Mary's PCC

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.

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