

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 8.00PM IN CHURCH
FOLLOWING THE 7.30PM EUCHARIST**

Present: Sarah Canham (Churchwarden)(Chair), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Lynn Winter (Deputy Safeguarding Officer), Marian Haughton (Anna Chaplain), Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), Lynne McNeill (Charities Account Treasurer), Anne Morgan, Sue Hodgens, David Cavey, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Malcolm Brewer (Assistant Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

In attendance: Rev Sandra, David Cain

Thank you to Rev Sandra who took the Eucharist service before the PCC meeting and stayed for the meeting.

			<u>ACTION</u>
1.		Apologies for absence: Jackie Rossi, Sonja Renfrew (Safeguarding Officer), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod)	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on 22nd July	
		<u>Page 1</u> – Anne Morgan is actually down as present and under Apologies. She did send her apologies and was not at the meeting. The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		<u>Page 1, Item 3 – Key for Fire Door at back of church</u> – Richard has now got keys cut and distributed them and one will go on the hook with the Chapel key in the Sacristy.	
		<u>Page 1, Item 3 – Health and Safety at back of church</u> – Jane spoke to Patricia about this – ongoing.	PB
		<u>Page 1, Item 3 – Altar cloth</u> – Dawn Hyett has offered to see if she can mend the one that got burnt. Jane to ask Wendy where it is.	JC
		<u>Page 1, Item 3 – Banners via Sonja & Iain</u> – Ongoing as Sonja not at the meeting.	SR
		<u>Page 3, Item 5c) – Office Computer</u> – A new office computer has been purchased and installed. This was very kindly donated by Mabel Maginn in memory of Daniella. Jane looking into putting a plaque at the back of church where people will see it.	JC
		<u>Page 4, Item 7a) – Parish outing to Glastonbury</u> - unfortunately this could not take place as it was too expensive. Maybe try again next year and see if we can get enough people to fill a coach.	
		<u>Page 5, Item 7d) – Church opening times</u> – unfortunately the church opening times are restricted as reported at the last meeting. Thanks to Malcolm and Lynn.	
		<u>Page 5, Item 7e) – Yew Tree</u> – Helen has taken it upon herself to get someone in to cut back the yew tree. Sarah will speak to her and advise that in future any work should be agreed by PCC before going ahead.	SC
		<u>Page 5g) – Church Union Leaflets</u> - Lynn said that these have been replenished and she has some spares.	
4.		Safeguarding Report	
		The Safeguarding Report from Sonja has already been circulated.	

		Committees and Reports <u>ONLY</u> to approve any proposals	<u>ACTION</u>
5.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report	
		<p>Lynne reported the following: Mission to Seafarers for July - £132.60 British Red Cross for August - £84.00 Rowans Hospice for September - £67.10 PCC commented that this was quite a low figure for the Rowans but apparently the basket did not go out one week so that is the reason.</p>	
	b)	Treasurer's Report	
		<p>Sara reported as follows: "I hope you all received copies of the financial overview for July and August. Going through the overview I would like to particularly mention the following: <u>Income</u> Pink Envelopes: The total amount received was only £1 below the budget although it is highlighted red, but it is nothing very much at all. Gift Aid: We have recovered a considerable amount of tax on donations made to us and this included some of last year's. There is still the second half of 2025 to be claimed. Donations: We have received some very generous donations from parishioners to assist with the cost of repairs to the hall kitchen roof – our thanks go to those people. We also received a bequest which covered the cost of the new emergency exit door in the hall for which we are very grateful. Fundraising: As at the end of August fundraising was over budget following our Summer Fete. Tea/Coffee: Our outgoings are covered by our income and we expect to make some profit as at the end of the financial year especially as our request for a minimum donation of £1 is being observed. £4,700 has been transferred from the Film Club current account to offset the cost of repairs to the hall kitchen roof. <u>Expenditure</u> Parish Share: as at the end of August we had paid the Diocese £15,000 in Parish Share. It is anticipated that we will be paying a further £10,000 this month taking us to £25,000 paid against a liability of £50,000. Endowment Investment: The value of this investment has risen by £500 as at the end of June, however, this type of investment is subject to the variations of the Stock Market. Utilities: Gas and electricity outgoings are below budget but will certainly increase now that we are entering the winter period. Liturgical Costs and Administration: Both these areas costs are exceeding budget. Church Maintenance: There have been no large expenses in this area but recent Quinquennial works recently carried out will be incurred. Apart from our Parish Share liability the next highest outgoings are for Administrator's salary and music. Any questions?"</p> <p>Richard explained for members of the PCC that are unaware that the Quinquennial is a 5 yearly inspection done by our Architect. Chris North has done all the urgent work for the Quinquennial in one day at a cost of £850 – a fantastic service from him.</p>	
	c)	Fabric & Finance, Quinquennial & Stewardship Committee	
		The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th September have already been circulated.	

		Update on Heating (David Cain)	<u>ACTION</u>
		<p>The heating has been used for the first time this autumn and fortunately found to still work!!</p> <p>The next stage in preparation for the eventual replacement of the heating system is to increase the electrical capacity in the building. After a survey at the beginning of August, the electric meter was changed but this still only provides a single phase 100amp supply. However, they were able to confirm that there is already a three phase head in the building so upgrading the installation will be simpler than first thought. Our own electricians will need to do some minor work to the existing electrical set up to enable a three phase meter to be installed, but that will then enable all three phases to be used and increases the electrical supply to 300amps. DC is working with MB to move this forward.</p>	
6.	a)	Pastoral and Mission and Stewardship Committee	
		Not met	
	b)	Church Hall Committee	
		The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st October have already been circulated.	
	c)	Families and Young People's Ministry	
		<p><u>Sunday School</u>: Report already been circulated from Sunday School. The PCC said a big thank you to the Sunday School leaders who do a wonderful job.</p> <p><u>Toddlers</u>: Sonja reported that she and Iain have enquired with someone connected with St Margaret's in Southsea about the possibility of running Toddlers. There are several people who are willing to help but at present no one to lead. Anne thinks the reason that not many Mums and Toddlers are coming at the moment is because they have heard that there is no leader. Richard said it would cost £13.84 an hour to pay a leader and he wondered if we should contact Amber's tutors to see if there is anyone who would like to take this on for experience on their c.v.</p> <p><u>Dragons</u>: Sarah Brewer and Sonja have expressed a willingness to run the Dragons but when Sarah enquired on the Dragons group chat about whether a Wednesday evening would be manageable for people she has had no response from any of the Dragons. Several people have also said they would volunteer to drive Dragons to High Tide and stay for the evening every other month. The PCC are very grateful to Sarah and Sonja for volunteering to run The Dragons and would like to accept their offer. David said maybe call a Wednesday meeting and let all the Dragons know and see who turns up.</p> <p>Sarah and Richard reiterated how important it is for St George's to have these things to encourage young people into the church.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>SR</p>
	d)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th September have already been circulated.	
	e)	Eco Church Group Committee	
		Not met.	
	f)	Deanery Synod	
		Not met.	
7.		Correspondence / AOB	
		Photocopier – Malcolm said that this November we need to get a new lease on a photocopier. Sharps are compelled to repair and supply new parts and they are no longer able to get parts for our current	

		photocopier. Malcolm has discussed this with John Johnson and they are quite happy that the costs are not going to increase very much. We would have a minimum 3 years contract and should be able to lease for another couple of years. We pay on average £150 a month. The new machine would do exactly the same things as this one does and cartridges and staples are all supplied. It was agreed unanimously that we go ahead.	<u>ACTION</u> MB
		Monday 13th October – meeting with Archdeacon Bob White and Emma, Area Dean at 7.30pm in the Church. The Churchwardens reiterated that it is very important that as many members of the PCC attend this meeting to put our views forward on the current situation.	ALL
8.		Date of Next Meeting	
		The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th December at 8.00pm.	ALL
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.	