

PCC Minutes 18th January 2024

Item	Subject	Decision/Actions
1	The meeting opened in prayer at 20.01 hrs	
2	<p>Apologies for absence <u>Present:</u> Bridget Shepherd, Angela Stebbings, Chris Henriette, Adriaan Goosen, John Murray (JoM), James Murdoch (JaM), Sue Tearle, Conway Tearle, Clare Johnson, Trudi Bramson Gladys Ekpo-Daniels, <u>Apologies:</u> Peter Watson, Hannah Burns, Louise Grace, Yi Baylis, Mia Hadfield-Spoor, Pete Burns <u>Absent:</u> Sophia Duffy</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of Interest: None declared</p>	
4	<p>Acceptance of AOB: None raised</p>	
5	<p>Approval of minutes of meeting of 22nd November 2023 Proposed by Angela, seconded by JoM Abstention: 2 not present in November All others present at the meeting were in favour.</p>	Carried
6	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes There were no new Matters Arising apart from action items arising from Budget discussion, including a FN team meeting, which are in process.</p>	
7	<p>PCC Vision discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Dates for PCC awaydays are noted below. Members of Ministry team have been invited to join. ● JaM had been asked to investigate St Peter's title and a progress paper was presented and noted. 	
8	<p>Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates for Approval of Accounts were noted i.e. Accounts to be approved by PCC @ meeting 5/3/24, deadline for IE 5/4/24, final approval 20/4/24 ● Conway gave a brief update on status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Estimated 2023 deficit £7,600. Total Reserves £67,700 ○ Estimated budget deficit 2024 £12-15,000 plus discretionary expenditure e.g.£7,500 approved for Weigall Road kitchen ○ Available reserves will cover deficit but given other envisioned expenditure there will be a focus on raising income. 	

<p>9</p>	<p>Eco Church Working Group Proposal</p> <p>The PCC had received a formal proposal by letter from the Eco Church Working group proposing a) our vision work include plans to achieve net zero and b) that we install solar-panels.</p> <p>The PCC had an in depth discussion and there was unanimous support for including the journey to Net zero in our plans. There was specific discussion on solar panels and other possible projects that would support that journey including e.g. double glazing. heat pumps etc etc. There was a feeling that we need to have a holistic long term plan and Angela offered that her Alms House charity had supported a decision to work to net zero by having an Energy Survey to outline the options and enable the cost/benefits to be compared and for individual projects to be prioritised. There was a feeling that we should follow a similar approach.</p> <p>It agreed that we adopt a net zero target as part of the resource stage of our Vision and Plan ('Resources' are scheduled to be discussed at our April awayday) and that we then commission an Energy Survey as the next step. Proposed James, Seconded Trudi. All in favour.</p> <p>James agreed, as Acting Secretary, to write a reply to the working group based on this decision.</p>	<p>Decision/carried</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Prayers of Love and Faith Pastoral Guidance</p> <p>Bridget gave a summary: Where are we now?</p> <p>In November, General Synod granted permission for churches to use prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and blessing for same sex couples. This is for a trial period pending review.</p> <p>The rules around that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · PLF must be used in existing services e.g. our 10.30am service, but can't be used in a standalone service at this stage · PLF are for use with same sex couples as there is no provision for them elsewhere – there's existing liturgy for use with married couples · The decision to use the PLF is down to the conscience of the individual minister, but good practice suggests that the Vicar and PCC should be in agreement about their use · Ordained and Lay Ministers are allowed to use the PLF, but no one can be compelled to use them <p>At a later date, General Synod will be asked to vote on the use of PLF as part of a standalone service. If General Synod give permission for that to happen, both the Vicar and PCC will need to be in agreement, and this will need to be reflected in a PCC resolution. If a new minister joined the parish but chose</p>	

	<p>not to use the PLF in standalone services, the previous agreement would not override that. As a general principle, a standalone service using the PLF should not be made to look like a marriage.</p> <p>Both Bridget and Chris are happy to use the PLF in our Sunday services if requested.</p> <p>Are the PCC happy to support their decision to use the PLF?</p> <p>Are the PCC happy for a statement to go on the Weddings page of the website and in our weekly email to that effect?</p> <p>PCC Support was proposed by Trudi, Seconded by Angela and approved by all present.</p> <p>The PCC were suggested that the Weddings page be turned into a Life Events page, including e.g. Baptisms, Wedding Anniversary Blessings, etc etc, (so that there is no confusion about what is being offered) and that a statement reflecting this decision be added.</p> <p>Chris then led prayers for all those affected by this issue.</p>	Decision/carried
11	<p>Fabric Update/Wall Repair</p> <p>The PCC noted JaM's report. James advised that since he had written the report to the PCC, he had written a polite but firm letter outlining our Professional experts' advice and had formally re-submitted our application to the Diocese for Archdeacon's List B permission.</p>	
12	<p>Report back from Deanery Synod</p>	The Synod had not met since the last PCC – next meeting 7/2/24
11	<p>Safeguarding Information, some PCC DBS checks will be up for renewal soon.</p>	No matters reported to PCC
12	<p>Health & Safety</p>	No matters reported to PCC
13	<p>GDPR</p>	No matters reported to PCC
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statistics for Mission 2023 & October 2023 Count: request for annual mission stats from Diocese ● Memorial service for Bishop Karowei Sat 20th January 	Bridget has submitted.
15	<p>AOB None</p>	

16	Date of next meetings: Memorial service for Bishop Karowei at St. Barnabas, Dulwich at 3pm Saturday 20 th January 2024 Deanery Synod 7 th , Standing Committee 20 th , Awayday 24 th February. Click for full list.	
15	The meeting ended in prayer around 21.20hrs.	