

## Meeting of the full PCC at St George's Church Centre Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7pm

**Attendance of those to be recorded :** Mike Smith, Linda Vogwell, Chris Sandys, Derek Harbottle, Lizbeth Harbottle, Dave Hopkins, Liz Hopkins, Louisa Messenger, Claire Otter, Liz Ashenden, John Mayne, Steve Plant, Karen Leach

**Apologies :** Mike Owens, Pat Hartwell

### Agenda

1. **Prayers**  
The meeting opened at 7pm and started with prayers.
2. **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Mike Owens and Pat Hartwell.
3. **Approval of minutes from PCC meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
Proposed by Liz Hopkins, seconded by John Mayne  
with the following amendments : Deanery Synod report updated by Liz Ashenden as was incomplete. (See new report attached to these minutes).
4. **Actions/Matters arising**
  - a) Mike still to arrange for PCC time away.
  - b) Lounge redecorating : Mike said massive 'thank you' to John Mayne, Tony Wood, Phil Blake and John Boulton for their time, energy and skill in developing the lounge and to Mike Owens for his generosity in supplying and fitting the dado rail and blinds.
  - c) Mike asked John Mayne to speak to Tony Wood to organise decorating church centre corridor. Discussion ensued regarding costs. Agreed that John Mayne to speak to Tony Wood to find cost of decorating corridor and present cost at future meeting.
5. **Line Manager needed for Church Administrator (Karen Leach)**  
Claire Otter agreed to take role as Church Administrator's Line Manager.
6. **Finance Report**
  - Planned Giving down by £3,000 as should be £36,000.
  - Church Centre hall hire income is slightly down and £95 still to be raised for lounge refurb cost – to be discussed at Church Centre Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Payaz machine has not been used (and needs to be) and training is needed for vergers to use it. Chris Sandys agreed to carry out training.
  - Churchyard upkeep – we have reduced some costs as it has been carried out by volunteers and not contractors.
  - Electricity – SSE contract still has 3 years to run. Derek to review contract to see how we may be affected by recent and predicted future high energy costs within the next 3 years.

- Photocopier contract expires on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Karen obtaining costs for updated version (laser printer) of current photocopier.
- Our fundraising for this year needs to be £14,000, however we have so far raised £2,234, so down by £11,800 approximately. Discussion ensued regarding use of endowed fund to make up some (or all) of the deficit. Also, should we use the grant?

#### **Discussion ensued regarding fundraising**

- Mike to be in charge of Christmas Fair as no one else offered to be.
- Karen to find out when the date of Community Centre Christmas Fair is.
- Ideas of fundraising events discussed : Harvest Fair, Jumble Sale, Car Boot/Table Top Sale.
- Claire Potter agreed to arrange a Car Boot/Table Top Sale, but would need willing volunteers to make event work.
- Chris Sandys said that we need to encourage committed church members to sign up to Parish Giving and suggested Mike mention this at each 10.30am Sunday Service.
- Claire Potter/Chris Sandys said that Parish Giving needs to be promoted more and church members made aware of our £11,800 debt. Perhaps fundraise for specific things as opposed to general fundraising.
- Chris Sandys to create a poster detailing the Payaz machine and put our debt of nearly £12,000 on the poster.
- Need to explore promoting Easyfundraising again.

#### **Harvest**

- Derek Harbottle said we should do something to mark Harvest as flowers in church always beautiful. Chris Sandys said he put Harvest church flowers on Facebook 2 years ago and was most liked post ever on our page. Mike Smith suggested having church open and Payaz machine available.
- Dave Hopkins suggested Harvest Bring 'n' Share Lunch. Karen Leach agreed to organise this.

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

- Linda Vogwell to meet with our Flower Guild next week to start planning and Karen Leach to assist.
- Chris Sandys suggested turning Tree Festival into bigger event to include Christmas Fair and Church Service for future years.

### **7. Churchwardens' report**

#### **Brockworth Court wall**

Email received from Tim Wiltshire confirmed nothing to us. He said a builder is monitoring the wall. He wanted to do warning signs. We said 'no'. We need to protect public and make them aware of the danger. We needed assurances from Tim and none were provided. It is a public footpath next to most of the wall. Linda contacted Lianne Eve at Brockworth Parish Council. Lianne referred issue to Julian (conservationist) at Tewkesbury Borough Council. Linda received letter from Julian. Linda wrote to Tim again. Await reply. Linda to monitor wall gap

movements and take monthly pictures. Chris Sandys has put a more visible and robust chain around the part of the wall near to the War Memorial.

#### **Sidespersons' Rota**

New rota issued. Chris said if anyone knows of any new people at church, please let them know that we need new people to go onto this rota. Neville Mace to receive training from Liz Hopkins. Chris to let Neville know dates.

#### **8. Safeguarding**

Two signed posters showing safeguarding contact details are now on display at church and Church Centre. Liz Hopkins said we now have access to Diocesan Dashboard – this contains information of what is required from us. Liz to look into any training required for bell ringers etc. Liz to find out if we need to display details from poster on our Facebook page and let Chris Sandys know.

#### **9. Highlights from Committees**

Details will be provided at the next PCC meeting as these committees are just about to meet.

#### **10. Deanery Synod report**

See report attached to these minutes.

#### **11. Correspondence - None**

#### **12. Any other business - None**

**Date of next meetings:** SC meeting Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, 7pm, Church Centre  
PCC meeting Mon 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 7pm, Church Centre

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## UPDATED REPORT FOR PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY AND 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### Report from the Severn Vale Deanery (Liz Ashenden)

The deanery is carrying out a Strategic Planning Process with a view to becoming more efficient and so more effective by making use of our own resources before calling on the Diocesan support. Normally when the Diocese is wanting to make cuts, *they* produce the plans and impose them on the deaneries and parishes. This time, the deaneries are drawing up their own plans, which will be submitted to the Diocese before implementation.

Early this year most reps attended a meeting to discuss any areas of parish life where pooling resources might provide mutual support and hopefully improve efficiency, (basically to prevent us all reinventing the wheel with every aspect of our mission!) This general discussion brought out four main areas worth further consideration. The four headings were:

- 1) Deanery organisation and communication
- 2) Young people and families.
- 3) Reaching out to those who don't know us.
- 4) Future of our church buildings,

### Westbury Meeting. 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

This meeting was used to add detail to the four headings by dividing the parishes between four subgroups, each discussing one heading.

The conclusions of these discussions were later collated and noted in the minutes which I'll forward to any who are interested.

### Sandhurst Meeting. 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

This meeting picked up on the last item: 4)Future of our Church Buildings.

We had a detailed and informative presentation on the role of the DAC ie. Diocesan Advisory Committee, whose main job is to advise the Chancellor whether to approve faculties, (church type planning applications,) across the Diocese. However, most of their time is spent helping the parishes as they make their applications. Rather than enlarge on this, I'm happy to forward the relevant minutes, which explain more fully just who constitute the DAC and the sort of advice they can offer.

As the Strategic Planning Process progresses, there is a suggestion that a paid Buildings Project Officer could be employed by the Deanery who could investigate grants, regulations etc on our behalf. Further discussions will follow.

### End of Deanery Synod Report