

All Saints Hertford PCC

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Present: Rosemary Bolton (chair)

Rev. Jo Loveridge

Dorothy Toyn

Julia Gough

Marion Hassell

Janet Bird

Wendell Newbold

Colin Bird

Mary Penny

Andrew Povey-Richards

Nerine Chalmers

Cheryl Massey

- 1 Appointment of PCC secretary and Standing Committee  
Mary Penny was appointed PCC Secretary by unanimous vote.  
The composition of the Standing Committee was agreed to be the following five office Holders: The Vicar (currently) Rev Canon Jo Loveridge), the Churchwardens, (Julia Gough and Colin Bird), the Parish Administrator (Martin Penny), and Secretary to the PCC, (Mary Penny).
- 2 Apologies were received from Anne Stephens-Jones Janet Oldham and Andrew Bellfield.
- 3 The minutes of the previous meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising  
Safeguarding checks are completed and Andrew Belfield's appointment as a trustee has been finalised.  
Gate use is now settled as closed with chain wrapped around.  
Grant applications to the Music Development Fund (recommended by the Director of Music) were agreed to be dealt with confidentially by the Vicar, the Treasurer and the Stewardship Officer on behalf of the PCC.
- 5 Mission and Outreach. This item was taken out of agenda order.  
  
Geoff and Kath Oates were welcomed to the meeting when they talked us through their time last winter when they visited Anglican Churches around the county to share in varied outreach programmes both in church buildings and beyond. The PCC asked questions as the presentation went and asked if it could be circulated for further reading. The Chair thanked

Mr and Mrs Oates for coming with the news of their explorations during Geoff's Reader Sabbatical and as part of Kath's study with the Diocese.

The Ministry Team and Standing Committee will study it as preparation for the Worship part of the PPC meeting on Nov 6th.

- 6 Fabric items The appeal for funds to repair the Reredos has reached £4,500 plus Gift Aid ie about £5,500 against the expected cost of £6,900. The appeal will remain open through September. Gift Aid envelopes are on the pews. CB has applied for the Faculty and the professional Restorers are ready to start.

Vestry Roof To effect the permanent repair the architect has recommend lead. The PCC intends to challenge this based on 1 All Saints already has some replacement roof not in lead. 2 We intend to examine a report of a church in Leicester where lead was not used as a replacement. 3 The Vestry roof is low and is a soft target for lead thieves. There is little point in putting alarms on the very high parts of the building if we cannot protect the lower roofs, so this project is in abeyance.

Sustainability Project Update.

CB suggested we have a professional feasibility study around the St John's Hall land as to how we create a fund for All Saints to move us into financial security. Preliminary discussions will get underway in October.

MP has been in touch with Andrew Earis of HeartEdge and they will meet so that Martin can learn how St Martin in the Fields moved from renting their church for concert promoters to being the promoter themselves.

- 8 AOB All Saints will receive Flags from Hertford Town Council which will be housed in the Memorial Chapel.

Further repair to the Tower Clock will be organised by Hertford Town Council and MP will publicise this making it clear that the clock is the property of the Town Council

The PCC thanks Richard Toyn and his team, James Ann and Nick who made it possible to open the Tower to almost 200 visitors during the day of the Bike and Hike event.

The meeting closed at 9.15.

Next meeting of the PCC will be on November 6<sup>th</sup>.