

## Minutes of the PCC Meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Present; Rev Jo Loveridge (chair), Janet Bird, Lisa Meakin, Linda Dye, Verity Tranter, Andrew Povey-Richards, Nerine Chalmers, Colin Bird, Andrew Belfield, Martin Penny, Samantha Bowden, Mary Penny.

1 Apologies were received from Helen Briggs.

The meeting was paused to receive PC Holly White. She had been delayed during the day when she was expected to meet The Vicar to consider the ongoing window damage that All Saints is experiencing. After external and internal viewings of the holes in windows on the South side she spoke to PCC. She offered both short and longer term support. In the immediate future a camera will be installed to aid her investigation, and she will advise the PCC on how to raise awareness and gather evidence regarding the frequent incidents of damage to the church's windows.

2 The meeting continued with the approval of the previous minutes.

3 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Sustainability. This part of the meeting is confidential, as are the minutes of the discussion etc. Colin Bird was thanked by the PCC for his work in progressing the matter.

5 Fabric. Windows. We have now had to make four claims against our insurance. The DAC will visit All Saints on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am to discuss ways of repairing and inhibiting future damage. PCC was informed that offers of financial help have been made. Archdeacon/Rural dean Visitation. This will be performed by the Lay Chair on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be followed by the Quinquennial Inspection on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Organ. Martin Penny (Director of Music) reported that the water damage sustained during Storm Eunice earlier this year is to be repaired by our organ builder and his team at the end of August. Insurance has covered the cost. Some large pipes from the 16 foot Open Wood will be laid in the church for a few days while the ruined leather is renewed. Chapel spruce up. It is suggested that members of the PCC should support some work to improve the appearance of the Memorial Chapel during the week beginning Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, and as part of that, Andrew Povey-Richards will work on the contents of a large wooden trunk stored there, and Martin and Mary Penny will organise the removal of the piano along with that from St. John's Hall and the old one in the Vestry

Finance. Colin Bird (Treasurer) reported that thanks to excellent work by Mario Jorge, the Hall has received more income in the period Jan-June than in the whole of 2021. The church has lost less than we planned for in the budget. Q. Is the second half of the year likely to be also better? A. Yes, not least because we have already paid our insurance fees. Nerine Chalmers (Warden) reported from Mario that PCC should address the historical habit of some users of the hall who fail to book and pay for their preparations and clearing up time, thus causing friction with other users, and denying PCC income. Nerine was thanked for this information. Martin Penny (Parish Administrator) replied that an upgrade on the system for booking is under way after delays during the Pandemic when we closed the Hall to everyone. This should make it easier to collect and monitor payments. Soundbites Update. Martin Penny(Director of Music) In response to suggestions from Chris Benham who books the musicians for the concert series, a budget for the next 10 concerts has been agreed to allow flexibility in planning, and a small sub-committee of the PCC has been formed consisting of Jo, Martin and Verity, along with Chris Benham and David Hunt. In response to a request from Chris that some of the Soundbites income go into the organ fund, Martin has assured him that in the longer term, when the All Saints finances are more secure, there will be improvements to the Father Willis Organ funded by a donation, and in the meantime the Music Development Fund is able for the

time being, to continue offering grants to young people. Martin emphasised to PCC that he is keen to see the musical life of All Saints supporting the day to day running costs which are in deficit.

7 Health and Safety. Richard Toyn's report had nothing specific to report, but he asked PCC to remind all users about the Evacuation Plan which must be adhered to. He has noticed since re-opening after Covid closures, that some groups are not fulfilling their duty to lock and unlock the North and South Doors etc. Martin Penny (Admin) will remind all users. Richard noted that broken glass from window damage is a continuing risk. Jo reported a request she received to re-instate the Communion Cup as some churches have done, but PCC were in agreement that the infection rates are still too high to do this. PCC will continue to monitor the situation.

Safeguarding. Andrew Povey-Richards reported that there were no issues to report. He directed PCC to the latest newsletter. Nearly all members have completed the Basic Awareness and Domestic Abuse courses, and arrangements are in hand to support the remainder to comply.

9 Dates for Meetings. A Poll was taken and dates until May 2023 are booked.

10 Future Events. Harvest is booked and Christmas ideas are developing.

11 AOB. PCC is grateful to Dorothy Toyn for her support in caring for our defibrillator, including a recent service. Samantha Bowden is a Qualified First Aider and she will check the defibrillator monthly. PCC discussed whether we should place a notice to show its position. Nerine has received a request from a group wishing to survey the church for bats. Martin will write from the PCC declining this request. Lisa reported that Friends of All Saints is moving forward. PCC was alerted to a Covid scam that was reported in the Church Times as having caused serious losses to another parish.

12 The meeting ended at 9.50pm with the Grace.