

## Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July by Zoom.

Present; Wendell Newbold, Rosemary Bolton, Lisa Meakin, Martin Penny, Mary Penny (hon. Sec.), Janet Bird, (Churchwarden), Nerine Chalmers, (Churchwarden), Colin Bird, (Treasurer), Dorothy Toyn, Andrew Povey-Richards, Andrew Belfield, Rev Canon Jo Loveridge (Chair).

1. Apologies were received from Helen Briggs and Verity Tranter.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Matters Arising
  - 3.1. The notes circulated from Harry Steele are to be discussed informally after Morning Service on the last Sunday in August.
  - 3.2 Nerine to speak on Flourishing Churches in Item 4.
4. Sustainability. PCC had received reports from members regarding particular aspects of Church Life. These were presented and there were some questions put, both by the presenters and by other members of PCC. Briefly;

PRE-SCHOOL is well provided with facilities in Hertford already but we have a central location with parking which might be our USP. (Unique Selling Point). FUNDRAISING raised the question of readiness to either volunteer or to fundraise in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

CHURCHYARD and ENVIRONMENT. Local people are responsive to our social media posts (falcon and events) so a day of activities is planned for Sept 11<sup>th</sup> to use both Church and Churchyard.

AGE- GROUP 30-60. There are singles who are caring for either parents or children or both and we have room at All Saints to welcome them.

MUSIC and ARTS as a FUNDRAISER. Our Soundbites can re-start soon and now requires more volunteers as all profit comes from the sale of food. Q What do we need to do to attract bigger groups eg orchestras? A We have a very large building. The kitchen/servery is inadequate as is loo provision for concerts, and the pews are both uncomfortable (cushions have accumulated in Church) and we know they restrict the bookings for instrumentalists/ exhibitions/ choral rehearsals etc. Comment; Space is our USP at All Saints. Q Do the Soundbites audience raise money primarily for to support young people? A We stated this series to fund the re-building of the organ, and then to buy the new grand piano as well as giving grants for music tuition, and that will continue. (The legacy for the choir cannot be used for the maintenance of either piano or organ.)

THE RETIRED COMMUNITY and OLD AGE; This group looked at serving the community using the Church Building and recognised that to better welcome people we must improve our kitchen and loo facilities as well as providing space for more activities. The group seeks a USP as they plan ahead so as to find ideas not already in action nearby. Q. As we consider changes can we include all stakeholders of the facilities/storage etc to share in discussions. A Yes. The Churchwardens emphasised that our need for funds is well known and that we

must increase our footfall to support that need. Jo informed the PCC that a meeting of interested parties will take place to explore the future uses of St John's Hall. This will be chaired by PCC member, Rosemary Bolton.

5. Fabric. Francesca Weal has encouraged All Saints to seek a grant for the South Roof, and it has been checked and noted that the lead parts are in excellent condition. The guttering will need attention when the Quinquennial occurs.
6. Finance. The Gift Day produced a good and generous response that covered day to day costs of the first quarter. New investment for the Church and Hall buildings remains vital and PCC has invited Alastair Woodgate (Diocesan Surveyor) to visit to examine the land behind the hall. A decision will have to be made soon on the use of this asset.
7. Health and Safety. There was nothing to report. We continue to review our own guidelines for church use now that the Government has relaxed its own Covid rules. The Communion Cup will not yet be available, but Jo hopes to offer intincted wafers soon. We will increase the number of QR code signing-in posters and reduce our own register of attendees. Lateral flow tests will be supplied for those who are not inoculated. Choir will no longer be a maximum of 6 and will return to being 2 groups of 6 plus children, still distanced.
8. Safeguarding. There was nothing to report.
9. The next meeting of the PCC will be on Wed Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 in Church.

AOB

Question. Are we able to supply contacts to anyone setting up an exhibition of art at All Saints?

Answer. GDPR does not allow this and permission must be sought from individuals.

Notice. The Bike and Hike is on Sat Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting ended with The Grace.