

**Shirley Parish PCC Meeting
Tuesday 3rd December 2019
St John the Divine, Tidbury Green**

Chair – Rev. Paul Day

Secretary – Belinda Piasecki

Attendees.

David Paice, Gill Hanton, Kate Day, Kate Crocker, Denise Smith, Jean Wall, Linda Alford, Sarah Penfold, Margaret Foresheew, Anne Clayton, Gill Gough, Sue Guy, Rev Paul Day, Belinda Piasecki.

Apologies

Jan Gardner, Sue Barnard, Linda Pitt, Graham Smith, Rev Peter Law-Jones.

Welcome and opening prayers

The meeting opened with prayers led by Rev. Paul.

Rev Paul updated us with news about Rev Peter, he is signed off until 8th January, if he is well enough to come back at that point, it may not be at full strength, therefore plans will be out in place in anticipation of this, or further time off.

Notification of any other business

Publication of PCC minutes.

Margaret Foresheew had something to raise.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The All Churches grant has not yet been applied for regarding the Church House rear yard.

Proposed from the chair that the minutes were approved as a true copy of the previous meeting.

All agreed.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Data Protection Update.

Nothing new to report and no issues have been raised.

Safeguarding update to PCC

Sue Harries (as contact person for the diocese) and Judith Chivers (administration) have agreed to assist the parish with splitting the safeguarding role between them. It is a big role and they are very wary of it at the moment. A cheap mobile phone is going to be purchased for the safeguarding lead to use, which will be passed on with the role. It means no personal phone numbers will be out in the public arena. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Basic level training **must** be completed by all PCC members

Reminder to everyone to please undertake this – details have been issued previously, please ask if you need them to be resent.

Dates/Diary

Rev Paul proposed a list of dates be accepted as the 'Parish Diary'. These include all committee meetings across the parish for the coming year. This was circulated at the meeting, but a copy is also to be sent out with the minutes.

Christmas Tree Festival Update

The Lamb Trail in local shops is all in place, completed entries go into a box in church.

The knitted tree has been delivered and anyone and everyone is invited to help construct it!

23 trees have been committed to from local groups and schools. There will be a vote for the best tree and a prize awarded.

Establishing a link with Malawi.

Paul Bracher – Diocesan Link Officer for Malawi, gave a presentation on establishing a link with Malawi.

There was a handout for everyone at the meeting (which will also be circulated with the minutes).

It was a very interesting and enlightening talk, which will be discussed further at the next PCC meeting, in the meantime, please read the handout and research Malawi to see if it is something we would like to do as a parish.

Eco Church Update

Kate Crocker has pulled together the responses to the questionnaire from each church in the parish. We are currently at 'Bronze' level, to claim the award a donation is required of £125. Perhaps this is something we could look at later in 2020.

In the meantime Kate is going to create a focus group to see how we can improve things.

There will be a folder for each church which will be kept up to date with the questionnaires and the answers, and any quick wins which could be put into place for relatively little cost.

Reports

Reports from the Wardens were circulated prior to the meeting.

Pastoral committee report was tabled as follows:-

Pastoral Committee – 25th November 2019

1. Temporary service pattern

In view of Peter's continuing absence, a temporary service pattern was agreed, subject to PCC approval, as from mid-January

1st and 3rd Sunday

8am St James Morning worship; 9am St John's Eucharist; 10am St James Eucharist; 10:30 CTK Morning worship

2nd Sunday

8am St James Eucharist; 9am St John's Morning worship; 10am St James Morning worship; 10:30 CTK Eucharist

4th Sunday (when last Sunday)

8am St James Eucharist; 9am St Johns / 10:30 CTK alternating Eucharist; 10am St James Morning worship

4th Sunday when not last Sunday

8am St James Eucharist; 9am St John's Morning worship; 10am St James Morning worship; 10:30 CTK Eucharist

5th Sunday

10am St James Parish Eucharist (possibly at CTK occasionally)

A basic service order for Morning Worship would be provided.

In addition, the Guild service will be part of the 9:45 Tuesday Eucharist on the first Tuesday of each month

2. Pastoral Care

We talked about the role of the commissioned pastoral team, and agreed to think of others from the parish who could be asked to join the team.

It was felt that the team could be recommissioned, perhaps at the Parish Service in March.

We will make enquiries about running a 3D course in the Parish next year.

3. Life events

On Sunday Feb 9th there will be a short service in church followed by a tea to which all families who have had baptisms in 2019 would be invited.

The temporary changes to the service pattern were proposed from the chair – all agreed.

Operations Committee Report

There were some proposals to the PCC:-

Stewardship Campaign in Spring 2020

Review of costs for Church House.

Staff Salaries to be increased by 1.7% in line with CPI.

Sound deadening scheme for the Church House to come from the Hobbis Legacy fund.

These items were proposed by Margaret Foresheew, seconded by Linda Alford and all voted in favour.

All items agreed.

Deanery Synod Report

There is to be a merger of the deaneries, information regarding this was circulated by email yesterday to all of the PCC.

Proposed that the Shirley Deanery should merge with Kings Norton and Mosely Deaneries. There was some uncertainty at Deanery Synod meeting. The new Area Dean will be dedicated full time and will not be a parish priest, which will offer more support.

There were no objections raised by Shirley PCC.

BP to ensure that email goes to the relevant office to confirm this.

Shirley Churches Together

No meeting has been held.

Shirley Churches Together has tried to organise a Hustings but has hit a brick wall.

Christmas services will be advertised via church websites as an electronic communication, not in local papers this year.

They are still looking for a secretary.

Any Other Business

Rev Paul raised that the PCC minutes should be published once they have been agreed – so copies will be placed in churches and on our website and a report put in the Parish Magazine.

Margaret Foresheew wanted to say the following:-

On behalf of St James Church, I should like to thank Paul for all that he is doing in trying to keep our church functioning during Peter's absence. I have received numerous comments in praise of Paul and especially for the readers that have come along to take our services and for their thought provoking sermons. Also for the hard work that Paul, Kate, Gill and Sarah and of course Bernard, put into messy church, it is not only Saturday, but the preparing and tidying up that takes so much of their time. Again many thanks to you Paul and the readers.

Next PCC Meeting - Wednesday 25th March 2020 venue tbc.