

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of Yalding with Laddingford
On Tuesday 17th May 2022
6.30pm in the Choir Vestry

Minutes

Present: Fr Paul (Fr P) (Chair), Daniel Sharman (DS) (acting Secretary), Rachel Curley (RC), Heather Chrzan (HC), Justin Elks (JE), Ian Hoad (IH), Trish Oyler (TO)

Apologies: Sue Crompton (SC) (report provided), Phil Keeler (PK), Kate Owbridge (KO)

The meeting opened with a prayer and cake (for which thanks were extended to Pamela Curley for her baking skills).

Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th March 2022 had been circulated by DS on 14/3/22 and 9/5/23 and were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- Plant and Fabric still to arrange new meeting dates.

Correspondence

- Letter received from RC for inclusion in the Parish Magazine

Mission

a) **Treasurer's Report** – The Accounts for 2021 were approved unanimously in advance of the APCM on 30th May.

b) **Children & Youth** - Jane Silver now in charge, DS to ask her to report to PCC. RC to provide email for contact. ACTION. School now has a church key for access for services etc.

c) **Outreach Activities** – Alpha Course: Fr P has, registered with the Alpha Site. Committed to 8 weeks. 7-9pm, food first, 7:45pm watch a video presentation, sit and discuss in groups. 10 people so far.
Fete RC to go through with Anna Kish ACTION

Ministry

a) **Worship** – We have returned to offering the chalice and singing whilst processing. Cannot intinct wafer if already intincted. Lent groups, low take up in Yalding, slightly better in Collier St. Easter services well attended.

b) **Laddingford Ministry** – continues. A useful training venue.

- c) **Deanery Synod** – No meeting since last PCC.
- d) **Safeguarding** - SC reports she has enrolled on a safeguarding refresher course on 16th June. All those needing DBS checks have now been completed and approved.
- e) **Welcoming Committee** - JE advised now combined with Sidesman role and a draft responsibilities document will be circulated (now received). This item will be removed from the agenda going forward.

Maintenance

- a) **Plant & Fabric** - no report. New meeting dates awaited. Fr P to discuss with the committee. ACTION
- b) **Laddingford Hall Maintenance** – leaky tap reported and to be fixed.

Foundation Governors Report –Fr P advises schools are getting back on track, but yr 2's are found to be struggling. Possible issues in schools with increased cost of utilities. Recruitment difficult, especially teaching assistants. School meal portions getting smaller. Budgets very tight.

Any other Business

- Fr P requested approval for the appointment of Mrs A Kish as Parish Assistant. Possibly also Sacristan duties. Agreed same rate of pay, as before, 4-5hrs per week. Unanimously approved.
- Church Fete – revised date 17/9/22, Anna Kish has agreed to be the organiser.
- SC will stand down from the PCC at the AGM but continue a Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Date of next meeting:

Date for the APCM Monday 30th May 2022 at which future PCC dates will be confirmed.

The meeting finished with the Grace at 7:35pm.

Action Points – those in **red** are carried over from previous meetings

Fr Paul

- **invoice school for heating etc for their Christmas services.**
- Meet with P&F Committee to get new dates arranged and to introduce new members

Rachel Curley

- Provide Jane Silver contact email to DS
- Go through Fete logistics with Anna Kish

Plant and Fabric

- Bp Michael Gear memorial bench
- Review the provision of Wi-Fi within the church – see final bullet point.
- Consider with Finance Committee what the true costs are that need to be covered by our hire charges for both the rooms and church building itself.
- Review CofE website for their suggestions with regard to WiFi and energy deals.
- Set new meeting dates
- Consider the offer of new carpet for Chancel and Lady Chapel

Finance

- Look into grants which may be available for any work which is undertaken around the changes to the North door entrance area.

Heather Chrzan

- Pending confirmation from owner to proceed - To move forward with replacement furniture for the Children's Corner

No Owner

- Production of monthly Pew Notices
- Run church Facebook
- Compile list of vacant roles for publicising