

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of Yalding with Laddingford  
On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
7.00pm 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), Kate Owbridge (KO), Ian Hoad (IH)

**Apologies:** Sue Crompton (SC) (report provided), Tricia Oyler (TO), Phil Keeler (PK)

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**Minutes of previous meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 had been circulated by DS on 24/1/22 and were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

- Fr P respond to Philip Day with regards to presentation and put him in contact with YCPS.
- Fr P has circulated suitable readings for Lent services.
- Plant and Fabric still to arrange new meeting dates.
- Fr P confirmed the Alpha Course is considered the best of those available and that this will be run for 7-8 weeks. Mention made of having Welcome Committee involved in the planning/logistics. Fr P to speak to JE. ACTION
- Fr P has spoken to RC about adding PCC minutes to the website.
- Fr P advised the Diocese has just signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme and that we would wait and see how this settles down with other Parishes, but we will potentially join at a later date.
- Fr P has approached Ian Greig who has agreed to join the Finance Committee.
- North Entrance plans are currently being referred to those who would benefit from the re-design, following which there will be a presentation to the PCC.
- JE has discussed with TO about having someone at the door at the end of services. See further comments under Welcoming Committee below.
- JE has provided contact details for fundraiser.
- Fr P has invited Paul Mahoney and Matt Hamilton to the next Plant & Fabric meeting (date TBC) to see if they would like to join the committee.
- Handrail around the lectern has been installed by Peter Crompton. Thanks were recorded to Peter for doing this.
- New Utilities contract for Laddingford has been agreed.
- Church room hire rates have apparently been reviewed and increased.
- Date of Flower Festival at Laddingford set for the weekend of 23/24 July, with Songs of Praise service on the Sunday evening. Theme of 'Jubilee'.
- Date for Website training for Fr P and DS in progress.

## Correspondence

Letter from Maidstone Homeless Care, thanking for donation from Laddingford.

Area Dean – See under Deanery Synod below.

Complaint received from resident in new houses about smoke from the churchyard. Fr P has responded.

Margaret Tate has written reflection on passages from Genesis and will be the Parish letter for May.

## Mission

a) **Treasurer's Report** – Fr P advised that the accounts had been finished and were being reviewed by a new Independent Examiner and would need to be approved by the PCC at the next meeting.

b) **Children & Youth** - report circulated by RC. There are now sufficient people to lead Junior Church each week and they will work together in organising this.

c) **Outreach Activities** – RC report circulated.

Sue Williams is hoping to run two Easter Flower arranging events, one for adults and one for children.

## Ministry

a) **Worship** – Agreed that we would return to kneeling at the altar rail to receive communion, following the reintroduction of the collection and presentation of the bread and wine. DS suggested a sung procession to start again at Easter.

b) **Laddingford Ministry** – no change.

c) **Deanery Synod** – Fr P advised the open meeting on 24/2/22 was not well attended and mainly outlined what courses are available for people to attend. Correspondence received from the Area Dean concerning a reduction in clergy provision and that mission teams are again gaining traction. Fr P to circulate this correspondence to PCC. ACTION.

d) **Safeguarding** - SC report advises that Junior Church leaders have been checked, 2 renewals. All valid for 5 years. The Safeguarding Training Course set for 30/1/22 did not go ahead due to insufficient attendees. Fr P and JE could run this again in the future with the material that RC had prepared.

e) **Welcoming Committee** - JE advised that the recommendation is that this should now be merged with the sidesman rota/responsibilities and that a plan has been drawn up on how to move this forward. JE to discuss with TO. ACTION

## Maintenance

a) **Plant & Fabric** - no report. New meeting dates awaited.

b) **Laddingford Hall Maintenance** – repairs in hand to some minor damage.

## **Foundation Governors Report – No report**

**Any other Business - None**

### **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 17th May 2022 – 7pm

Date for the APCM Monday 30th May 2022.

The meeting finished with the Grace at 8:10pm

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

### **Fr Paul**

- invoice school for heating etc for their Christmas services.
- Refer the offer of new carpet for Chancel and Lady Chapel to the Plant & Fabric committee, awaiting their next meeting.
- Discuss Alpha Course logistics with JE
- To circulate Area Dean correspondence to PCC – completed 9/3/22,

### **Justin Elks**

- Discuss with TO about merging role of Welcomer with Sidesman.

### **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

### **Finance**

- Produce financial summary with pie charts, 1 side of A4, for circulation, slightly more breakdown of what is included in certain categories of costs.
- Consider with P&F what the true costs are that need to be covered by our hire charges for both the rooms and church building itself, especially taking into account twice monthly evening booking for choral group from now through to the end of 2023. Does the use of church equipment incur additional charges on top of basic room hire for example? Should we differentiate between summer and winter bookings based on heating usage?
- 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