

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of Yalding with Laddingford
On Tuesday 11th January 2022
7.00pm in the Choir Vestry

Minutes

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

Apologies: Rachel Curley (RC) (reports provided), Sue Crompton (SC) (report provided), Phil Keeler (PK) (report provided).

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting held on 23rd November 2021 circulated by DS on 10/1/22 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

- New cleaner started Thursday (has code to key box). Fr P current contact.
- Relative Minors orchestra aim to pay half of the ordinary hire costs of the hall hire at Laddingford for their practices.
- Fr P has been in touch with the Registry to raise churchyard issues. Need a blanket request to all Parishes.
- Plant and Fabric still to arrange new meeting dates.

Correspondence

Letter from Philip Day (Marden) who has used Parish Records for details in his Wartime documentaries. He is offering to tour and give talks/presentations. Interested?
PCC agreed. Something for the summer. Fr P to respond. ACTION

Mission

a) **Treasurer's Report** - Phil has put together a pie chart of income v's expenditure. This was felt to be very useful and easy to understand. A Lent "course" on stewardship was suggested and agreed. ACTION Finance committee, financial summary, 1 side of A4, for circulation, slightly more breakdown of what is in certain costs. ACTION Fr P to consider suitable readings for Lent services. ACTION

b) **Children & Youth** - report circulated by RC. HC to take on refreshment supplies for All Age. RC raised various suggestions particularly with regard to the increased use of the church by the school. Yes, to moving microphones to choir vestry cupboard. ACTION Fr P to invoice school for heating etc for their Christmas services.

c) **Outreach Activities** - RC report circulated.
Pauline at Laddingford would like a Flower Festival in Laddingford? Yes in principle. KO to confirm to Pauline and ask that she run this. ACTION
Songs of Praise at Laddingford? Yes, need to select date. KO to refer back to Pauline. ACTION

Fr P raised the possibility of running an Alpha Course. General discussion after which it was agreed this would be a good idea. A period of 8 weeks from beginning of June was considered appropriate. Need to start advertising after Easter. ACTION Fr P to come back with further proposal.

Ministry

a) **Worship** Fr P mentioned that Christmas went remarkably smoothly with the various services. Thanks to all those who contributed.

Exultet sung on Easter Eve - volunteers.

b) **Laddingford Ministry** - 2nd Sunday in month now being led by Rachel and Justin(and Ollie also from September). Communion continues on 4th Sunday.

c) **Deanery Synod** - TO advised there had been no meeting since last PCC. Open meeting on 24/2/22 to have presentation about Living in Love and Faith.

d) **Safeguarding** - SC report confirmed no issues. Date for C0 and C1 training is set for 30/1/22 after church at Yalding with RC and JE.

e) **Welcoming Committee** - JE advised that at the last meeting of this group it was reluctantly decided to put things on ice for time being in light of current circumstances. TO suggested having someone at the door at the end of the service. JE to discuss with TO. ACTION

Maintenance

a) **Plant & Fabric** - no report.

b) **Laddingford Hall Maintenance** - no report.

Foundation Governors Report - Fr. Paul advised all schools are struggling with progress in learning results. Pandemic related.

Any other Business

- Church bookings - all enquiries to Clare Hudson.
- Pew notices, church website and Facebook all need "owners". DS offered to go through the website with RC.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 8th March 2022 - 7pm

Tuesday 17th May 2022 - 7pm

Date for the APCM was set for Monday 30th May 2022.

The meeting finished with the Grace at 9:10pm

Action Points

Fr Paul

- Respond to Philip Day with regard to presentation. Query - could this be passed to Yalding Church Preservation Society as a fundraiser for them?
- consider suitable readings for Lent services
- invoice school for heating etc for their Christmas services.
- Proposal for next PCC meeting for the Alpha Course
- Speak to Rachel about adding PCC minutes to the website
- To circulate Parish Giving Scheme material
- Approach Ian Greig to discuss finance role
- Approach Bert Boxall for a presentation to the PCC about the North entrance plans
- Refer offer of new carpet for Chancel and Lady Chapel to the Plant & Fabric committee

Justin Elks

- Discuss with TO about having someone at the door at the end of services
- Provide contact details for fundraiser

Plant and Fabric

- Discuss with Fr P the best approach to suggested new members of this committee (Paul Mahoney, Matt Hamilton, Gary ? (as per previous PCC minutes)
- Bp Michael Gear memorial bench
- Review the provision of Wi-Fi within the church – see final bullet point.
- Handrail around the lectern. Suggested that The Forge be approached for a simple handrail to be fixed to the large 'box' at the lectern, going around two sides.
- 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.

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.
- Review church room hire rates and compare to other local venues
- 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.

Kate Owbridge

- Flower Festival - confirm to Pauline and ask that she run this.
- Songs of Praise - refer back to Pauline to find suitable date

Daniel Sharman

- Liaise with RC about website "training"

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 publicizing**