

The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold
Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th January 2023
Via Zoom

Attendees: Larrie Thompson Angela Davidge Andy Sands Sylvia Marshall Mary Norris
 Andrea Sands Kate Lake Michael Bolton Alan Langton Chris Baker

Angela opened in Prayer.

1. Apologies

Jake Chaplin Peter Spencer Brian West

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & matters arising

Michael Bolton proposed, and Mary Norris seconded that we accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting on 1st November 2022 Unanimously approved

3. Vacancy Update

Arch Deacon now has the finalised version of the Parish Profile. Larrie to send this out to PCC. The job advert should go live w/c 16th January; we're waiting for Phil to send us a copy. It is already on the website but says "profile to follow". It will only be advertised in the Diocese at this stage. Anyone can search the website.

The provisional timing for interviews is the beginning of March.

Parish Reps: It was suggested that Ian & Angela were appointed Parish Reps. Ian has a vast knowledge of St Mary's and Angela brings a wider view and 'outside' experience.

Once everything is confirmed Ian & Angela will share the timelines. The PCC will have a chance to meet the candidates.

Larrie Thompson Proposed and Andrea Sands Seconded that we appoint Ian Rosillo and Angela Davidge as our Parish Representatives. Unanimously approved

4. Churchwardens Report

Sound System: The microphones are not currently great quality, but it will cost thousands to replace them! There is a training session on Tuesday 31st January being run professionally and everyone that reads and those who lead intercessions (or would like to) is being encouraged to attend. It is hoped that if people know how to use the microphones this may solve the majority of the issues.

Chris Baker said there were still problems with the Loop System. Ian will ask that the team investigate.

St Mary's Close: we are now using local Sherwood based agent Janet Jones

Church: There is a leak in the side Chapel, and it could be due to a loose tile. There has been one previously, so Ian will check with David who we used.

Family Centre: We now have the Gas Certificate. We don't need a new integrated cooker hood if there's a notice asking people to turn on the fan. The environmental health officer gave us 5 stars!

Common Cup: Angela asked if we should return to using the Common Cup, rather than dipping the wafer? There was discussion around the rising Covid cases, sanitiser still being made available etc. It was agreed that we would continue our current practice and review at the next PCC meeting in March.

5. Groups

Finance & Fabric:

The minutes had previously been attached. There was a proposal to increase the Family Centre Rents

£40/hr until 1st April 2023, with a 3-hour session discounted to £110.

£35/hr after 1st April 2023, with a 3-hour session discounted to £95

Ian Rosillo Proposed and Michael Bolton Seconded that we accept the above price increase for the Family Centre. Unanimously approved

Michael explained that the Contactless Payment device will cost us £7.50 a month once we have raised over £1,000. It was thought this is acceptable and the fees would hopefully cover themselves going forward. Michael will work on getting this arranged. The next finance & fabric meeting will be on 7th February.

C&YP

We did have a zoom meeting in Nov. Most of what we discussed has now happened.

Tots is busy at the moment. Most of our children are three and under. To save money we have adapted to having the service in the small hall which works ok although the toys being close by are rather tempting for toddlers. Sarah Lewis has now joined our team

The numbers in R2 and Rock Solid are quite small but are regular attenders. Nine in Rock Solid and six in R2. Hopefully numbers will increase if we do a proper Activity Week in August as members often came out of that. We are going to Red Kangaroo in the next few weeks.

Messy Church is going well although we could do with more help. We do need the church for this so are unable to save heating on the second Sat of the month. The families are regular attenders. Blaise and his mum Lisa were baptised together in December.

We combined the December Messy Church with Christingle. They made their own Christingles and then we went over to church for songs, the talk and lighting the Christingles before sharing sandwiches and cakes together in the Family centre.

With other contributions we raised £252.00 for the Children's Society. There may be a little more to come in at Messy Church this Saturday.

Melissa and Claire have been teaching the children at the back of church and will continue with this until numbers increase.

The Crib Service was busy and went very well. Melissa and Claire were assisting Angela (although due to illness in the end it was Sylvia. Andrea helped with costumes.

There is a problem with the sound when playing clips from the laptop in the Family Centre. Michael will investigate it all in the next few weeks.

6. Finance Report

Brain was away, however, Michael said the section from the Standing Committee Meeting was correct:

"We had £7K in the bank at the end of November. We paid our outstanding Parish Share from March." This means we've paid what we promised to the Diocese (not what they wanted). Next year we've promised £72k (they've asked for £80k). It has been a difficult few years and we've done really well.

7. Deanery & Diocesan Synod Reports

The Deanery minutes have already been circulated and Michael gave a Diocesan report at that meeting.

8. AOB

- We raised £356 for Framework from our Christmas Collections
- There were many positive comments from the Carol & Crib services – lots of non-Church people too
- It was noted that everyone had responded well to the request for Foodbank over Advent/Christmas. Angela said the box had been recovered and would stay in Church to remind people to continue to donate regularly.
- Andrea asked if the Newsletter could be emailed out again. Ian said it had stopped due to issues with the distribution list – some people that didn't want it had been very nasty! A few people would prefer it to be an option again.
- The Eagle lectern is to remain in place at the side Chapel. It needs to be made more secure as it's currently unstable and dangerous.
- The Compass Magazine: Robert, Mary & Ralph had a meeting with the wardens regarding the magazine. Now Ed can't help it's getting too much for Robert on his own with certain aspects of the production. At the March PCC we need to spend some time discussing the best options for moving forward.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023 7.30pm via Zoom