

**The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**  
**Church**

**Attendees:** Larrie Thompson      Angela Davidge    Andy Sands      Sylvia Marshall    Mary Norris  
                  Andrea Sands      Jake Chaplin     Peter Spencer    Brian West        Kate Lake  
                  Michael Bolton    Alan Langton    Chris Baker

Angela opened in prayer

### 1. Apologies

Ian Rosillo    Kirsty Aplin      Christine Peet    Melissa Watt

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

- Larrie confirmed that the official paperwork for Peter Spencer's PCC nomination had been in order
- Chris Baker asked if the attendees and apologies could be included at the top of the minutes and Sylvia Marshall asked if minutes could be displayed in Church. Larrie explained this had been the case pre-Covid. We can go back to this, however, please note they will always be a few months behind until they are approved.

**Alan Langton proposed, and Mary Norris seconded that we have the latest, approved, version of the PCC minutes in Church (these may be redacted in some cases).**

**Unanimously approved**

- Amendments to services: There will only be 1 service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. It will include an Act of Remembrance. Christingle will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December during Messy Church.
- Safeguarding: **Michael Bolton proposed, and Andrea Sands seconded that the updated page be incorporated into our Safeguarding policy. Unanimously approved**
- Jake asked if we had a hardship fund. Unfortunately we don't as we're struggling with our own costs at the moment.

**Alan Langton proposed, and Andy Sands seconded that we accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Unanimously approved**

### 3. Vacancy Update

Angela explained that the Arch Deacon had held onto the document for 4-6 weeks! Once he went through it alterations were required, once these are complete it will have to go back to the Arch Deacon! It was agreed we would have a one-off meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 in Church to go through the profile.

Alan Langton asked that we minute our appreciation of all the work Sylvia Griffiths is doing – All agreed!

#### 4. Churchwarden Report

- All the work at St Mary's Close has been completed. We are paying the bill in instalments!
- The lightening conductor will be tested on 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Family Centre work is now complete, though the light near the hatch still needs replacing.
- Community Kitchen require a Gas Certificate. They have donated £300 to Church
- Seven Trent Water will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> November – we may get a water meter at some point
- The vinyl poster for the notice board should arrive shortly.

#### 5. Group Reports

##### *Fabric & Finance*

- The Contactless machine should work as the internet speeds are now better
- The Negus window covering has been completed
- Loop System is working, however, a few people are still having issues. Michael will investigate.
- Gift Day raised over £5k
- SmartWater – should we use this again? Probably not as no-one was able to apply it!
- Family Centre – looking at booking websites, though these seemed to have fees. However, it would be useful for potential bookers to be able to view availability.
- Tony Brown from the Diocese had offered to come and talk about a Funding Campaign (as these have been successful during a Vacancy). In discussion with Ian and Angela the Archdeacon agreed that as we have had a recent Gift Day, a Funding Campaign should wait until a new incumbent is in post. We could do another Gift Day later next year if we are still in vacancy.

##### *Social*

- Christmas Fair is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2-4 (50p entrance to include a drink). We need help setting up. Ian will also be doing Christmas Carols in Church during this time.
- There will be a Burns night supper on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

#### 6. Finance Report

- The tax on the community building donation scheme is now up to date until April 5 2022
- HMRC has now paid the outstanding Gift Aid claims. The claim for £791 that caused a blockage has now been paid twice. We will need to repay this
- We have £13k in the bank, however, we have 2 x £5K Parish Shares to pay and also the H&V bill for St Mary's Close

#### 7. Synods

- Deanery Synod is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Burton Joyce
- Diocesan Synod discussed next years budget. Southwell funds are only sufficient as they are using £1million of its asset base but this isn't sustainable. In 2016 the Bishop wanted to create 7,000 new disciples, covid has changed the landscape and this is being re-assessed by Bishop Andy into 2023.

## **AOB**

- As we have Church open on Friday's Angela & Ian have agreed that we will advertise having a 'Warm-hub' on Friday's 10-12 with coffee/cake available. This will start on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, hopefully people can come and help with refreshments.
- Andy asked if people could 'like' the Facebook page and posts as these increase our engagement

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. This will be via Zoom