

**The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**The Family Centre**

**Attendees:** Larrie Thompson      Ian Rosillo      Angela Davidge      Brian West  
Chris Baker      Kate Lake      Andy Sands      Andrea Sands      Jake Chaplin  
Peter Spencer      Sylvia Marshall

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**1. Apologies**

Mary Norris      Alan Langton      Michael Bolton      Kirsty Aplin      Christine Peet

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising**

*Chris Baker Proposed and Larrie Thompson Seconded that we approve the minutes of the previous meeting (June) as a correct record.*

**Approved**

**3. Vacancy Update**

The advert closed on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Shortlisting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The PCC will have a chance to meet any candidates on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October with interviews taking place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. We need to pray for the right person rather than any person.

**4. Churchwardens Report**

- A refurbished speaker has been fitted in Church
- The Contactless machine has been installed and took £230 in the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 weeks. We're going to put the QR code on the newsletter and draw up some instructions on how to use everything. Thanks to Michael, Andy & Robert
- There is now a sheet over the linen as it keeps getting dirty from debris (possibly from holes in the East Window?),
- Memorials are not allowed where ashes have been buried. Ian has spoken with those concerned and removed the memorial.
- New screen in the Family Centre
- The plumber is getting new thermostats for the small hall
- The Pre-schools have moved their Veg Patch
- The family centre floor needs looking at due to movement. It could be because a waterproof membrane wasn't originally installed and there are issues with the 'stream' under the road. A surveyor is coming shortly.
- The Family Centre committee has been created and met recently. Thanks to Graham & Gillian Allcock for painting.
- The left-hand door is still not locking properly.
- The lock on the family centre has been replaced but is still causing problems. The locksmith came and re-fitted and re-cut/shaved the keys!
- The key safe is now by the front door
- The lock on the disabled toilet door can be 'dodgy'

- The stage curtains aren't fireproof. We need to get some quotes and find out if it's best to get them repaired (they aren't in good repair) or have new.
- New flooring is being put on the stage on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1330
- There is an issue with the trees that hang over Calverton Road. The local Tree Officer is coming to take a look. The Diocesan registrar is looking at documents to confirm if the Diocese or Council are responsible as it goes over vicarage/old churchyard land
- The path by the Church has been confirmed as a footpath. The council are liable for the potholes!
- Hammonds are still mowing the Churchyard grass and cutting the hedge but can't, due to insurance, deal with the issues on the footpath due to insurance.
- Defibrillator – Ian applied to London Heart for a funded/reduced cost Defib and this has been approved. The local councillors have also donated towards it.
- New battery chargers in Church
- Loop System – Chris says this is still not working properly.
- There has been a rent increase for the tenants at St Mary's Close. A carpet needed replacing.
- Eco Church. Ian has filled out the form. Ian & Jake to look at the survey.

**Safeguarding:**

No issues to report.

**Common Cup:**

There were discussions around the common cup and various options were discussed.

*Peter Spencer proposed and Chris Baker seconded that from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September we use 1 'common' cup*

**This was carried with 2 abstentions.**

It will be mentioned in the newsletter ahead of 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**5. Groups**

**Finance & Fabric**

Most items have been covered by the Churchwarden report.

The yellow data cards are being filled out. 19 regular worshippers are still outstanding – including 3 PCC members!

**C&YP**

Activity week and the Open Play sessions were very well attended.

Tots was back today. Messy Church will start on Saturday and the Sunday Youth Groups will start shortly.

## **6. Finance**

- We have not paid our Parish share in August though we are trying to pay September. We have paid 48% so far. We are making a concerted effort to pay.
- We've received a £1K donation.
- Gift day is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- We will not have a giving campaign until a new incumbent is in place.

## **7. Deanery & Diocesan Synod Reports**

Nothing to report.

## **8. AOB**

- Jake – the oven ignition doesn't work and lighting the oven can be dangerous. This was confirmed by a few people. As Karen to see if this can be repaired
- Chris has when the lighting in the North Aisle will be fixed. Ian said scaffolding had now been arranged. This needed to be chased up as it would cause an issue for anything in the evening soon!

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 7th November (Via Zoom)