

**The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**Via Zoom**

Mary Norris    Christine Peet    Michael Bolton    Ian Rosillo    Peter Spencer    Larrie Thompson  
Kate Lake    Angela Davidge    Chris Baker    Kirsty Aplin    Andy Sands

**Aps:**    Andrea Sands    Alan Langton    Sylvia Marshall    Brian West

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting (March) & Matters Arising**

*Mary Norris Proposed and Christine Peet Seconded that we approve the minutes of the previous meeting (March) as a correct record.*

**Unanimously approved**

### **2. Vacancy Update**

Angela had emailed Phil Williams. He will work on another timeline for advert/interviews etc. This is advertised nationally. Realistically we thought this would be after the summer holidays.

### **3. Churchwardens Report**

#### **Church:**

One of the Church speakers has blown. It would cost £580 for a new replacement. Michael Bolton has found a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand replacement on E-bay for £120.

*Michael Bolton Proposed and Peter Spencer Seconded that we buy the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand replacement.*

**Unanimously approved**

TV monitors in church: We are looking at a wireless option. Michael has found a 'sale or return' option so we can try them out. The cost would be around £400 if it worked. Michael to investigate.

The contactless payment device will be collected from Southwell on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Michael/Robert & Andy will go for training when they collect the device. We will decide where to put it based on their suggestions and our internet connectivity.

#### **Family Centre:**

The Family Centre Audio Visual equipment is now working but the screen has broken! A New one has been ordered and paid for by Arnold Parochial Charities (APC). This will be fitted this week.

A new sink has been fitted in the kitchen (paid for by Community Kitchen).

The boiler has been checked and though 'inefficient' is working well.

The thermostat in the small hall will need to be addressed and the doors require some work. Ian will ask the Family Centre Committee to get quotes and come back to the Standing Committee (if before next PCC).

Ian said he would mention to Pre-school regarding putting up notices/posters. He will also ask them about a 'veg patch' that they seem to have started!

Jake mentioned that the disabled toilets keeps having the dryer turned off – Ian to ask Joan to leave it on

Michael Bolton mentioned that there was a large stone in the remembrance area. Ian & Angela were aware, and it would be removed.

### **St Mary's Close:**

The agent has done an inspection

The plumber has fixed the toilet & sorted the low pressure. There are some trip hazards with the carpets, it may need a new landing carpet. The rent is currently very low at £500 (even for the standard) – it was agreed to increase it to £550.

**Michael Bolton proposed, and Peter Spencer seconded that we increase the rent for St Mary's Close to £550 – unanimously approved**

Ian Rosillo has been sworn in as Churchwarden – Congratulations!

We now have the opportunity to become an Eco Church (previously you had to have an incumbent) – Ian will fill out the survey.

### **Services:**

During August we will only have one Sunday service. This will be a communion service at 1030. This is to give those helping during the vacancy a break! However, we realise Sylvia will still be doing these services. We are extremely grateful for all she does and Chris asked that we minute our sincere thanks. Christine said the variety of services have been brilliant.

### **Chalice:**

Angela said that now Covid was 'officially' over we should look at returning to using the chalice during communion. It was thought that some people might like a choice whether to take it or not. It was suggested that everyone garner opinion from the congregation over the summer and come back in September to make a decision going forward.

## **4. Safeguarding**

There are no issues to report

## **5. Groups**

**Finance & Fabric:** Michael said that we'd got 50% of the Contact Cards returned so we needed a final push!

APC had given £800 to activity week and £32 for Bibles for baptisms. It is in a good financial position.

Claiming tax back for giving website costs.

**C&YP:** There will be no Messy Church in June.

The activity week will be 31<sup>st</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug and there will be Open Play on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August

There are also 3 schools visits that have taken place. We need to make sure we have the correct contact with schools.

**Synods:** The Deanery synod meeting will take place at the end of June  
Diocesan Synod – this was on 13<sup>th</sup> May (notes attached)

## 6. AOB

**Defibrillator:** We are struggling to find funding for this through usual channel. Peter & Ian will try contacting our councillors again & also Nancy Wodruff.

**APC:** There are many St Mary's members on the APC committee. It is likely that, due to the possibility of selling off some land, APC may have a substantial amount to invest. There are some opportunities with the old Beacon Baptist site and there will be meetings with local councillors very soon. It could be a very exciting opportunity for APC/St Mary's/Local community. Michael will keep us informed.

Angela said that the Patronal Festival will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. It will be link with a Gift Weekend and the Big Sing.

## 7. Next Meeting:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 in Church**