

**The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Ian Rosillo      Angela Davidge   Michael Bolton   Christine Peet   Kate Lake  
                  Andrea Sands    Chris Baker       Alan Langton    Mary Norris    Andy Sands  
                  Sylvia Marshall   Kirsty Aplin      Larrie Thompson

**Aps:** Peter Spencer      Jake Chaplin      Brian West

**1. Matters Arising**

North Aisle Lights fixed.

Christmas services were well attended.

***Ian Rosillo proposed and Michael Bolton Seconded that we accept the minutes from November 2023***

***Approved with 1 abstention.***

**2. Vacancy:**

Discussions are on-going with the Bishops & Arch-Deacon. The Churchwardens will keep us informed of the next steps.

**3. Churchwardens Report:**

All FC Users have been sent a letter reminding them to clean and lock-up before they leave the premises.

***Flooring***

Today we have received 2 quotes for the flooring; £16K\* & £17K (exc. VAT)

\*we're going with this quote from Jennings & Walsh. They've been out to quote and know our issues. They can also come out within 2-3 weeks of receiving our order. It will be bonded vinyl flooring just in the large hall (we can choose a pattern), they will double screed the floor 1<sup>st</sup>.

Once laid it will need to acclimatise at 16 degrees for 3-4 days to seal – this means it will need to be done when it is warm (we don't want to have to put the heating on!).

***Michael Bolton Proposed and Ian Rosillo Seconded that we accept the quote from Jennings & Walsh. Unanimously approved.***

Now we have an idea of price Michael can start to apply for funding.

It was also suggested that we send out a letter to the congregation asking for donations and/or interest free loans.

***Fridge:*** This is broken, and we need to purchase a new one. We don't need a commercial one as it's not used as much now Pre-School are not in. We will ask Karen to look into this.

Andrea said that one of the lights in the centre section was flashing, Ian will contact the electrician.

Thanks to Graham & Gillian for painting the small hall.

Andrea asked if we could have some shelves in the old Pre-school cupboard so we can clear the stage. Angela & Andrea to meet and see what is required.

Joan will now be hoovering in Church as she is spending less time cleaning the Family Centre.

This keeps her hours the same.

**Vicarage:** Phil from Hammonds has cleared all the leaves and also rehung and widened the side gate way. Thanks to Phil (via Bill)

**Church:**

The energy audit was done in December; however, we're still awaiting the results. The glebe land in the Vicarage Garden is overgrown around Calverton Road. The Diocese have been contacted and their Property team should be in touch soon. The wall on Calverton Road is bowing in places and again the Diocese has been contacted. Alan asked about the potholes on the lane to the Vicarage. Ian has asked the local councillors; however, the whole of Arnold is full of potholes so we're not hopeful.

**Deanery Lent Project:**

The Deanery would like each Church to choose a station of the cross and produce some form of art. The idea being you can go around Deanery to see all the stations of the cross. There wasn't really anyone to take on this project. Also it was thought perhaps the Deanery should give each Church a 'station' then we were obliged to do it! We do have a wooden cross that we could put up during Lent.

Andrea asked if we knew where the Notice Board Frame was that we used to have for Messy Church posters? It may be in the garage.

**Safeguarding**

Kirsty & Ian have gone through all the lists for DBS & Safeguarding, many were out of date! They are getting everyone up to date. They are checking with the Diocese if they are still doing On-line Safeguarding training.

**Easter:**

Michael asked why the Standing Committee decided on the change of service pattern during March. Angela explained that it been discussed with Sylvia. There was to be a Joint service on the 10<sup>th</sup> for Mothering Sunday and on Easter Day. Michael explained that 1030 wouldn't work for everyone and asked if we could consider 2 services, perhaps with reserved sacrament – Alan said he was happy to do an early service on this basis. Ian said that the Diocese had not been happy with this arrangement at Christmas. Mary reminded everyone that last Easter we had the service at 10am and perhaps this could be considered. Angela & Ian will speak to the Arch Deacon.

**4. Groups:**

**Finance & Fabric**

We can now look at funding for the FC flooring.

A monitor has been put at the front of Church so whoever is leading a service on the big screen can see what is being projected.

The Contactless Machine has already generated over £1.2K so it's been very beneficial.

Michael asked that we remind everyone to fill out the Yellow Data Cards as we're only at around 60% of 'regulars'. We also have new members so it would be great to be able to contact everyone & asked them to join the Electoral Roll.

Andrea asked if the Newsletter can still be sent out by email. Ian explained that lots of people complained (the yellow cards will help with this!), but he will look at emailing it out again. It is also on the website each week.

**Electoral Roll** – so far this year 1 joined, 1 deceased (it will be updated for the APCM)

### **C&YP**

Clare & Melissa are helping at 1030 but aren't able to do any teaching as the age range of 2 – 10 yrs is too broad and we don't have enough children for 2 groups. We need more volunteers to help as we may lose the new children/families. We would need at least 2 people with any group. Andrea has suggested that under 3yrs stay in Church and any older children go into the hall. Also maybe not having anything available on the Sunday after Messy Church to encourage families to attend that. This would give Sunday leaders a break too. Angela is going to meet with Clare & Melissa to look at our options.

### **5. Finance**

Brian is not available this evening. We are still paying £6K per month Parish Share and have currently paid 75.5% (more than many in the Deanery).

Brian is looking into Online Banking. There is more information in the Standing Committee Minutes.

Michael said that the Diocese was looking at Parish Share. Parishes would be asked to give their 'Best Offer'.

### **6. Synod**

There hasn't been a Diocesan Synod

The next Deanery Synod is June 4<sup>th</sup> (previous minutes attached)

### **7. AOB**

Sylvia asked if the Compass was still being produced – Yes but it's now bi-monthly.

Chris asked what is happening to the signs advertising the Pre-School as its now ceased – Angela will discuss with Graham Allcock to either remove it or paint over it.

Sylvia – will the PCC minutes be put up in Church? Not necessarily but they will be on the website (it requires updating).

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 7.30 via Zoom

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – APCM

#### **Elected to serve until AGM 2024:**

Andrea Sands (2nd term) – can't stand for 1 year.

Alan Langton (1st term) - can stand again.

Ian Rosillo (1st term) – current Churchwarden.

Chris Baker (1st term) – can stand again.