

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN  
Registered Charity No. 1145155

Minutes of the 714<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in the Church Extension

**Present:** Tatiana Hagan in the chair, Pauline Armour, Margaret Barrington, Brian Bowers, Mike Broome, Milly Broome, Marilyn Burkett, Steve Clark, Lisa Down, Louise Hall, Sally Josolyne, Geoffrey Little, Marie Maguire, and Liz Pullen.

**In attendance:** Faith Bowers.

- 7132 **1 - Apologies for absence** were received from Lynn Sanger, Deborah Harris, Martina Herpak, and Anthony Pullen.
- 7133 **2 - Notice of Essential AOB**  
No items were added to the agenda.
- 7134 **3 and 4 - Minutes of the two October PCC Meetings**  
There were no corrections. Tatiana signed the minutes which would be published on the church noticeboard and website.  
**TH/DH**
- 7135 **5 - Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- a) *Safeguarding:* Nikki had not responded to Lynn's message. Vanessa was now active. Brian has the forms for the DBS check.
  - b) *Church Hall Notice Board:* Geoff said he was still working on this.
  - c) *Parish Profile:* The Archdeacon has asked for two changes. The updated version was on the website.
  - d) *Christmas Fair:* This had raised £1,450, which was less than usual, probably because of poor weather and other shopping incentives that weekend.
  - e) *Barclays Bank:* The necessary changes to the account had been made.
  - f) *Correspondence:* Tatiana had written to Pat as agreed.
  - g) *Churchyard Lights:* Maintenance Committee were looking into this.
- 7136 **6 -MAP**  
Bishop Richard had written asking for a detailed update on-line. Tatiana had replied, suggesting that it would be better to wait to update the Mission Action Plan until a new vicar was appointed, and that was accepted.
- 7137 **7 - Safeguarding**  
Brian said he had been approached by Barry Eaton who thought he should be registered for St John's, his previous cover having been elsewhere. This had now duly been done.
- 7138 **9 - Reports and Recommendations from Committees**
- a) *Children:* There would be the usual Crib Service.
  - b) *Church Hall:* There was nothing new to report.

c) *Congregation:* Marilyn now had permission for carol singing at Worcester Park Station, 5.30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December. This would be in aid of St Raphael's Hospice. There had been good attendance at the two Advent course meetings so far, with 17 on the midweek morning and 24 on the Sunday evening (although few signed in advance).

d) *Finance:* The budget was now in its final form. The November meeting had considered the current position, with a deficit anticipated for 2019 but a surplus from 2018 towards it. The PCC was due to review the pledge for £72,000 in December. Tatiana asked if the PCC was happy to keep to that for 2019.

*It was agreed unanimously to keep to the £72,000 pledge.*

Fees were set for the services of vergers, bell ringer, sexton and organist at weddings and funerals. A recent survey found they were similar to those of other churches.

*It was agreed that they should stay the same in 2019.*

Tatiana had not been able to supply current figures because of problems with Barclays' website. She would circulate them as soon as possible.

e) *Fundraising:* The main activity had been the Christmas Fair.

f) *Maintenance:*

*Kitchen boiler:* in routine servicing, this was found to be wearing out after fourteen years and might fail at any time. Loss of heating in winter would be serious. He was getting three quotations and already had the first, from the firm that service it, and this was for about £3,000.

*Disability access:* Geoff and Mike had been looking at ramps to access the altars. Five and six feet long metal ramps were available at £200 and £250, and would probably be VAT free. The best length needed to be determined. These were aluminium ramps, with a gripping surface and lips all round. They fold up and have a handle for carrying.

*Geoff proposed that a ramp be bought, this was seconded on all sides and carried unanimously.*  
**GL**

*Schedules:* the committee had been sorting jobs to be done, whether possible for volunteers or in need of outside contractors. These included the need to monitor cracks in the upper room. Progress would be reported gradually.

*Sound system:* the headset had been serviced, without extra cost.

*Church Hall Board:* Geoff was getting quotes for this and Brian looking at the wording.

**GL/BB**

g) *Outreach*

Arrangements were in hand for the Christmas Day Event. This year the cook was the Matron of the Special Care Baby Unit at Kingston Hospital, who had volunteered. Pat Lovegrove was awaiting responses to the invitations.

The Parish Profile and recent *Old Malden News* were now on the website.

Sally said that all the individual email addresses were now working. They were testing group working and would bring a proposal in due course.

Tatiana asked that the website should also carry the deadline dates for nursery, Six form and primary school applications. She would give these to Sally.

**TH/SJ**

Pauline said she had found the McColl's manager helpful. He was very willing to display advertisements for church activities.

*h) Sustainability:* Neia had made the leaf-shaped noticeboard with recycled corks.

7139 **9 - Any Other Business.** There was none.

7140 **10 - Churchwardens' Notes**

*Committee annual reports* - Tatiana said these would soon be required.

Tatiana and Lynn had attended a meeting at Merton College and found the chaplain very supportive and clear that all parties must agree about the appointment, which they found encouraging.

Bishop Richard would preach at the 9.45 service on 16 December, and the Merton Chaplain, Simon Jones on 23rd.

There being no further business Milly closed the meeting with prayer at 8.40 p.m.

It was agreed to change the date of the next PCC meeting from New Year's Day to Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8 p.m.



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