

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Monday 22nd November 2021

Present:	Joshua Jackson
Stephen Webster	Sonya Moss
Brigitte Hilton	Anne Cashmore
Philip Hilton	Sid Charlton
Patricia Newton	Richard Stark

1.	Opening Prayers. Led by Stephen. The meeting was chaired by Stephen.	
2.	Apologies: Annabel Copeland, Tracey Kerr, Penny Reading.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 28th September 2021: Agreed by email and signed as approved by Stephen.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 28th September 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The proposed improvement to the church lighting. Brigitte reported that she has been in contact with Benedict Cadbury, the contractor, and requested a simpler, cheaper plan than the original. She requested that the existing bulb holders be retained. New light bulbs have been installed, making the church much brighter. ● Brigitte reported that the church electrics have been tested. The report identified that some improvements are required and a price will be obtained for this work. ● Discussion took place on the possible installation of an outside electric socket. A faculty would be required. Brigitte has been in contact with Sally van der Sterren, the DAC secretary, about this. Joshua advised photos of the proposed site to be sent to her, along with the quote for the work, and comments on how outside lighting would enhance safety for outside winter evening services, and be of benefit to the community. ● Discussion also took place about installing a discreet switch near the church gate which would switch on the path lights and the porch light. Brigitte will take this further. 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p> <p>BH</p>
5.	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion took place about the stone to be used for churchyard memorial stones. It was felt appropriate that as the church and most of the village is built using limestone, only limestone should be used for churchyard memorial stones. It was decided that the 	BH

	PCC would apply to the Chancellor of the Diocese to make this a ruling for Glapthorn churchyard. This was proposed by Philip Hilton, seconded by Richard Stark, and all members agreed.	
6.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Christingle service will be held at 4pm on Sunday 12th December. There will be no morning service that day. Covid safety measures will be in place. The service will be taken by Annabel Copeland and Joshua Jackson. Young musicians from Glapthorn and St. Peter's will be invited to provide the music for the service. The Christingle oranges will be prepared by Glapthorn School and Brigitte will organise the publicity. • The Carol Service will take place on Sunday 19th December at 5pm. Stephen will take the service. It was decided to hold the service, as last year, outside around the Christmas tree, weather permitting. There will be some short readings, but mostly carols. Philip will discuss the music with Joshua. No morning service that day. 	<p>BH</p> <p>PH</p>
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report: Richard reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last year has seen a reduction in income of approximately £1,000 due to fewer collections and services owing to Covid. • The Gift Aid tax refund to April 2021 has been received. • The reduction in balances as at the end of October 2021 compared to 2020 is largely due to the expenditure on the new sound system. • It was decided to add a new signatory to the bank mandate - Anne Cashmore who will be taking over the position of secretary after next year's AVM. Pauline Davidson who will be running the 100 Club will not be a signatory on this account as Sonya is prepared to continue to do this. This was proposed by Brigitte Hilton, seconded by Sonya Moss. All in favour. 	RS
8.	<p>Safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All PCC members were encouraged to complete the online Safeguarding training. • Stephen reported that Janet McMurdo, previous Safeguarding Officer for the benefice, has moved from the area. St. Peter's are recommending her replacement to be Elisabeth Mace. Members of Glapthorn PCC agreed to use the same Safeguarding officer. 	
9.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: As Philip Hilton did not attend the last meeting, Stephen reported: Discussion took place on how the various parishes in the deanery responded to the challenge of Covid. This was a very useful exercise and it was decided it was important to continue to hear more about what other parishes were doing generally. It was also decided to become more engaged with the governing structure of the Church of England.</p>	SW
10.	Health and Safety Report:	

	Brigitte reported that some gravestones still need attention.	BH
11.	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sonya reported that after ten years of operating, and originally setting up, the 100 Club, she is standing down. The club has managed to raise a great deal of money for the church over the years. Stephen thanked Sonya for all her work with the 100 Club. Sonya announced that Pauline Davidson has agreed to take over the running of the club, starting from December. Richard and Sonya will check in whose name the club's licence is held. ● Sid reported on the Tear Fund Quiz, held in Glapthorn Village Hall on 20th November. It was very successful, raising approximately £400. 	RS/SM
12.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brigitte requested the Churchwardens' Helpers rota be reinstated. Helpers to arrive in church by 8.50am before morning services. Brigitte has a list of the required jobs. ● Checking the gas bottles for supply. Sid offered to take this on. ● The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. There will be a service of celebration on Sunday 5th June. There will be discussions with other village organisations on what they are proposing: Sonya will liaise with The Royal Oak Club and the Parish Council. Brigitte will liaise with Nick Knowles for the Village Hall committee. 	<p>PN</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SM/BH</p>
13.	<p>Date of next PCC meeting: Tuesday 18th January 2022, 7pm in church.</p> <p>Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.</p>	