

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Crown House,
Tuesday 4th February 2020

Present:	Philip Hilton
Stephen Webster	Sonya Moss
Sid Charlton	Tracey Kerr
Brigitte Hilton	Richard Stark
Ursula Wide	Patricia Newton

1.	Opening Prayers.	
2.	Apologies: Charles Wide, Lynn Buckley, Mark Donnelly.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 8th October 2019 were signed as approved by Sid.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two faculty applications for the audio/visual scheme and lighting are now with the diocesan Registrar and are waiting for case summaries from the DAC before they are sent on to the Chancellor. • Family Service posters for the year's Family Services. Tracey has been in contact with the head of Glapthorn School who has agreed to produce these. The poster will feature on the website, the village notice board and the quarterly village newsletter. • Further to Family Services – it was noted that involvement of the school was not working very well at the moment. The next Family Service will be on Mothering Sunday, with the service being taken by reader Peter Taylor. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between Tracey, Peter Taylor, Lou Coulthard (head of Glapthorn School) and teacher Tom Ormston, together with Martha Barnes who is the youth minister at St. Peter's, to discuss more involvement from the school children. Stephen agreed to contact Peter Taylor and put him in touch with Tracey and Martha. Tracey will ask Julia Hart if she can help as well. • Ordinary Time Liturgy alterations, produced by Ursula. Stephen told the meeting that he is happy with Ursula's suggestions. He agreed to produce a draft copy of the service and forward this to Ursula. Ursula will then take this forward, researching printers and costs. 	<p>SW</p> <p>TK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>UW</p>
5.	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Giving Scheme. Stephen outlined the changes, which involve parishioners signing up for the scheme and moving their contributions from Standing Orders to Direct Debits. The company do the Gift Aid returns. 	

	PCC members are requested to contact Charles to let him know whether they would be happy to join the scheme.	ALL
6.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen reported that following the departure of Jema Ball, an advertisement for the vacancy has been placed in the church press. The closing date for applications is this following Friday. If not successful, the advertisement can be submitted again after Easter. • Mark Donnelly, curate, will also be moving on later this year. • Due to reduced clergy numbers, Glapthorn church now has just two Holy Communion services (one informal) and two Morning Prayer services each month. The Morning Prayer services are firstly Matins and secondly Morning Worship, which is a less formal, modern equivalent. Stephen undertook to arrange service sheets for the Morning Worship services. 	SW
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard reported a small increase in revenue this year, due to some funerals. • Heating Maintenance contract. The contract has not yet been received and Richard will contact the company about this. • Bill payments by cheque. Richard requested the PCC agree to changing to an electronic banking system. Proposed by Brigitte, seconded by Sonya. All agreed. Richard will contact the bank. 	RS RS
8.	<p>Safeguarding. Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: (See attached report). Philip reported on the last meeting. The next meeting, on 10th March, will be an open meeting. The subject will be "Leading your church into growth".</p>	
10.	<p>Health and Safety Report: Tracey reported: An inspection of the church and churchyard has been done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some headstones in the churchyard need attention, due to safety issues. The matter is in hand. It was decided that in future a copy of the churchyard regulations will be given to the family of those interred. Discussion took place about moving some of the unsafe headstones to stand against the church wall. • Some of the thermostat covers for the church heaters need attention. Brigitte asked if Tracey's husband, Roy, could attend to this. 	CW/BH TK
11.	<p>Social Committee Report: Ursula reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quiz in aid of The Tear Fund, held in November, was very successful and will become an annual event. In view of this, Ursula proposed that in future the proceeds of the Harvest auction go to the church, and not to The Tear Fund as previously. All agreed. • Ursula has tried to contact the Northamptonshire Youth Orchestra to 	

	arrange a possible concert in Glapthorn church. She has not received any reply. Tracey agreed to take this forward.	TK
12.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonya reported that the 100 Club, in aid of the church, has a full complement of 100 members. • Brigitte mentioned the banners outside St. Peter's, advertising specific events. She would like something similar for Glapthorn church. She will take this forward. 	BH

Date of next meeting: The Annual Vestry Meeting on Thursday 2nd April 2020, 7pm in church.

A short PCC meeting will follow.

Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.