

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday 14th March 2024, at 19.00

Present:	
Rev. Stephen Webster	Philip Hilton
Tricia Newton	Brigitte Hilton
Tracey Kerr	Anne Cashmore
Sid Charlton	

03/24.01	Opening Prayers: Led by Stephen Webster The meeting was chaired by Sid Charlton.	
03/24.02	Apologies: Annabel Copeland, Penny Reading, Sonya Moss, Richard Stark	
03/24.03.	Minutes of the P.C.C. meeting dated 3rd October 2023 Previously agreed by email and signed as approved by Sid Charlton, on 20 th October 2023.	
03/24.04	Matters Arising from the Minutes of 3rd October 2023: A number of items are carried forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/22.05 <i>Assessment of unsafe kerbstones and uneven flagstones at front of church – Brigitte will ask a local builder to repair uneven flagstones; unsafe kerbstones will be moved to the side of the wall and photos and notes taken and kept with burial book in the safe, in case of any future queries.</i> • 10/22.06 <i>Intercession Prayer guidelines</i> • 03/23.05 <i>Allotments (church land) and insurance</i> 	BH SW Lease now updated and registered with the Official Custodian. Paperwork to be signed

<p>03/24.05</p>	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>New Lighting System Update</i></u> The Beatrice Laing Trust has awarded a grant of £3,000, conditional upon the remainder of the funding being secured for the project. FCC Communities Fund (formerly WREN) met this week to assess applications and a decision can be expected shortly as to whether we have been successful with our application for a grant. • <u><i>Funding for lead roof repairs</i></u> A grant for £2,500 has been secured from the John Warren Foundation. However, the Diocesan Advisory Committee has reviewed the current proposal for roof repairs and is not comfortable with the choice of proposed materials to be used. At their request, the architect will assess the roof situation to determine the scope and extent of the work and materials required; the costs are likely to be more than originally envisaged. Brigitte will speak to Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust before their planned visit on Tuesday, as our application for funding from them may need to be revised. • <u><i>Church wall</i></u> The collapsed section of the wall between the church and the Wides has now been repaired by the Wides, Brigitte proposed that the church offers £1,000 contribution towards the cost of the repair. This was seconded by Tricia and agreed to by all present. Anne will draft a thank you letter for Brigitte to take to the Wides. • <u><i>Church organ</i></u> This temporarily stopped working properly but seems to have righted itself. Philip will contact the specialist in due course for a service of the organ. 	<p>BH</p> <p>BH/AEC</p> <p>PH</p>
<p>03/24.06</p>	<p>Vicar's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u><i>"Church in a box"</i></u> – Stephen updated the PCC on current ideas for having age-appropriate activities to hand, should young children come to a service. St Peter's "Messy Church" for young children is held on the 4th Sunday at 4 pm and the PCC are invited to attend a session, to see if there is anything we can build on and that would encourage parents to bring their children to church. • <u><i>Churchwarden</i></u> – Stephen thanked Brigitte for her significant contribution over the past few years as 	<p>SW</p>

	<p>Churchwarden. With Brigitte standing down at the AVM, there will be a vacancy, although an expression of interest from a Glapthorn resident has been gratefully received by the PCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Parish Share</u> – this has been paid and is approximately £1,000 less than last year. • <u>Easter services</u> – In Holy Week, there will be Daily Reflections in St. Peter’s at 7 pm from Monday to Wednesday, with a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 10.30 am and 7 pm. In Glapthorn, there will be a short service on Good Friday at 6 pm and Easter Sunday Holy Communion at 9.15 am. 	
03/24.07	<p>Treasurer’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • <u>Parish Giving</u> – Philip will adapt St Peter’s template and write to the current congregation (on behalf of the P.C.C.), to encourage them to join this scheme. • <u>QR codes for donations</u> – Philip has done some initial work on this, and it would cost approximately £7.50 per month with a 1.58% transaction charge, to use this system in our church. The P.C.C. agreed it was worth Philip exploring this scheme further. 	<p>PH/AEC</p> <p>PH</p>
03/24.08	<p>Safeguarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report • A reminder to P.C.C. members about completing the online training 	
03/24.09	<p>Deanery Synod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key points from the last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine months of events have been planned to welcome Bishop Debbie • The Mission and Pastoral Committee (comprising a member of clergy and one other from each benefice) will be sending out a questionnaire to gather views on several issues including number of vicars given current vacancies, boundaries of parishes etc. The collation and feedback process are convoluted so outcomes will not be known for a while. • The General Synod has backed a Code of Conduct for P.C.C.’s which will come out later this year, and every church will be asked to develop a Race Action Plan in due course too. 	

03/24.10	<p>Health and Safety Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessments will need doing for the first two concerts/performances this year – Tracey will draft these and then circulate to members for comment. • There have been no recorded accidents since the 3rd October 2023 P.C.C. meeting. 	TK
03/24.11	<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 13th April – Nene Voices will perform a varied programme of music in the church. • Wednesday 5th June - This Is My Theatre production of Persuasion. This will be advertised locally, and tickets (100) are available online. Stewards and refreshments will need co-ordinating. Sid will call a meeting to work out the finer details nearer the time and find somewhere for the theatre company’s van to be parked on the day. Further details on both of the above can be found on the noticeboard and village website. • Other provisional bookings are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday 7th July, Peterborough Flute Choir (likely to be outdoor event) - Saturday 11th October – Corby Male Voice Choir • Monday 6th May – Bluebell Teas in the Village Hall. • Sunday 28th July – Wedding flowers in the church and teas in the Village Hall. 	SC
03/24.12	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Charlton is very kindly going to repair/refurbish the purple altar cloth 	
10/23.13	<p>Date of next P.C.C. meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 2nd May 2024 – Annual Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m. in Church, followed by short P.C.C. meeting. • Tuesday 18th June 2024 – P.C.C. meeting at 7 pm in Church. <p>The meeting closed with prayer at 20.45.</p>	