

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 763rd meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 7.30 p.m. on
Tuesday, October 3rd 2023
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT, Rev M Roper as chair, Rev Milly Broome, Mike Broome, Chris Benson, Sally Joselyn, Margaret Barrington, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Stuart Goodden, Fiona Baguley, Deborah Harris, and Liz Pullen.

Alastair Harris - Treasurer

Sally Pusey – PCC secretary

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| 7661 | Apologies –Lynn Sanger and Tony Pullen. | |
| 7662 | Notice of Essential AOB – Time and Talents survey, Cllr Mike Massimi | |
| 7663 | Minutes of the previous meeting – September minutes were corrected and signed | |
| 7664 | Actions outstanding from previous minutes – These are included on this meeting’s agenda. | |
| 7665 | Safeguarding – Sally P is just waiting on the last couple of DBSs to come through. The new safeguarding posters are up. Sally will send out individual emails to each PCC member letting them know what is required of them re safeguarding training courses. | SP |
| 7666 | Finance Budget – The budget will be bought to the November meeting to be formally approved. Alastair said we he has received notification from NatWest that now our turnover has exceeded £100.000 we will now incur bank charges and they are quite hefty at 30p per item. At the moment we don’t have an alternative account. Alastair said he can look at maybe having another account so we could split the banking but there is no point rushing as NatWest has set it for a year from November so it will hit next year’s budget. Alastair has had the new energy prices through which started on October 1 st . They could be better but they are not too bad. We agreed that the Parish Support Fund pledge will remain at £72,000 and this has been submitted. As we didn’t increase it we have to give an explanation and we said “St Johns is committed to meeting its current level of giving and increasing this when it is able, in the context of our restoration project commitments. Alastair also added a comment, when asked about our projected | |

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| | <p>income in respect of our pledge, “all income is as budgeted and is purely estimated. This includes £10,000 one off donations and £5,000 of fundraising, none of which can be assured”</p> | |
| 7667 | <p>Restoration Project- Mike B said that he will circulate the QS cost elements of the work and a spreadsheet generated by the Grants Committee to show the projected possible income that they expect to be generated. He said we are looking at getting to the 3rd quarter of next year at around £160,000 and building work will start shortly after that. That will depend on whether the Tower is able to last that long. We will have further conversations with the architect about what takes priority. it will take time to build up the funds we need and the Grants Committee are continuing to identify more potential donors. At the last meeting the architect fees were based on his estimate of approx. £9,315 but have now increased substantially by £14,800. Chris, Fr Michael and Mike set up a meeting with the Architect to discuss 2 things. Firstly, to take stock of where we are on the project and see that a big chunk of the work that sets out and identifies all the work that needs doing, where it was in the building and the costs of that work.</p> <p>At the moment we have public notices up about the work and giving people the chance to object etc. We expect the faculty to be granted at the beginning of November. Secondly, we were faced with the uplifted invoice to discuss and we asked for a proposal around that. Alastair asked if the cost could be delayed or staggered. The proposal is we will pay what we originally agreed amount of £9135 on time, and the remaining £14,800 will be spread over 5 months therefore the impact on the reserves is then staged. We hope that the monies coming in from the Grants Committee will take some of the impact off of our reserves. We believe it’s a reasonable proposal and think we should accept this.</p> | |

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| | <p>We should, as soon as we have the faculty, expect to receive £20,000 from Marshall's and £2,500 from Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.</p> <p>Alastair raised the point that we should look at how low our reserves should be able to go. When we pay the £9,315 invoice it will take us below his recommended amount for the parish.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion about everyone pulling together to get this work done.</p> | |
| 7668 | <p>Mission action Plan- Fr Michael handed out an updated version of the MAP for the PCC to take away and have a look at. We still have to answer the big question of "where do we want to be in 3 to 5 years' time?" Fr Michael said we need to look at expanding the Eaves, open up more opportunities for the wider community to engage with. We are still not doing anything for "The Manor" so the people who live there currently have no connection with our church. We need to work on exploring The Manor and the opportunities to connect with them that have been explored previously.</p> <p>Malden Parochial will now be coming over more often which is great. The Upper years from school came over during Heritage week and had a great time exploring the church. They then did some follow up work back at school which we are going to display at the Wes End of church and hopefully parents and carers will come across to see it. We have so much to offer as a church. We need to be outward looking all the time.</p> <p>Fiona spoke about the fact we were getting children more involved with things at church but we still had a way to go yet. There is a gap after children's ministry. There were quite a lot of young families after last week's harvest Parade service and we need to involve them and invite them to join toddler group and to make friends and then maybe we c get the numbers of children back up again. Fiona said she could make a poster to advertise the Toddler Group as these families usually filter through to Parochial and then hopefully to becoming more connected with church. The teenagers like to have a job so maybe they could be responsible for organising the food bank donations.</p> <p>And Cllr. Massimi talked about having a scheme where surplus fruit and fresh produce could be available for everyone and maybe we could be the hub for that which would also tie in with our MAP. It was suggested we add in praying and sustainability to our MAP.</p> <p>Fr Michael will make the MAP amendments and send it off to the Diocese.</p> | <p>FB</p> <p>Fr M</p> |

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| 7669 | <p>Vicars Report- Harvey has offered to do a Mission Worship workshop which is something he has done previously but quite a while ago. Fr Michael will try and get some dates together for this. We have 14 young people and 3 adults going forward for confirmation at the service at St Johns this coming Sunday, along with 3 adult candidates from other churches. It is overwhelmingly children and Fr Michael had been hoping that some of the parents who come to church and who don't take communion would come forward for confirmation. People don't seem interested in communion anymore. Fr Michael</p> | |
| 7670 | <p>AOB –Fr Michael said that Councillor Massimi was here last Saturday and asked if we would like a defibrillator on the outside of church for use in the Hogsmill area. Fr M explained that we would need a faculty. The PCC agreed and that we would also like to take up any training offered on the Defib machine and would like, if we can, to open up that training to maybe some of our young adults. Also whilst looking at a potential site for the defibrillator Fr Michael showed Cllr. Massimi the information board that Chris Beales had done and mentioned we would like boards put up with the history of the church. Cllr Massimi said the boards across Kingston were being replaced and he may be able to get us some of the old ones to use.</p> <p>Deborah spoke about the Time and Talents survey. We can either have a paper copy that people can take and fill in after church or an online version or maybe both. The survey was more of a jobs list than a skills list as this made it easier to match people with jobs and this is also how it seems other parishes had gone about it. Deborah asked the PCC to look over the proposed survey to see what they thought and to feed back to her and then when it's all ready we can promote it and roll it out to the congregation. Deborah has also been looking at the church website and made some temporary changes. There is money in the budget for next year to overhaul the website which Deborah and Sally J will work on.</p> | <p>Fr M</p> <p>DH SJ</p> |
| | <p>The meeting ended with Fr Michael asking everyone to think about "Where was God in tonight's meeting?"</p> <p>The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th November</p> | |
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