

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

Minutes of the 721st Meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in the Church Extension

**Present:** Mike Broome (Chair), Lynn Sanger Pauline Armour, Franklin Barrington, Margaret Barrington, Jane Bransgrove, Milly Broome, Brian Bowers, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Steve Clark, Lisa Down, Marie McGuire, Anthony Pullen, and Liz Pullen. + Martina Herpak.

In attendance: Faith Bowers (clerk). *eg.*

Milly opened with prayer.

7192 **1 - Apologies for absence** were received from Louise Hall, Deborah Harris, and Sally Josolyne.

7193 **2 - Notice of Essential AOB** There were two items to be raised.

7194 **3 - Minutes of the May PCC Meeting** were approved and signed. They would be published on the church noticeboard and website. **Churchwardens/DH**

7195 **4 - Matters arising from the minutes**

*7187 Committee membership* - Jane would serve on Finance. Franklin wished to know more before deciding between Congregation and Outreach and was advised to speak to Anthony.

*7188 f* - Mike said he and Geoff had looked at the price of chairs, which was about £40 each, so replacing them would be a costly business. They had concluded that there was no great need at present. The Men's Thing probably used most and there were still enough for that. The tables were in more urgent need of replacing.

7196 **5 - Safeguarding** Marie had nothing to report.

7197 **6 - Reports and Recommendations from Committees**

*a) Children and Young People*

Patronal Festival - Children's Ministry and 11Up were planning a play about John the Baptist for the 'sermon slot'.

Bibles for school leavers - Milly said £300 had been raised. Mike had delivered it and the Parochial School was grateful for this.

Little Fishes was going well under the new leader, Charlotte. The little ones were now bringing their offering up.

*b) Church Hall* - There was nothing to report.

*c) Congregation Committee* - Those present at the Ascension Day service had appreciated the breakfast afterwards. Marilyn would arrange a committee meeting soon.

*d) Finance* - Richard was now chairing this committee, comprising Alastair Harris, Sheri Davis, and Jane Bransgrove. He wished to check the terms of reference for this committee.

*e) Fundraising* - Lynn said the focus was on preparations for the Maeldune Fair. Following advice, she had tried to approach local councillor Simon Edwards about a

grant to offset the licence fee but had so far failed to get a response. If nothing was done by the end of the week, they would just move stalls in a little and hope for the best.

f) *Maintenance Committee* - Mike said the most urgent things raised at the Quinquennial inspection had been done in the first year. The committee was now trying to group and prioritise the other matters. Some, e.g. the tower, would need professional help and Chris Benson was seeking advice about what was involved and the likely costs.

The church's noticeboard outside the Church Hall had not yet been replaced. A deposit was needed and that had been delayed because Alastair was away.

g) *Outreach Committee* - Anthony said they were meeting on 19<sup>th</sup>. There was nothing to report at present.

h) *Sustainability* - was inactive at present.

7198 **7 - Any Other Business notified at (2)**

Brian said the photos of church people needed some updating before the new vicar came. It was agreed that this would be particularly useful and it would be helpful to have more of the young parents identified in this way. Brian would need some help with that. He would begin with the current PCC.

Answering a question about the parochial school's admissions policy, Mike said this was available on the school's website. The school always had many applications for the 30 places available each year.

7199 **8 - Church Wardens' Notes**

a) *Contactless payments* - The group Alastair had arranged to look into this (churchwardens, Jane, Sally and Geoff) would have their first meeting next week.

b) *First Aiders* - Lynn said that plans for the Maeldune Fair had made her realise the church ought to have a list of those trained in first aid. To have St John's Ambulance presence at the Fair required payment. David Dugwell had been there as First Aider recently but could not be there this year. The church might well have others so trained but not identified. Marilyn offered to ask on the pew leaflet. **Marilyn**

Jane observed that something similar applied to Fire Marshals. The church had a policy on this, but the key people ought to be known, and there ought to be regular practices.

c) *New incumbent* - A new vicar had now been chosen but could not yet be announced, because both churches had to be informed at the same time, and this was being delayed by holiday absences. Bishop Christopher would conduct the induction on Tuesday, 24 September, time to be announced later.

d) *Vicarage* - The churchwardens still awaited a starting date for the considerable amount of work there. The Archdeacon was also chasing this up with the Diocese.

There being no further business Milly closed the meeting with prayer at 8.53 p.m.  
The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 July 2019 at 8 p.m.

*V. Ganger*