

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN  
Registered Charity No.1145155  
Minutes of the 765<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
At 7.30 p.m. on  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2023  
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT, Rev Michael Roper as chair, Rev Milly Broome, Mike Broome, Lynn Sanger, Richard Burkett, Chris Benson, Margaret Barrington, Anthony Pullen, Marilyn Burkett, Fiona Baguley, Sally Josolyne, and Stuart Goodden  
Peter Wickenden Restore Group finances  
Alastair Harris - Treasurer  
Sally Pusey - secretary

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7681	Apologies from Deborah Harris and Liz pullen	
7682	Notice of Essential AOB – None	
7683	Minutes of the previous meeting:- Corrected and then signed	
7684	<p>Malden Parochial Update by Head teacher Lucy McMullan – Lucy said she had received a warm welcome from both the school and church communities. She has been impressing on the children the importance of the connection and the history between the school and the church. Lucy brought the children over to the church during Heritage weekend and wanted to thank Deborah Harris for the work she did with the children. Lucy worships at St Marys Long Ditton.</p> <p>In January 2024 the school will be opening up the nursery for 30 hours spaces and Lucy asked for the school to be kept in our prayers as they go through this transition. There will be wrap round care including breakfast club, lunch cover and after school club. . They will be able to take 26 children in the mornings and the afternoons. They currently have 15 signed up for mornings and 11 signed up for afternoons. They will take both funded and paid for places. Recruitment is being looked in to and they still have 2 vacancies for governors. Fr Michael said it is lovely to have the school more involved with the church.</p> <p>The school staff are currently doing a reverse advent calendar where they are bringing in items for the vulnerable families. There are a lot more open mornings for new parents and Lucy wants the school to be outward thinking towards the local community. The church wardens are trustees of Smiths charity and would like to help with providing a bunk bed for a current family in need.</p> <p>The church and school will be organising a collection of food by the Muslim pupils over Ramadan to go to the foodbank.</p> <p>Sally Josolyne and Fiona Baguley would like to help with the transition of year 6 pupils at Malden Parochial going in to year 7 in high school.</p>	<p><b>MB &amp; LS</b></p> <p><b>FB &amp; SJ</b></p>

7685	<p>Restore Group- The Restore Group are meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Tony Pullen is putting together the information brochure to go to Merton college and collating the information updates that are going up around the church. Lynn has spoken Sally J and Harvey about putting up a 3-picture style slideshow showing information about the restoration project. Communication is key to getting support for the project. Lynn will also contact Alex Herbert about possibly helping with the publication of the project information brochures etc.</p> <p>Sally J asked if extra cabling could be looked at during the restoration project for possible future use with modernising the live streaming etc.</p> <p>Restore Project Finance- Peter Wickenden spoke So far £49000 has been spent with £11000 more to pay. £50000 has been raised so far. There was a meeting of the Grants Committee last Sunday and they are now getting ready to put in a national lottery funding application in January. Its important to focus on the community side for the grant applications. The other applications can now be reactivated as we now have the faculty in place. The key with grant applications is to apply for as many as possible. Kirsty says that the grant arena is more competitive than ever and the Grants Committee have a lot of work ahead. Fr Michael, Lyn and Mike have had a meeting to start the community side of the project rolling and Kirsty will also be able to give us some advice on this part of the applications.</p> <p>Peter said that the two key aspects are consistency and transparency. Consistency is making sure we are all consistent with the same storyline and transparency that the key people always know what is going on. Fr Michael said that Kirsty said that the national lottery will assign us a person to walk us through the application.</p> <p>Alastair said that there is one grant that will pay our VAT. We will pay the bills and then be able to claim back the VAT. We need to look in. to how that will work.</p>	
7686	<p>Finance-Marilyn and Sally P left the room whilst salary and fee increases were discussed. There was a discussion re increases to the administrator Salary and the fees paid to the Choir director and organist. Alasdair put forward a motion to increase all 3 posts by 5%. Across all three posts this amounts to just under £800 for 2024. Fr Michael said he had just found out that clergy would be given a 4% increase this year. The figures Alastair put forward were agreed by the PCC and later in the year there would be an appraisal/evaluation for Sally in her administrator role.</p> <p>Post covid the company that we hired the Christmas day event kit from went bust. Last year we used another company but it was £100 more expensive and cost £250. Pat Lovegrove asked if there was enough money in the Christmas lunch account which there</p>	

	<p>was so a hot cupboard was purchased along with a couple of others things to go with it, total cost around £1,000. This will be an asset of the PCC and will be available for community use not just for the Christmas lunch and will be kept at the hall. Smith's charity have donated £500 towards it and the remaining £500 will be paid out of the Christmas day fund.</p> <p>The new printer is about to arrive and the cost will be spread over 4 years. £2,500 of the total cost of around £5,500 will come from the £10 scheme.</p> <p>The Angel project started off with £1085 brought forward from last year and as of today we have raised another £555. We are aiming to support 190 children so we will need £3.800 in total. If we don't raise enough the PCC were asked to under write the remaining amount.</p> <p>Fr Michael said that the Plough Green Tree lighting group where our choir sang had designated the Angel Project as their charity. Also Hooky street who had their van selling hot drinks etc. have donated all their profits of £470 + to The Angel Project. So from the Tree lighting there will be more money coming to the Angel Project some of which will be gift aided. The PCC agreed to under write up to £1500 if needed for the angel project.</p> <p>Alastair said that the mission giving team proposed for 2023 to give equal amounts to 5 charities. Young Minds, Re Engage, Care International, Kingston Food bank and KCAH. The PCC approved this mission giving.</p>	
7687	<p>Green Energy Group Update- Chris Benson</p> <p>A proposal from The Green Energy Group. They are asking for approval from the PCC to register with The London Community Energy Fund for a grant to cover the cost of an energy survey of the church by an engineer.</p> <p>There are 2 aspects to this. The first is that our boiler is past middle aged and we need to have a strategy in place for when it finally stops working.</p> <p>Secondly we, along with the C of E, need to be working towards becoming zero carbon.</p> <p>The PCC approved this proposal.</p>	
7688	<p>St Johns Hall Update- The hall cleaner is retiring and a new cleaner has been found and will start in January.</p> <p>There has been cleaning of the French drains around the building. The next major outlay will be replacing of gutters, which came up in the quinquennial report, when finances allow.</p>	
7679	<p>Safeguarding – All required safeguarding training must be completed by the next APCM</p>	<b>All PCC</b>
7690	<p>Vicars Report- There were 44 people in attendance at the Advent carol service so that was a success. The choir were excellent and people stayed afterwards for refreshments.</p> <p>There are 3 school carol services in the next 2 days.</p>	

	<p>The Advent course is going along well. Baptisms are busy. There will be no 8am services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will be asking the Maintenance Committee to look at putting No Parking signs along the wall in the lane. From Jan 24 to the APCM Harvey will be helping with making sure our governance is correct and up to date.</p>	<p><b>Maintenance Committee</b></p>
	<p>The meeting ended in prayer. Next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</p>	