

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 757th meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 7.30 p.m. on
Tuesday, March 7th 2023
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT, Rev Michael Roper as chair, Anthony Pullen, Liz Pullen, Rev Milly Broome, Richard Burkett, Marilyn Burkett, Chris Benson, Barry Eaton, Deborah Harris, Mike Broome, Lynn Sanger, and Margaret Barrington.
Sally Pusey as secretary

		Action
7596	No apologies	
7597	Notice of Essential AOB – Letter from Barry Eaton, Approve list of lay assistants, energy footprint tool, Parish Giving Scheme.	
7598	Minutes of the previous meeting: Agreed and signed.	
7599	<p>Actions outstanding from previous minutes:</p> <p>Safeguarding-The DBS process is changing from every 5 years to 3 years with a grace period in between so Sally P will work out when everyone needs updating and as St Johns runs children’s activities all the PCC need to have an enhanced DBS as per the advice from the diocese. Volunteers for tea and chat and Sunday lunch club do not need DBS but should go through the safer recruitment route. Going forward all new volunteers will be checked through the safer recruitment scheme. All current volunteers will be asked to fill in a form with their details and basic list of their roll/duties so we have something on file. Fr Michael, Mike B, Lynn, Marie M and Sally P all need to do the safer recruitment training. The PCC also all need a minimum of basic and foundation safeguarding training so Sally P will check this to make sure everyone is up to date. Sally P will also put together a new updated safe guarding poster, 2 for church and 1 for the church hall.</p> <p>Merton College- Fr Michael has been in touch with Merton College and sent them the invoice for the lane repairs. They have said they will make a contribution towards the repair. Fr Michael suggested to Mike about getting together all those who live along the lane to discuss the state of it. It has already deteriorated in the last 3 weeks post the repairs. Mike B suggested as there is a question mark about the level of repairs, we shouldn’t pay any invoices until we are happy with the work that has been done. Geoff is pursuing contacting the contractors about the level of repairs.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>GL</p>
7600	Vicars Report As we move towards the APCM we’ve talked about transforming the way we work and we now have an action column	Fr M

	<p>on our minutes so people know what's expected of them. Fr Michael will ask Sturt Gooden to formally stand for PCC and we still have some vacancies so need to look at who to ask. We will also still be co-opting people to do small projects but we do need to fill our PCC vacancies.</p> <p>There were just over a 100 people at last Sunday's service (March 5th) mainly down to Little Fishes. It's great to be back at pre covid levels but we also need to get better at getting people more involved.</p> <p>It would be good to organise 3 big social events, not fundraising just social events. 1 could be the BBQ possibly the week after the Patronal festival. another a newcomer's party for anyone who has joined since Fr Kevin left and maybe later in the year a Baptism party for anyone Baptised in the last 5 years. It will help people to connect with each other and us.</p> <p>Deborah H suggested possibly doing a breakfast before a Sunday service every few months too.</p> <p>Mrs Pavlis has given notice at Malden Parochial and will leave in the summer. Fr Michael and St Johns governors will be part of appointing a new head teacher.</p> <p>Priorities for St Johns-</p> <p>To shore up our three congregations, 8am and 9.45am Sundays' and 11am Wednesdays to get back to our pre covid levels.</p> <p>To complete the restoration project.</p> <p>Community connections.</p> <p>Good news, we have had an increase in children applying through St Johns for places at Malden Parochial.</p>	Congregation Committee
7601	<p>Anti-Racism Charter- Copies of the Anti-racism Charter were distributed to the PCC. It was discussed that we need to be proactive, open minded and aware that we need to try and be all things to all people.</p>	
7602	<p>Safeguarding- This was covered earlier under actions outstanding from the previous minutes.</p> <p>We have members with special needs who have been with us for many years and we need to look at these people as gifts and we have a duty of care towards them. If we have any concerns, we need to contact the diocese with our safeguarding concerns. Tony suggested that there are courses about bring a mental health friendly church which we can look in to. Tony, Sally P and Fr Michael are to meet to discuss safeguarding concerns.</p>	SP, TP , Fr M
7603	<p>Hall Committee Report was circulated to the PCC. The hall windows have been done and there is a meeting going ahead to look at grant applications for resurfacing the hall car park. The hall bookings are a bit low so they will start to do more advertising to hopefully help increase the bookings. They are also looking at increasing the hall rental fees.</p>	

	<p>The hall quinquennial is done and the committee are reviewing its findings. Brian is stepping down as treasurer and Peter Wickenden is taking on the role. In the past the hall budget and accounts were presented to the PCC for approval. Sam of Russell Cook solicitors has draft a new letting agreement for the preschool which has been sent to Ruth Martin the diocesan secretary and she has passed it to Jackie Pontin . We are awaiting a reply.</p>	
7604	<p>Restoration Project. We were expecting to have DAC approval and planning permission by the end of March but it's now going to the DAC on the 18th April so we are now looking at the end of April or beginning of May. This delay will be communicated to the grant committee by Mike B. Fr Michael, Chris and Mike had a meeting and decided that they will isolate the tower works to focus on it for fundraising. Lynn spoke about starting the fundraising with a parish wide mailing, a possible just giving page etc. which has worked well with other churches who have needed to fundraise for a tower. We need to find someone to put together something that looks appealing to people to encourage them to engage with the fundraising. We need to raise awareness it's for the church and community. Photos to be looked for the appeal featuring the Star at Christmas, the Ukraine flag etc. and maybe some of the money raised can also go back in to community projects.</p>	LS
7605	<p>Communication Committee/St Johns Website- The communication committee are meeting again in March. They are looking at other websites to see what would work for St Johns. The information about the electoral roll revision and legacies is now up on the website. We need a new updated photo of the congregation on the website. St Johns is one of the top performing churches for contactless giving. We took a lot of contactless payments for the Ukraine appeal, Harvest, the Angel Project which will have greatly contributed to this.</p>	
7606	<p>Any Other Business Ripple energy- We are yet to sign up with Ripple Energy as we had previously discussed wind farms with them but their actual new farm is a solar farm so this needs now to be looked in to more.</p> <p>Barry's Letter – Barry left the room whilst the PCC discussed his request for A £5 increase in his organ funeral fee. The request was agreed by the PCC but noted that there will be no more increases until we are out of the cost- of- living crisis.</p> <p>We are in an agreement with Parish Buying until October 1st 2023. If we are going to leave them, we need to give notice before April 1st. Even though we have had a few issues with them the energies deal we have with them is a good deal. The PCC agreed we will stay with them for now.</p> <p>Inspection is due in April and we are filling out our Articles of Enquiry. We need to approve the list of people who can give communion. The</p>	

	<p>PCC approved the following people. This should be done annually at our APCM. Rev M Roper, Rev M Broome, Marilyn Burkett, Tony Pullen, Lynn Sanger, Mike Broome, Liz Pullen, Beth Owen, Anne Beales, Louise Dibble, Pauline Armour, John Eggitt, Jackie Parker, Margaret Barrington, Richard Burkett, Chris Benson, Paul Langdon, Jessica Grant and Kam Lam.</p> <p>Through the Articles of Enquiry, we are asked to look at being net carbon zero and also the idea of Eco Church. The Green Energy Group are looking at Eco Church. Synod have passed a resolution that the C of E will be carbon neutral 2030 so it is something we need to look at going forward.</p> <p>OMN- We need to encourage more people to submit articles for the OMN.</p>	Green Energy Group
	<p>The meeting ended with prayer by Tony.</p> <p>The next meeting is a 7.30pm on Tuesday April 11th</p>	