

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 759th meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 7.30 p.m. on
Tuesday, June 6th 2023
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT, Rev Michael Roper as chair, Anthony Pullen, Rev Milly Broome, Richard Burkett, Marilyn Burkett, Chris Benson, Barry Eaton, Mike Broome, Stuart Goodden, Fiona Baguely and Lynn Sanger.

Alastair Harris as treasurer

Sally Pusey as secretary

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7619	Apologies from Sally Josolyne, Liz Pullen, Margaret Barrington and Deborah Harris	
7620	Notice of Essential AOB – Finance, Eco Church.	
7621	Minutes of the previous meeting: Amended and signed.	
7622	Actions outstanding from previous minutes.	
7623	<p>Finance from AOB – The finance committee are proposing that all finance information is added to a shared google drive for the PCC for security reasons.</p> <p>-The deficit for the first Quarter was £10,916 however Gift Aid recovery from Q3 and Q4 of 2022 are now in so the deficit at the end of Q1 2023 is expected to be about £2,200 which although is not good it's a lot better than £10,916.</p> <p>Income – We have had some good fundraising and our giving is already ahead of last year and the budget.</p> <p>We have had some unbudgeted costs, totalling £9941 which include the oak tree work settlement in January which was £527, upgrade to the Wi-Fi, architect fees and the Quinquennial inspection These come out of the general fund and any expenditure which is not within the budget, or cannot be allocated to a fund will hit the bottom line and increase the deficit and so will come out of our reserves at year end. Looking forward to the next quarter we have the Maeldune fair and quarter 1 gift aid to come in so it should be a much better quarter.</p> <p>-Stewardship. Thanks to Fr Michael for an excellent sermon and his support for this campaign. The prize draw which was due on the 18th May has been rescheduled for the 18th June to give more time for people to respond and be entered in to it.</p> <p>As of last Sunday (4th June) we now have had 49 responses, 12 new givers, 18 people joined the parish giving scheme. 24 people have increased their giving and it appears no one has decreased.</p> <p>On May 28th and June 4th Sundays we started a Q & A session after the 9.45am service, and this has proved useful, and so will continue.</p> <p>Richard will also cover an 8am service.</p>	

	<p>All the PCC are expected to give a response to this campaign just so that we can see where we are.</p> <p>Insurance- Geoff Little arranged payment of the new insurance rate from June 1st. This is year 2 in a 3 year agreement.</p> <p>Contactless giving- The Diocese visited on May 23rd and gave St Johns praise for their progress with this.</p>	
7624	<p>Vicar's report- The Men's Thing group are due to start this coming Saturday at 10am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcoming summer service is this coming Sunday - 18th June service will be Talents Sunday as well as an all age service. People will be asked to sign up to be given £10 and to see how much they can grow their £10 between the 18th June and Harvest. -Fr Michael would also like to send out a mailing with a Time and Talents Survey in the next week or so. -The Patronal festival is on Sunday 25th June and we also hope to have a parish BBQ soon so that people can meet and connect. -There will be a church working party date soon. -Thy Kingdom Come service maybe held as an afternoon service possibly as a Taizé style service. This may happen next year rather than this year. The Worship committee will flag this up next year. -The Diocesan Confirmation service will be held at St Johns this year on October 8th and Bishop Martin will be presiding. There will be a short confirmation course hopefully starting in the summer. - There are numerous St Johns churches locally so we should always try and refer to ourselves as St Johns, Old Malden so people know where we are. We are listed as St Johns, Old Malden on the "a Church Near You "website. -A new head teacher for Malden Parochial has been appointed and they are just waiting on final checks before making an announcement. - Malden Parochial school fair is on July 8th. 	<p>Fr Michael</p> <p>Worship Committee</p>
7625	<p>Mission Action Plan- We need to update our MAP.</p> <p>What we have really been missing is our service to the community. We have the bereavement café and tea & chat and we now need to build on those. Bringing the 2 schools together along with the new head teacher at Parochial will be a good start.</p>	<p>PCC and Fr Michael</p>

	<p>The Diocese 5 marks of mission are Evangelism, Teaching, Compassion, Justice and Care of Creation. We need to think on these.</p> <p>The Angel Project initiative is great going forward.</p> <p>We need to try and build a better relationship with the local community church.</p> <p>Hooky St Café maybe another avenue to investigate.</p> <p>The C of E want to be at net zero by 2030 and the green energy group are looking at this for St Johns and we can build it in to our MAP.</p> <p>Fr Michael is willing to host an open table event on some Sundays for the LBGTQ community.</p> <p>Fr Michael would like to send our revised MAP to the Diocese before the summer break even if it is just an outline.</p> <p>As part of our serving the community we already support the Bereavement café, Guiding and Scouting and our Toddler Group</p> <p>Fr Michael handed out a document to the PCC about 8 common factors of growing a church for everyone to take away and think about and pray about. Growth needs praying for and it needs to be intentional and we really need to look at how we interact with people as belonging comes before believing.</p> <p>Fr Michael would like the PCC to come forward with some ideas.</p> <p>.</p>	
7626	<p>Safeguarding- The leadership team have either done or in the process of doing the level C2 training and will also be doing the domestic abuse safeguarding training. Fr Michael may offer St Johns as a training base which means that the diocese will come out to us to do training for us and other local churches. Sally P is sending out requests to people to update their DBSs and has also compiled a volunteer information form for volunteers who help with tea and chat, and lunch club. The forms have gone out to the volunteers and are slowly being completed and returned. The safeguarding spreadsheet is being finalised to keep track of everyone’s training. We still need to find another safeguarding officer who regularly attends church .The safeguarding records are to be kept in the parish office in a locked cabinet. The PCC will also be updating their training</p>	SP
7627	<p>Hall Committee Report- Tomorrow there will be a finance meeting where Peter Wickenden will become the new treasurer. They will be discussing how they are doing with raising funds for redoing the</p>	

	<p>forecourt. There was a working party last week where they looked at the Quinquennial report. They have identified a couple of items they need to look at. They are also looking at possible joint insurance with the hall and church.</p> <p>Richard Burkett to look to attend the next Hall Finance Committee.</p>	RB
7628	<p>Restoration Project-The project is being worked through with the architect. The plan to get the plans to the Diocese office went well and the committee meets on 13th June when hopefully we will get the planning permission and can restart the grants committee to obtain funds. Appointing a quantity surveyor will enable us to break down the costs of areas of work.</p> <p>There is a possibility that Alex our Architect will hold a congregational meeting where he can explain how the project will move forward. It will be good for the congregation to put a face to the name and to help them understand what we are doing.</p>	
7629	<p>Any Other Business- Finance info above.</p> <p>Eco Church-Chris Benson – We have now joined the Eco Church scheme and now need to act on it and apply for the bronze award. We need a sustainability group to join up the Eco church and the green energy group. We could ask Elliott Newton our local environmentalist to come and speak to us.</p>	CB
	<p>We closed with prayer. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th July</p>	