

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 749th meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 8 p.m. on
Tuesday, June 7th 2022
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT: The Vicar in the chair, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Anthony Pullen, Milly Broome, Mike Broome, Sally Josolyne. Liz Pullen.

In attendance: Sally Pusey (secretary)
The Vicar opened in prayer.

7505 1 – Apologies from Lynn Sanger, Margaret Barrington, Chris Benson and Deborah Harris.

7506 2 - NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL AOB
None

7507 3 - MINUTES OF THE May meeting and matters arising.
The May minutes were amended and signed by Fr Michael
The PCC agreed to co-opt Richard Burkett and Barry Eaton on to the PCC.
The PCC discussed Barry's request to be paid the same amount for playing the organ at both Weddings and Funerals resulting in an increase in his funeral fee. After much discussion the PCC felt now was not the time to increase the fee for funerals as it is a time of economic difficulty for most families. The PCC would be happy to look at this again sometime in the future if it were to be raised again.

7508 4 – SAFEGUARDING
Vanessa Spreckley has stepped down as a safeguarding officer and Sally Pusey will now become the safeguarding officer alongside Marie McGuire.

7509 5 - VICAR'S REPORT
- There are 3 children who are going to be admitted to communion on Trinity Sunday and more will follow later in the year.
- Little Fishes-Charlotte Budd has agreed to take this on from September.
-Children's Ministry urgently needs more volunteers to help Margaret who at present is the only leader. Going forward we may need to look at employing a children's worker to assist.
-Baptism Party- Fr Michael would like there to be a Baptism party, possibly in early September, to reconnect with the christening families. There will be food and an activity along the lines of Messy Church.
-Open Church- On Saturday mornings the church will be open from 9 to 12pm and will start with Morning Prayer. There will be refreshments and Fr Michael would need at least 2 volunteers for each session. A rota will be put out starting on June

12th for volunteers to sign up. An A board will be purchased to be used at the open mornings to advertise Bereavement cafe, tea and chat etc

-The intention is to have some more messy church sessions at Harvest and Christmas.

-Future Worship for all dates are July 17th, Sept.18th, Oct.2nd, Nov.13th and Dec.18th. There will also be a St Lucia service on December 11th.

-In September we would like to invite new parents from Malden Parochial to a social event at church.

-A worship survey will be going out soon on Mailchimp and an instructional Eucharist will be looked in to as well.

7510 6-Mission Action Plan – Initiative 2022

Points to consider:-

Look at communication.

Inclusivity of children.

Serving our community and keeping in contact with parishioners who can no longer attend church by phone. Congregation committee to lead on this.

Sustainability- eco church survey to be investigated.

Disability inclusion needs to be addressed and the church needs to own and move forward with the improvements required.

A time and talent survey to be conducted, maybe over the summer.

Interfaith work needs to be looked as part of the initiative 2022.

The PCC need to relook at initiative 2022 before the next meeting.

7511 7-St Johns Hall Committee report.

-There are a good range of tenants using the hall at the moment.

-The committee are looking at raising funds to resurface the parking area.

7512 8-Scout headquarters agreement renewal and Pre School licence update.

We are waiting for the surveyor to produce his report, so we can get the diocesan solicitor to draft an agreement for the Scouts headquarters agreement.

A local solicitor will be used to draw up the preschool licence at an estimated cost of £2,500 plus vat.

7513 9-Building Repair Project

We now have some starting figures for the work. **Mike B** will chase up the report on the drains.

The first priorities will be to fix the drains and the Jacobean brickwork which is crumbling.

7514 10-Communication Committee/St Johns website

We need to look at the “what’s on” section of the website.

We closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be on the Tuesday July 5th at 8pm in the coffee lounge.