

gTHE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 747th meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 8 p.m. on
Tuesday, March 1st 2022
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT: The Vicar in the chair, Franklin Barrington, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Anthony Pullen, Milly Broome, Lynn Sanger, Liz Pullen, Margaret Barrington, Pauline Armour, Deborah Harris, Liz Pullen, Chris Benson, Mike Broome

In attendance: Sally Pusey (secretary). Alastair Harris (treasurer)

The Vicar opened in prayer.

7481 1 – No apologies

7482 2 - NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL AOB
Deanery Synod

7483 3 - MINUTES OF THE February meeting
Amended and signed by Fr Michael

7484 4 – SAFEGUARDING
Nothing new to share.

7485 5 - VICAR'S REPORT

-Malden Parochial are in church for an Ash Wednesday service at 9am and there are also services at 11am and 8pm as well.

- There will be 2 lent groups using the book by Paula Gooder called Women of Holy Week.

-Margaret Barrington has confirmed that children's ministry is starting back on March 6th and little fishes are also resarting.

-Both Mothering Sunday and May 8th (St George's day parade) will be parade services

-Messy church is being planned for the afternoon of Palm Sunday

-On march 20th at 4pm there will be a covid commemoration service

-Fr Michael is planning on church being open on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12pm for a drop in surgery with him and refreshments will also be served.

-Fr Michael is going to be spending more time working with Malden Parochial so may have to adjust his working week to accommodate this.

- Fr Michael is hoping to work with the church neighbours to engage Merton College in sorting out the terrible pot holes in the lane.

-Date of the APCM is confirmed as May 22nd.

7486 6a-Finance

- Smiths charity money is ear marked for the Angel Project and Bereavement Café.
- The stewardship campaign results are beginning to show now and in January the giving was £4,900
- There were some unbudgeted costs such as the boiler work and the scout fence which left a deficit of £2,200
- Alastair will now do quarterly reports for the PCC but these will be broken down in to months.
- The stewardship campaign has ended and figures are beginning to improve and hopefully they will continue to do so.
- The draft financial accounts are being prepared and will hopefully be available for Aprils PCC meeting.
- Mike Broome reported that for our renewal BT broadband had offered the same fixed term contract that we currently have and that seems a good deal.
- It's likely there will only be a moderate increase in payments to Total Gas and Power so the recommendation is that we stick with them.
- The PCC agreed to carry on contracts with both BT and Total Gas and Power.**

7487 7-St Johns Hall

During half term there were new electrodes fitted to the gas boiler and non-slip flooring laid on the sitars. A tree that had split along the trunk in the storms had its top branches cut off and will be completely removed in April.

7488 8-Scout headquarters agreement renewal and Pre School licence update.

-The meeting with the Archdeacon and Deputy Diocesan Secretary at Trinity House was a good meeting. The DDS then went on to meet with our solicitor. They were supportive about recognising the importance of the scouts at St Johns and that the agreement was fair for everyone. The Scout leadership have been informed that things will now move forward.

7489 9-Security Project

The installation of the security equipment commences on the 14th March and will take 2 weeks. We have faith in Luca the neyw manager of the project who works directly for Esotec. The CCTV system can be linked to the internet and this will be discussed at a later date by the PCC.

The PCC noted a special thank you to Richard for his hard work in organising the security project.

7490 10-BUILDING REPAIR REPORT

-We are still waiting for our architect to deliver the packages of work, hopefully we will get these by the end of March.

Charles Sheppard is amalgamating his business with Arc architects and has suggested we use him for our quin-quennial inspection. Alex Veale is the Director of Arc architects and will make an application to the diocese to be approved.

Chris Benson is going to investigate the new company and feedback to the PCC at our next meeting.

-Drains-The CCTV survey showed up multiple issues. There has been no response from the original drain contractor who came to visit and Mike Broome is meeting with "Water Environmental" next week. There will be an initial £2,100 expense for this work.

7491 11-COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE/ST JOHNS WEBSITE

There has been no meeting yet but a working party is being put together to discuss the vision of the committee and to look at the messages we want to put out etc.

7492 12-AOB

-Deanery Synod-Tony Pullen

The last deanery synod meeting was well attended.

The Area Dean would like local parishes to take up "living in love and Faith" set up by the C of E.

All Saints Church in Kingston are going to apply to be designated a Minster. The church dates back to Saxon times and its where King Athelstan was crowned. It has the backing of both the Archdeacon and the Area Dean.

The PCC agreed to endorse the proposal of All Saints Kingston being designated a Minster.

CAP (Christians against poverty) which started at St John the Divine has now expanded and joined up with Wimbledon as the need for their service is growing.

The meeting closed with prayer from Fr Michael.

The next PCC meeting would be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 5th April 2022.