

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN
Registered Charity No.1145155
Minutes of the 744th meeting of the Parochial Church Council
At 8 p.m. on
Wednesday, November 3rd 2021
In the coffee lounge

PRESENT: The Vicar in the chair, Pauline Armour, Franklin Barrington, Mike Broome, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Sally Josolyne, Anthony Pullen, Chris Benson, Milly Broome

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

The Vicar opened in prayer.

7444 1 – Apologies from Liz Pullen, Lynn Sanger, Deborah Harris, Margaret Barrington and Marie McGuire

7445 2 - NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL AOB
Deanery synod, Outreach committee report, projector

7446 3 - MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
The Vicar made a couple of correction/amendments and the minutes were signed.

7447 4 – DBS UPDATES
We need to find out why the diocese has charged us £23 for a basic DBS. To be actioned by **Marie** and **Vanessa**.
Little Fishes and children's ministry are ready to return.
There were no safeguarding concerns reported.

7448 5 - VICAR'S REPORT
The Memorial and All Souls services went well and approximately 60 people attended across both services.
The bereavement cafe will be a regular item on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2-3.30pm. A couple of families from the All Souls service are interested in attending.
We need to start making decisions re Christmas in church. Michael has been looking at the C of E guidelines and they basically say the decisions are for the individual churches to make. We will continue to wear masks in church and go ahead with normal services over Christmas.
For those who are more vulnerable the Wednesday service will continue to be an option for them.
We need to engage and encourage those who have not yet returned to church.
At midnight Mass and Christmas morning there will be the chalice available in the Lady Chapel.
We will also aim to do a Messy church one Sunday afternoon in early December.

7449 6 –FINANCE

Management accounts September - Income

Regular donations and planned giving were both fairly buoyant.

Waiting for next gift aid claim to come in.

Approx £50 a month loose plate giving.

Also donations from the website button, online giving and the QR codes in the pews.

Fundraising was good, mainly due to Heritage weekend.

Costs-

Admin salary was up but covers both August and September salary.

The deficit was slightly lower but still expected to be £15,000 to £16,000 at the end of the year.

Budget 2022 -

Income projected total of £87,200

Expenditure- deficit of £20,000

The PCC thanked Alastair and Richard for all their hard work on the finances and the budget and the PCC formally adopted the Budget for 2022.

Stewardship-

110 red envelopes have been given out but there have only been 30 responses so far.

There have been some one off donations and 3 new regular givers.

We are still looking for a stewardship officer.

The parish Giving Scheme from the diocese was discussed and the diocese would be invited to speak to the PCC to explain the Scheme. Action **Mike B**

7450 7-ST JOHNS HALL

The hall committee report was received with thanks.

7451 8-SCOUT HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT RENEWAL & PRE-SCHOOL LICENCE UPDATE

The Scout agreement is currently being written up by the diocesan solicitors and will increase the rent to £2000 a year in 3 years' time.

The diocesan solicitor will also produce an agreement for the preschool agreement.

7452 9-SECURITY PROJECT

The security project is progressing rapidly. The PCC agreed to ask Charles Sheppard, our architect, to inspect the work on completion. There is a meeting on 5/11/21 to arrange a start date for the installation.

The PCC thanked Richard for his hard work organising the security project.

7453 10-BUILDING REPAIR PROJECT

The drains have been inspected and we are now getting an expert to advise us on what to do next.

We need to look at getting the drains cleared, maybe with water jets whilst being mindful of the tree roots.

There will be some expenditure expected for this work.

The major building work which we will need grant aid, is to be looked at in detail by our architect. He will look at each area, and put together a package of work looking at recommended contractors and costs etc.

The PC approved the cost of £5,950 plus vat for the architect to put together the package previously mentioned. He is indicating that we should receive this package by February 2022.

7454 11-WEBSITE

The traffic for hall bookings and school applications is up on the website.

There are still a few updates needed.

7455 12-AOB

The PCC approved the cost of buying a new projector for £320.

Deanery synod-The Bishop is encouraging a national C of E scheme for Eco churches.

This looks amongst other things at a churches carbon footprint. More information will be provided to the PCC via **Tony**

The Outreach committee put forward their mission giving 2021 information which was accepted by the PCC.

Young Minds Trust £300

Re-engage £300

CARE International £300

KCAH £200

Refugee Action Kingston £200

Restored £200

There being no further business, Fr Michael closed the meeting with prayer from Tony Pullen .

The next PCC meeting would be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 7th December 2021.