

# LEIGH P.C.C.

	Minutes of Leigh P.C.C. Meeting Monday October 29th 2018 5.45pm at All Saints Church	
	<b><u>Opening Bible Reading and Prayer</u></b>  Shirley opened the meeting with a reading from Luke 13, a reflection from “sacred space” Jesuit website, some thoughts, a discussion and prayer.	
1	<b><u>Attending &amp; apologies</u></b>  Apologies from Revd Phil Bradley. Shirley Danby, Hugh Thomas, Liz Hughes, Anthony Beechey and Suzi Tipper all attended.	
2	<b><u>Minutes of the previous meeting</u></b> The minutes from the previous meeting on 10th September were agreed and signed.	
3	<b><u>Matters arising</u></b>  a) Review of Harvest Celebrations. Some were disappointed with the numbers attending and one parishioner had not been keen on the format; however on the plus side many families did come and take part and there were many food items for the Swindon Food Collective. There were no costs involved as people donated food to be shared and cakes etc. for competing and eating. In general it was felt that this should be repeated next year with better advertising	
4	<b><u>Finance</u></b>  The door has been paid for and a cheque for £1000 is on its way from the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. It was agreed to become a member of this and pay the annual donation. In general our income is looking healthy because of unexpected fees for a wedding, headstone etc.	
5	<b><u>Update to Buildings Maintenance</u></b> a) <b><u>South Door.</u></b> This is a welcome addition to the church. A water bar is to be fitted by John Winter and Ernie Tidmarsh is in contact with him. b) <b><u>Heating proposal.</u></b> Gary has been to do the electrical check. He has also removed the final redundant overhead heater. He commented that	

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	<p>we have too many extension leads in place and that the wiring will need to be covered with trunking. We await his report.</p> <p>c) <b>Compostable Toilet.</b> The DAC is coming on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 11.45am. Hugh and Anthony will both be there. Attending will be the acting Archdeacon (Michael Johnson) and DAC member and architect (David Arnold).</p> <p>It was agreed by the PCC that we should ask David Arnold of Arnold Bartosch to be our church architects in line with the rest of the Upper Thames Benefice.</p> <p><b><u>Other Maintenance Work</u></b></p> <p>Dave Tipper has made the recesses for the gate fixings to go into.</p>	Hugh & Anthony
6	<p><b><u>Reports and Updates</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Safeguarding.</b> Nothing to add except that this a PCC responsibility. Anthony has received his DBS check papers and is completing them</p> <p>b) <b>School</b> AK school won the “Pride of the Cotswolds” annual school award and the harvest service collected a lot of items for the Swindon Food Collective</p> <p>c) <b>Churches Together</b> There is a meeting soon and Suzi will update the PCC after this</p> <p>d) <b>Deanery.</b> Suzi is now on the Deanery Synod Leadership Team and will forward the minutes from the last Deanery Synod meeting. The speaker was the Diocesan Communication Officer who was very interesting. Suzi is also on Diocesan Synod but there has not been a meeting yet.</p>	Suzi  Suzi
7	<p><b><u>Future services and events</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Remembrance Service.</b> Suzi has received 2 wreaths, a collecting box and some poppies for this. Phil Ray has sent a poem which will be used in the service and his wife has offered to start the CD player at the service. Lesley is available to play for us.</p> <p>c) <b>Christmas Tree Light Up.</b> Shirley will get the tree as before. People usually bring refreshments to share and Hugh will liaise with the Wilson family who are having a baptism earlier in the day regarding some mulled wine. We do not want this to be too like the carol service.</p> <p>d) <b>Carol Service.</b> As usual on Christmas Eve at 7pm. Suzi to check the tea lights and the cups and will ask Lesley if she can play</p>	Shirley  Suzi
8	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Mission Area</u></b></p> <p>The general background to this was discussed.</p>	

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	<p>One possible priority might be young people. Teenagers in Leigh are too old for JAM but keen to be involved. They often attend many different schools and we lose touch with them.</p> <p>Hugh spoke of another church in London that engages with their young people through a refugee project which shows them that the church is relevant in what it does for others.</p> <p>We wondered if there some way we could engage with our young people in serving our community or the larger Upper Thames community</p> <p>Suzi spoke about the need for a Food Collective base in Cricklade that Churches Together is trying to get started.</p> <p>We felt that finding an area in which the church can be seen as relevant and through this attract people to help is a good way to connect with young people.</p> <p>Shirley will take this thought to Chapter</p>	Shirley
10	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>Anthony reported that he had seen large pieces of bark falling from the Horse Chestnut nearest to the school house. He was concerned that the problem with it may have become worse. We decided to wait until the spring and then ask Kevin Ritchin to look at it.</p> <p>Hugh mentioned that some items on Upper Thames website are out of date. Our churchwardens are incorrect etc. Suzi is to send this information to Sarah Smith.</p>	Suzi
11	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 5.45pm in the church. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 7.15pm</p>	
	<p><b><u>CONTACT LIST</u></b></p> <p>Rev Phil Bradley          Rev Shirley Danby          Liz Hughes          Hugh Thomas          Suzi Tipper          Anthony Beechey</p>	