

St. Peter's Church, Great Totham
PCC Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30

Those present: Sheila Allen (Chair): Isobel Doubleday: Rev. Sue Godsmark: Philippa Hardy-King: Karin Mann: Chris Munton: Paul Smith: John Stebbing: Karen Tarpey: Christine Walker

1. **Opening Prayer:** given by Sue
2. **Apologies for absence:** David Barclay: Mary Owers: Nick Scholey: Sandra Smith
3. **Acceptance of previous minutes:** Signed by Sheila
4. **Matters Arising:** KM continues to explore the links with Bragernes Church.
5. **People News:** To be discussed in November meeting
6. **Impending events:**
 - a. Rev. Sue Godsmark's Licensing Service - Thursday 20th
 - b. Coffee morning – Saturday 22nd September @ 10.00.
 - c. Pet Service – Sunday 23rd at Honywood. NS to take service. JS enquired why it is not held at Church as previously as he had heard of people not attending because of venue. SA explained that it was felt that more people would have the opportunity to take part if nearer the centre of the village. Suggested that next year perhaps try holding at Church.
 - d. Messy Church – Saturday 29th September at Gt Totham. Harvest related theme, Children to be invited to attend at Harvest Festival to show their work.
 - e. Harvest Festival – 30th September @ 11.00 followed by lunch – KT and SS providing the food, list for supply of salads and apple pies at back of Church.
 - f. Archdeacon Annette – attending on 7th October @10.00 to take the Morning Service. It was confirmed that she had been invited to take an 8.00 Service but was unavailable.
 - g. Commemoration Service for 100 years – To be held at the Beacon @ 19.00 a combined service led by Hilary and SG will be taking part.
 - h. Services for All Souls will be held at Great Totham and All Saints at Little Totham.
 - i. *Christmas Services to be discussed at November meeting.*
7. **Lunch Club Sub Committee:** SA reported that the Club has settled back in place having enjoyed a good summer with a successful outing.

8. **Worship Sub Committee:** Have been unable to meet apart from Messy Church events. Will report back in November.
9. **Buildings and Grounds:** PS presented his report and confirmed that Mr Wilks had started work yesterday on the graves, he has identified a couple more graves requiring attention. When the work to the graves is complete he will then carry out the work to the Church walls. James Hector is coming on 26th September to carry out the outstanding items in Church and Honywood. It was confirmed that the kitchen door had been repaired.
- a. Repairs to Stained Glass – Auravision. PS reported that the Friends of St Peters and Community Choir have both offered assistance to meet the cost of the quote. A Faculty will be required using the Auravision letter d/d 25.7.18.
Proposal that the work be carried out by Auravision as quote
Proposed Paul Smith: **Seconded** Chris Munton: **passed unanimously.**
 - b. Decoration to Honywood – Quotes received for internal decoration –PS has received promise of donations towards the costs.
Proposal that Steve Radley be commissioned to decorate the outside of the hall and, if work satisfactory, to move on to complete internal decoration. **Proposed** Paul Smith: **Seconded** John Stebbing: **passed unanimously.**
Proposal that half the proceeds of the Coffee Mornings be donated on a permanent basis to be used to pay for the redecoration of the hall and other requirements in the future.
Proposed Isobel Doubleday: **Seconded** Karen Tarpey: **passed unanimously.**
 - c. PS outlined the ongoing problem of disposal of garden waste. The bunker is full and difficult to empty. PS presented figures for various options regarding skips and the associated costs. This would be placed in the area where the bunker currently stands. *Funding to be discussed with Treasurer at November meeting.*
Proposal that Green Recycling of Maldon be asked to supply 1100 litre wheeled green skip at a cost of £850.00 per year on a two year contract. **Proposed** Karen Tarpey: **Seconded** Paul Smith: **passed with one abstention**
10. **Synod Report:** SA reported that a meeting is to be held in a fortnight
11. **Finance:** The Treasurer's report was considered in his absence. Family Purse – as monthly payments are made this is up to date.
- a. Diocesan Budget Consultation – Item 56. SA drew attention to the 2% max increase. Discussion around the unfairness of the allocation of Parish Purse. KT has been in contact with Viv Smith who has written to the Diocese on behalf of the Benefice regarding not having a Priest for the Benefice. Agreed that we

need to put forward our case together. KT to continue to liaise with other Parishes. *Agreed that once DB is back that ID and KT have a meeting to establish the way forward.*

12. Carved Head: Discussion regarding the return of the carved Head currently situated on the ledge. ID explained that Ypres would be pleased to receive the Head as they have so little left from before 1918 and this would be an appropriate time to send it back to commemorate the WWI centenary. Costs for returning would need to be met by St Peters and a Faculty required to remove it. In 2014 the PCC, with a view to this Centenary, had looked at the idea of sending the Head back but had voted not to pursue the matter.

Proposal that the Head be taken back to Ypres as a gesture to mark the 100 years since the end of the war. **Proposed** Isobel Doubleday: **Seconded** Karen Tarpey:

Voting:- in favour-2: against-3: abstentions -3. **The motion was not passed.**

Proposal That the Head be returned to the De Crespney Chapel following the marking of the Centenary. **Proposed** Isobel Doubleday: **Seconded** John Stebbing: Voting:- in favour-3: against-5: abstentions-2. **The motion was not passed.**

13. AOB:

a. KT put forward a suggestion of DB's that there be a book for audit purposes to record items borrowed from the Church and Honeywood, including kitchens. This was agreed.

i. Kettles in Church extension – there was a discussion regarding the placement of kettles – KT had moved them to the right of sink for H & S reasons. ID said they had been placed on the left to avoid damage to doors and kettles should not be boiled under cupboard space. Alternative location to be looked at.

ii. KT reported that flights to Bergen are not easy to come by from Stansted and Gatwick is the main option.

iii. KT asked for ideas for transporting Father Christmas.

iv. PHK read out letter of thanks from Roger Allen for the gift presented on his retirement.

v. SA stressed the need to keep up to date with times and dates on all diaries. CM needs to be informed of additions/alterations to enable the diary to be updated.

b. Retirement of Archdeacon Annette – SG reported that there will be a Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on 18.11.18 @ 3.30 – all welcome to attend. Letter from Bishop giving details of where donations for retirement gift can be sent. An email also received suggesting gift and postcard of every Church within the Deanery be presented. It was agreed that a copy of the picture of the Church be minimised and sent.

Proposal: That a gift of £25 be sent to the Bishop's fund for the Archdeacon's retirement. **Proposed:** Sheila Allen: **Seconded** Rev Sue Godsmark: **Passed unanimously.**

The meeting closed at 21.50 with Sue saying the Grace

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November @ 7.30