

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 28th February 2018 at 8pm

Present: Rev'd P Bradley, K Bell, M Smith, A Ramage, A Grace, L Dodd, J Valpy, R Saunders

Apologies: G Otter, R Masters

PB welcomed everyone and began with a Bible reading (Philippians 2:6-11) and reflection.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes had been approved by email and are on display in church and on website. PB signed a copy.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

PB has updated church information in the Chronicle where it was inaccurate.

PB to meet with 5 candidates who have applied for position of Parish Administrator. The specifics of the role are being revised to ensure it offers appropriate support to PB and he will discuss this with each candidate.

3. Chair's report

No written report. In response to GO's suggestion at the last meeting, that the PCC review services at church, PB feels this needs more thought and an understanding of the criteria that we review services against. It would be easy for everyone to have a subjective opinion. PCC recognised that we regularly offer a wide range of worship styles across our services.

4. Finance

No meeting arranged, as yet, with the Diocese regarding our Parish Share. Waiting for Diocese to offer dates.

AD and KB to look at implementing Parish Giving Scheme.

Costs for the summer celebration weekend are being considered and will include costs for BBQ, youth and children's work, Jenner Hall hire, travel expenses from Leicester team.

Current balances:

Main account: £ 6,389

No2 account: £28,238 broken down as follows:

Vicar's discretionary fund: £ 2,994

Organ fund: £ 3,820

Roof fund: £ 4,170

Youth worker: £ 50

Fabric: £17,054

We will be able to meet Parish Share payments for next 2 months.

It is likely that we will need one more delivery of oil at approx £1000 (PCC noted exceptionally cold weather and extra church use, 6 evenings for Lent talks).

A Cricklade Educational Charity account at Lloyds has come to light following information from a previous treasurer. The balance stands at £5,603 and earns £414 interest pa. AD proposed that this money be moved to the No.2 account to make it more accessible, but it will be strictly ring-fenced to be used for S Club, Vibe, celebration festival, Year 6 leavers' books etc. If we want to use the money beyond youth/children education, we have to apply.

Direct debits now cancelled for Lloyd's safe keeping of an Elizabethan silver jug belonging to St Sampson's. £632.50 to be refunded by Lloyd's, as it has not been in the bank for sometime.

£20 paid per year to Gloucestershire Bell Ringers' Association for training and refurbishment of bells.

5. Renovating a building, growing a church

Still waiting for quinquennial inspection.

6. Deanery Synod

No meeting until next week. PB to circulate further info to PCC on content of meeting. **Action - PB**

7. Communications

Sarah Smith is working on The General Data Protection Regulation, which comes in to effect on 25th May 2018. There is info on this in March newsheet and new software to implement this will be purchased.

8. Together we are Stronger

Next coffee morning 29th March, 10.30 at Reanne's.

9. Youth and Children's

All fine. Still need one extra volunteer to run children's groups at 10am.

10. Safeguarding

Ashton Keynes have developed a new policy. This will be reviewed and adapted for St Sampson's.

11. Prayer

PB queried whether homegroups use the email prayers pointers at their meetings. Most homegroups pray more personally for those in the group and situations close to the group members.

12. Jenner Hall

No meeting

13. Events

APCM on 9th April - Legal reports only to be presented. Amlyn Ramage ends his term of office.

Choir self-funding to be an agenda item.

Amanda Coleman is involved in the Cricklade Festival Committee, plans for St Sampson's are evolving.

14. Correspondence

None

18. Date of next meeting

APCM - 9th April 2018, 7.30pm in St Sampson's