

St John's Church, Hove
Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting
Monday 17th January 2022

MT noted that what was needed was someone to lead fundraising activities. LG, AM, IMcF, SD and ECH offered to help with organising. They will meet and report to EC by 20th February

**LG/AM/
IMcF/
ECH**

6 Buildings and Finance

MT provided an update, noting:

- The 2021 Maintenance program is complete, including all Faculty items
- The 5 yearly electrical safety inspection is due in April 2022.
- £3k grant received from Sussex Historic Churches Trust

7 Covid Arrangements

EC confirmed no action required on existing Covid arrangements at present and noted the government would be reviewing Covid restrictions by 26/01/22 at the latest. Following on from the November PCC, TS and SD agreed to undertake a risk assessment.

TS/SD

Post-meeting note;

1. Following the PCC meeting, the Government announced that the restrictions currently in place will all end on 26/01/22. The need for a risk assessment will be reviewed at the end of January 2022.

8 Policies

BB and MT had provided offline comments on the policies being reviewed. JDB echoed their comments on the need to distinguish which fire extinguishers are used for which fire types.

BB noted that the Health and Safety policy had stood up well during the pandemic. This policy and the Complaints policy both have very useful and practical information for anyone directly involved in the Church. The PCC particularly should ensure they are familiar with those two.

TS to update and circulate the revised policies.

**ALL
TS**

9 Mission Action Planning

BB updated the PCC;

- the Carol Service exceeded fund raising expectations, and factors affecting the success had been reviewed by the MAP Group to ensure learnings were applied in subsequent years.
- the MAP will be presented to the Church in the 06/02/22 service.
- We have one member of the congregation attending the Living Faith course
- EC is discussing an adult baptism.

10 APCM

TS confirmed timescales – input required by 7 March - and advised he will email report writers separately, to specify what is required and by when.

TS

An offer was made to provide and serve Cheese and Wine at the APCM

LG

The PCC discussed the appropriate form of its meeting going forward, in relation to COVID precautions. Options were all on Zoom, all in person or a hybrid version. It was unanimously agreed to meet in person on the 21st March, for the pre-APCM PCC.

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- 11** **Cornerstone**
LG advised that Cornerstone was having work done on the upstairs heating system. MT asked if a Faculty was needed, LG advised none was required as it was a like for like replacement work.
- 12** **Safeguarding**
There were no safeguarding matters to report. LG advised new DBS checks and renewals would be moving to enhanced and enhanced plus, with 3 year reviews going forward.
- 13** **AOB**
TS asked for comments re the attendance statistics. BB and TB expressed concern over the drop in attendance figures. EC advised this was a national issue for the Church of England. There was a wide ranging discussion by the PCC, which concluded that;
- Events held within the Church can draw people in and lead to new church attendees
 - This requires volunteers to both plan and run these events

The meeting ended with The Grace at 8.45pm.