



**St John's Church, Hove**  
**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

TS requested a forecast from CH to illustrate the impact on reserves and deficit of using just the Unrestricted Funds to meet PMC costs to 2024. **CH**

Post-Meeting Note:  
Following the circulation of the forecast by the Treasurer, it was agreed that we pay £25k for 2022. CH to update 2022 Budget and advise Church House of revised pledge. **CH**

**6 Buildings and Finance**

The report was accepted as presented.

**7 Covid Arrangements**

EC asked that the previously agreed Covid arrangements be revisited by the PCC. The decisions made below will be reviewed at the next PCC (Jan 2022).

The PCC discussed at length the impact of retaining or removing these measures, and the PCC's responsibilities in respect of the congregation. In particular the track and trace register that has been kept for each service was felt to be cumbersome and largely redundant due to the current government legislation. The PCC voted to keep all existing Covid arrangements as they are, apart from:

- Track and Trace register not to be used.
- Social Distancing seating area not to be retained.

These votes were made unanimously apart from disbanding Track and Trace register (1 abstention) and keeping One Way System (7 for, 4 against)

BB asked the meeting what it would expect to see if the Church was notified of a positive case amongst the congregation. It was highlighted that, as we will be without Track and Trace, no action is possible as we will not know who was in Church on any given day.

Post-meeting note;

1. It was agreed that the Church of England Guidance needs to be reviewed and the Risk Assessment updated as a result of this discussion. A member of the PCC will be required to complete this.
2. Following the PCC meeting the Government announced changes in legislation in light of the Omicron variant. To date none of the changes impact the decisions made by the PCC under this agenda item. The PCC will revisit these decisions if required by national or Church of England guidance.

**PCC**

**8 Deanery Synod**

The reports of the two latest Deanery Synod Meetings were accepted as presented.

**9 Mission Action Planning**

BB referred to the priorities agreed at the last PCC and drew attention to the report of good progress being made against them. EC has agreed with BB a date in January for the MAP Group to promote the MAP to the

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whole congregation. JBD asked if local advertising could be used for Church events e.g. Facebook groups. MT confirmed that the Website and local Facebook groups had advertised the recent concert and would be used for future activities.

The immediate actions requiring support from the PCC are the Christmas Raffle and Services.

- 10 Commissioning a new Lay Minister**  
The PCC agreed unanimously to the proposed commissioning of Sue Davidson as Lay Minister. The commissioning will be conducted on the fourth Sunday of Advent.
- 11 Cornerstone**  
**LG was absent so EC updated the meeting on the appointment of a new Diocesan representative on the Cornerstone Board.**  
EC, MT and BB agreed to meet informally with that representative, Katherine Prior, following her appointment. There were no further updates. **EC**
- 12 Safeguarding**  
There were no incidents or updates to report. Certification was up to date.
- 13 AOB**  
TS thanked ECH for her artwork and advised the website was now fully updated ahead of Advent, and social media channels sharing details.  
TS to circulate 2022 PCC dates. **TS**  
Posters to be displayed outside the Church from the beginning of Advent. **BB**

The meeting ended with The Grace at 8.45pm.