

St John's Church, Hove
Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting
Monday 20th September 2021

6 Buildings and Finance

MT updated on the Cornerstone wifi installation, which incorporates access for St Johns, which is now complete and the next step is testing of signal strength.

The first stage of the bell repair work begins 27/09/21. Final payment of the Historic Churches Trust Grant will be made upon receipt of a certificate of completion, expected early 2022.

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Covid Arrangements

MT updated the PCC on recent discussions between the Vicar and Churchwardens. They had met to discuss and make a recommendation to the PCC on Church service provisions, based on the current Covid restrictions, the Duty of Care requirements of the PCC as the management body of the Church, infection levels, vulnerable members of the congregation and the onset of cold/flu season.

The recommendation to the PCC was that from 03/10/21 the Sunday Eucharist service will once again be a full sung Eucharist. All other elements (social distancing, mask wearing etc) will remain. No change will be made to the Holy Communion in one form only at this time.

The PCC agreed the recommendation unanimously.
BB to advise congregation via email and notices.

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TS asked when the next review of service arrangements would be. BB responded when PHE or Government change covid restrictions, or C of E opines on communion wine.

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Summary of Leases

BB summarised the paper presented. TB noted the substantial amount of giving provided by the Church due to the rents for Hop50 and Cornerstone being heavily reduced compared to market rents, and the need to ensure this was recognised in regular reporting.

The report was accepted as presented, no actions required on current lease arrangements.

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Mission Action Planning

BB spoke to the Mission Action Plan (MAP) document, noting that the planning workshop for the MAP brought out several key themes:

- A strong commitment to the outreach from the Church.
- Developing the look and feel of the Church, both physical structure and online presence.
- The use of music as a form of worship

The MAP document was provided in easily printable form, as part of the outreach goal of the Church.

BB will speak to EC about the the MAP Team speaking at a Sunday service to launch this to our congregation.

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AM noted the potential to interact with e.g. Brighton Festival, for outreach.

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EC thanked MT for her work in increasing the use of the Church and providing both outreach and driving up rental income.

Finally EC noted that none of this is possible without volunteers.

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Cornerstone

LG advised the next board meeting is 21/09/21, however in the interim Cornerstone had seen occupancy rise since June and that they had increased the rent they charge for use of their facilities.

EC updated on the Diocesan Representative role, with Katherine Prior expressing interest in the role. Both Bishop Martin and Gabrielle Higgins (Diocesan Secretary) support this move.

BB noted from previous meeting minutes (July 2021) that the suggested joint fete in September had been withdrawn.

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Safeguarding

LG advised there were no incidents or other actions to report. The Church remains on schedule with training for clergy and PCC.

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AOB

None.

The meeting ended with The Grace at 8.30pm.