

Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton

Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Thursday, 7th November 2019 at the Deddington Arms, Deddington

Present:

Rev. Annie Goldthorp
 Angela Everett
 Iain Gillespie
 Sue McCouaig - Secretary

Robert Best
 Olivia Fenion
 Dave Hughes

Sally Best
 Meriel Flux
 Heather Nason

Apologies:

Caroline Condon
 Rev. Paula Smith

Stephanie Dakin
 Les Chappell not at meeting

Item	Notes	Action
2.	Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the Word (20 minutes)	
	"Liturgy for a PCC Meeting" continues to be used for PCC meetings. The Bible reading used was Exodus 2:23-3:12	
3.	Living Faith (40 minutes)	Vicar
	<p>We are continuing to use the suggested Agenda format, from the "PCC Tonight" sessions, adapted as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween – Families were invited into church as part of their Halloween trail between 5pm and 6.30pm on 31st October. There was crafts, games and cake for all, with mulled wine and hot chocolate provided. This worked well, and proved to be a very successful and enjoyable event. An opportunity to "Step into the Light!" • Hempton Playground (grassed area) – A meeting had been held recently where a suggestion to possibly build a boat (a Noah's Ark maybe?) was made. There is another meeting before Christmas. • Eat, Live, Pray – The first 5pm service was really good, and lasted over an hour with people not rushing away. Paula talked about Creation and used skills she had learnt from the Godly Play course she had attended, holding the attention of those who were there. • Sub Committees – A Charitable Giving meeting had taken place (Annie, Paula and Jane Green). Our Charitable giving would continue to support Embrace. It would be good to also support something for children and something local. Jane Green suggested a charity called 'Thrive' (based in Chipping Norton), which aims to reduce child poverty in the North Oxfordshire region by providing essential items including toiletries and clothing to families who need it most. The website address is www.thrive-northox.co.uk and is well worth looking up. Suggested to also support the Oxford Winter Night shelter. A number of churches in Oxford open their doors during winter as a night shelter. Perhaps we could 'twin' with a church. How could we support them? Annie suggested that we tithe a certain amount of our income, a certain percentage for charity, to start at the beginning of 2020. PCC agreed to this and Iain would look into what percentage we could afford or are intending to tithe. Olivia would then publicise on the church website and set up a charity page. • Christmas Day lunch – will go into the Deddington News. Annie has put a list for people to sign in the library, if they wish to come. • Living Advent Calendar trail – we are encouraging the village to engage in Advent and the lead up to Christmas by having a living Advent calendar. This simply involves decorating a window for Advent (doesn't necessarily have to be a religious scene) and we will then 	<p>Iain Olivia</p>

	<p>light up or reveal each one at 6.30pm throughout the days of Advent. 14 volunteers have come forward so far to decorate a window at home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annie also reported back on the recent Worship Committee meeting. 	
4.	Break (5 minutes)	
	During the break Annie asked when the photos for the Who's Who board would be available. Meriel would try to complete this.	Meriel
5.	Fabric (10 minutes) Iain Gillespie	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roof alarm is installed and running and Iain will prepare an information sheet. Pathway - The concrete base of the churchyard path has been laid and has to cure for a month before the resin can be laid. On Saturday morning Dave and Iain + any volunteers would sweep the leaves from the concrete base ready for Remembrance Sunday. Toilet flooring - Iain has secured £2,750 in grants/donations towards the replacement of the toilet flooring. This leaves £200.80 for the PCC to contribute. Iain has started the process to instruct The Carpet and Flooring Company of South Bar, Banbury to carry out the work. Heating – Hopefully the broken down system would be finally fixed on Tuesday 19th. Iain is arranging 6 kilowatt fan heaters to be placed around the church as temporary heating. As a general point he said that the Diocese wants all churches to become greener and to achieve this our heating system will eventually have to be updated. The Friends of Deddington Church have told him that they could raise funds specifically for this, but this project is not an immediate priority because the present system was upgraded only two years ago and we need to get some value out of that. The type and cost of a new system have not been investigated yet. 	Iain
6.	Finance (15 minutes) Iain Gillespie	
	Iain briefly went through the Treasurers report, which gives a snapshot picture of balances in each fund. He expanded on a few items which are shown on the report. There was a mistake on the Treasurer's Report sent to PCC members, where, at the bottom paragraph it should read "will increase our monthly contribution by £122; from £4,079 to £4,201". Iain particularly spoke about the Parish share, being an entirely voluntary contribution.	
7.	Safeguarding Jane Maharry	
	Jane Maharry did not attend the meeting, but Annie asked if PCC members had completed the online Safeguarding document which they are required to complete. Annie would email the relevant link to the PCC.	Annie
8.	Deanery Synod Report (5 minutes) Bob Best	
	Bob emailed on 4 th November, his summary of the meeting of 23 rd September, and suggested that if anyone wanted to see the secretary's full report, to contact him.	
9.	Health and Safety (5 minutes)	
	<p>Transcript from Stan Nelson's email Health & Safety Report dated 5th November. "I have undertaken a check of the church and churchyard with the following comments :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There are no accident reports. 2) I have made a temporary repair to the worst uneven grate cover in the main isle. 3) The newly laid path to the war memorial is very uneven and collecting a lot of water which if it freezes will be dangerous in winter. May be worth checking church liability and whether builder can do anything to improve it." <p>Sue to email Stan to advise that the pathway is not finished yet.</p> 	Sue

