**Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton**

*Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday, 4th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Cotswold Room of the Deddington Arms*

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| **Present:** | |  |  | |
| Rev. Annie Goldthorp | | Sarah Banes | Olivia Fenion | |
| Meriel Flux | | Iain Gillespie | Jane Green | |
| Stan Nelson | |  | Sue McCouaig - Secretary | |
| **Apologies:** Caroline Condon | | Angela Faint | Heather Nason | |
| **Item** | **Notes** | | | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Opening Prayer** | | |  |
|  | Annie opened the meeting in prayer using the Preparation and Confession from the Liturgy for a PCC meeting. | | |  |
| **2.** | **Living Faith (40 minutes) Vicar** | | |  |
|  | The **Jubilee celebrations** went exceedingly well, and there were many comments of appreciation for a brilliant event. Annie expressed her thanks to all those involved. Well done!  There have been several **funerals** in church recently**.** Some have been particularly large**,** and quite difficult to get through, although funerals are carried out well. There have been some comments about the church **sound** **system**, and a discussion followed. It is acknowledged that there appears to be some difficulties, for some people, in hearing what is said from the microphone, although this is common in churches with a high vaulted ceiling.  Sarah commented that from her limited experience of dealing with people who are hard of hearing, that it is a far more varied sensory experience than those of us, who aren’t yet particularly affected by loss of hearing, understand. For some people it can be different sound pitches, and for some it can just depend on what is going on around them. People’s perceptions of what they can hear or hear on a certain day, can be completely valid, but not what other people are experiencing. The **sound system** issue has been noted, and will be reviewed again, at sometime in the future.  **Cleaning of church** went well, and those who took part had a great time.  A confidential item was discussed.  The **Deddington Festival** was brilliant with children’s activities in church.  Annie would like to do a **Parish summer barbecue** in the vicarage garden on Sunday 28th August (Bank holiday weekend), after the morning service. | | |  |
| **3.** | **Fabric (10 minutes) Iain Gillespie** | | |  |
|  | **Church interior Lighting** – Annie and Iain had recently met with Neil Skinner, who will shortly be in a position to present us with some costing figures.  **South Porch roof** – The Friends are likely to fund this project. Iain is awaiting a quotation. Alcock’s will also be asked to quote for this work.  **Tree growing from the building** – Chris Barber is making arrangements to de tree the tower. Brambles will also be removed from a wall. | | |  |
| **4.** | **Finance (5 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.  The **Organ** **fund** has benefitted from funds from the Platinum jubilee weekend, George’s funeral and monies from the “wound up” Boy’s Brigade account. The organ fund now stands at about £12,500. The **CAF** current account now pays interest. **Under charitable giving**, £200 to be given to the Ukrainian appeal (Just Giving), as 10% of the profits from the Jubilee weekend. | | |  |
| **5.** | **Deanery Synod Report (5 minutes) Caroline Condon** | | |  |
|  | Haven’t met. | | |  |
| **6.** | **Health and Safety (5 minutes) Stan Nelson** | | |  |
|  | Nothing to report. Gardening crew have trimmed branches etc. | | |  |
| **7.** | **Safeguarding** | | |  |
|  | Nothing to report | | |  |
| **8.** | **Sustainability Survey – ECO Church update Annie** | | |  |
|  | Very close to achieving our bronze award. Need to educate the congregation a bit more. John Nason to put up the bird boxes. A gap between the two church yards, could be planted with wild flowers! Should be bronze, looking at becoming silver, by the next PCC meeting. Meriel spoke about the recycling of Tetra packs. Possibly have a plastic box in church, to collect certain recyclable items. Meriel would make some enquiries. | | | Meriel |
| **9.** | **Sub-Committees** | | |  |
|  | **Sub**-**Committees**, as agreed at the last meeting.  The **Fund Raising committee** (MerielStan and Olivia) had recently met, and a copy of their report had been emailed to PCC members. Meriel had attended a course “Churches A-Z of fund raising”. The committee agreed that there were 3 main fund raising projects - Lighting, Porch and the Organ. The course identified, 3 online sites, where grants could be applied for, all subscription services, which Meriel had looked into. Church Grants annual subscription is £49 and can be used an unlimited amount of times within the subscription period. Successful grants are normally time limited i.e. spent within the 6months/year. Annie mentioned the “Grant Way” site, which is free to users, and sends alerts when useful grants are available. The **PCC agreed that a Church Grant annual subscription could be purchased** for one year, costing £49, as we have 3 major projects to fund. To be used alongside the free “Grant Way” site. Fund raising ideas were also discussed, including a Christmas Wreath making event.  The **Charities committee** had also met, they agreed to continue with Embrace the Middle East. We would also support the Stroke with a Brush charity and Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Each charity will be encouraged to come and give a talk to the congregation. One in September, January and one in lent.  Most donations for **Ukraine** are mainly taken straight to the old Debenhams building in Banbury. Any items that turn up in the church are taken there, during their opening times.  **Social Committee** had met. 14th August and 11th September. Other events are the Harvest supper (10th September) and Christmas Craft Fair (19th November provisionally booked). Annie would inform the school before the end of term of the Harvest date. **Next** **meeting** 18th July. | | | Annie |
| **10.** | **Other items for update** | | |  |
|  | None. | | |  |
| **11.** | **Minutes of previous meeting - 30th May 2022** | | |  |
|  | The minutes of the above meeting were signed as being a true record. | | |  |
| **12.** | **Matters arising** | | |  |
|  | No matters arising. | | |  |
| **13.** | **Any other urgent business (5 minutes)** | | |  |
|  | None. | | |  |
| **14.** | **Date of next PCC meeting** | | |  |
|  | Annie to discuss with Sue future PCC meeting dates. | | | Annie/Sue |
| **15.** | **Closing prayer** | | |  |
|  | The meeting closed with the concluding prayer from the Liturgy for a PCC meeting, and ended at 9.15pm. | | |  |