

Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton

Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday, 4th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Living Room of Deddington Church

Present: - Meriel Flux Sarah Banes Olivia Fenion – took minutes
 Lucinda Fuoco Iain Gillespie Heather Nason
 Stan Nelson Angela Faint Jane Green
 Andrew Crawley from FOHC
Apologies: Caroline Condon Sue McCouaig

Item	Notes	Action
1.	Opening Prayer	
	Stan opened the meeting in prayer.	
2.	Living Faith (40 minutes) Stan	
	<p>Stan says things seem to be running smoothly in our period of vacancy.</p> <p>Christmas: Sarah Banes asked about Christmas, which will be discussed later in AOB.</p> <p>We will be liaising with Sally about the school and their Christmas events.</p> <p>Annual Christmas Card with services needs to be organised. We need to speak to Sally Barber so that she can get the children to do their usual competition, so that the picture can be chosen for the front of the card. This needs to go in for the copy date for November in time for December's run.</p> <p>Olivia and Stan to speak to Sally about doing this – ie announcing the competition at school and taking the lead with it.</p> <p>Meriel to find out who prints the card – we think it might be Banbury Print.</p> <p>Meriel will investigate this and get a second quote too.</p> <p>Christingle Service: Hoped to be 3rd December at 3pm in lieu of the first Sunday family service – the Christingles will be made during the service.</p> <p>Olivia to ask Sally whether there would be scope in having a crib service at Barford this year. Which service do we think might be bigger? The bigger service can be held at Deddington and smaller at Barford. We suspect Christingle will be the larger service.</p> <p>Christmas Dinners: PCC feels that we should still provide these where possible. Stan to contact Alex Moss. Need to notify the Deddington News by November's issue so that people can start to think about it. Angela to be point of contact for those that want dinners. The dinners will be a meals on wheels type as well.</p> <p>Other services before the end of the year:</p> <p>Harvest Festival on 8th October and Harvest Supper on 7th October.</p> <p>Remembrance Day Service. Bishop of Dorchester presiding. Olivia to announce this on Facebook.</p> <p>Roads will be closed by Parish Council. Need to let people know before the event so that residents can still park.</p> <p>Carol Services in Hempton and Deddington, on Friday 15th and Sunday 17th December respectively. Stan will see about getting clergy for the Hempton service. James Kennard asked the Friends of Hempton Church about their opinion on having a different service to the usual Carol Service and the consensus was to keep it the same as it's the most popular service of the year in Hempton.</p> <p>All Souls – Lucinda to get the list of recently bereaved and send the letter out to them. Olivia will put it on the Facebook page. It's on Sunday 5th Nov at 6pm.</p>	<p>Olivia Stan</p> <p>Meriel</p> <p>Olivia</p> <p>Stan</p> <p>Olivia</p> <p>Stan</p> <p>Lucinda Olivia</p>
3.	Hempton Church Andrew Crawley	
	<p>Gearing up for Ride & Stride. The Christmas Bazaar will be held this year. Andrew will let us know what the date for that will be.</p> <p>Hempton Church appears to have been burgled – the collection box was taken. They were in the Old School Room and the doors were ajar. The</p>	Andrew

	<p>collecton box was gone and the window in the kitchen had been opened. Janet Watts noticed someone hanging around the Church a few days before, and another house in Hempton was burgled. It is unknown for certain whether the two burglaries were connected, but two people were arrested. The theft from the Church was reported to police.</p>	
4.	<p>Fabric (10 minutes) Iain Gillespie</p> <p>South Porch has been rebuilt. There are a series of other things that Friends of Deddington Church (FODC) have agreed to pay for but haven't been set in motion yet.</p> <p>Lighting - Iain has emailed Neil Skinner with no response. Plan B: change 15 of the lights. There is an LED version of these which the chancel and the nave already have. There are 15 old ones which need replacing. Iain has a man called Gary who has a long ladder who can change them. Iain will find out the price for 15 new lights and ask Gary to replace them. Last time it was done the lights were circa £14 each.</p> <p>Organ – Heather asked about moving the organ console so that there is more light. As the console is moveable this can be done.</p> <p>North Path – Alcocks have quoted for that and will begin work soon. FODC will pay for this.</p>	Iain
5.	<p>Finance (5 minutes) Iain Gillespie</p> <p>The General Fund is healthy; some of this has been designated to the organ fund and will be paid when the organ is finished. Mower money can be redesignated as the gardeners have several mowers now. We received £1,008 from Smiths of Bloxham for the old organ lead, which will go towards the extra organ hire.</p> <p>Organ fund is now gone.</p> <p>Legion fund is for the upkeep of the war memorial.</p> <p>Food bank – isn't operational and will see if that can be diverted to something else, eg toilet cleaning.</p> <p>Fabric fund is healthy. Will take a bit of a hit when the electrician invoices for some bits he has done recently.</p> <p>Youth worker fund is still building up gently.</p> <p>Electricity: Our contract runs out at the end of September and we will be paying double now going forward. We haven't had an increase in fee at all since the prices started going up.</p> <p>Hempton are being charged more for their electricity as they have very low usage, so there is a surcharge of 20-30% for this. The PCC agrees to increase the hire fees for the Church which will help to pay for this.</p> <p>Gas bill has not gone up, still 4p/unit and no standing charge. The gas contract lasts until the end of 2025.</p>	
6.	<p>Deanery Synod Angela Faint</p> <p>St Paul's Church on Warwick Road in Banbury currently has a project going involving Bretch Hill. They have a morning service somewhere there, and it's been agreed that Bretch Hill can have its own congregation, led by Revd. Steve Short. Bishop Colin suggested that the diocese would give some financial support to the new plant. The Sunshine Centre on Bretch Hill is host to this and they have asked for our prayers going forward.</p> <p>Participants at Deanery Synod were asked to break into groups and discuss what they might like, and the consensus was they would like to host another open morning. Talks that people would like include Urban Deprivation meets Social Affluence; more opportunities for having joint services; someone from the Sunshine Centre coming to speak; Deanery quiet day; someone to speak on how to get our Silver Eco award.</p>	
7.	<p>Health and Safety Report Stan Nelson</p> <p>One minor accident where Derek Russell trapped his finger in the concertina doors when he tried to close it.</p>	

	Fiona Gillespie nearly had an accident with the notice board near the north side of the Church.	
8.	Safeguarding Stan Nelson	
	Need to check that Jane Maharry is still happy to be safeguarding officer.	?
9.	Parish Profile Meeting Stan Nelson	
	Group of 6 are meeting on Monday next week (Stan, Lucinda, Sarah Banes, Olivia Fenion, Sue Addison and Sally Barber). Sarah will do a Survey monkey to go round asking the 3 questions that Charles asked. Sarah will do that this week and set a deadline of 2 weeks' time. Sue McCouaig and Sue Addison will need to serve notice of the Section 12 meeting . Need to check the dates of this and have a joint Section 12 meeting.	Sarah Sue McC Sue A
10.	Parish Administrator Sarah Banes	
	Sarah was supposed to be drafting a job description and an advert. 8 hours/week at £12.50 per hour. She hasn't been able to do this yet but will do so. There is a comparison as well of three people who can do the payroll.	Sarah
11.	Organ Iain Gillespie	
	The chap doing the work is currently waiting for a part to come in. In the meantime he is going to do all his autumnal work and then will come back to us. There is some consternation about the organ parts being in the way of the Farmers' Market stalls as some stalls lost money last month as they were put in the Living Room as they couldn't set up their stall as usual. Need to let them know ahead of time this month and going forward if they can't have their usual spot.	Heather
12.	The Living Room Jane Green	
	Jane Green is worried about the state of the living room. It has become something of a dumping ground. Jane to get 3 people from PCC to discuss how to rearrange, where things would go, whether curtains would be a good idea, and what needs to be done about heating and damp. Angela and Meriel have volunteered to help Jane with this. They will report back at the next PCC.	Jane Angela Meriel
13.	Harvest Festival Meriel Flux	
	Harvest Festival Service planned for Sunday 8 th October and a Harvest Supper on the preceding evening of 7 th . Meriel has food that was prepared for last year's event, which didn't go ahead due to the Queen's passing. It's all in Angela's freezer (chilli). Need to provide vegetarian food also. Meriel to take the lead on the Harvest Supper. Sarah asked about entertainment for the Harvest Supper and we agreed that we wouldn't do anything musical but there may be a quiz.	Meriel
14.	Fundraising Update	
	Nothing to report	
15.	Eco-Church	
	Please see Viviane Hall's report	
14.	Minutes of previous meeting – 12th July 2023	
	Agreed that they were a true and accurate representation of events and duly signed by Stan.	
15.	Matters arising	
	Iain spoke to our insurers and they advised it was alright to use the dishwasher without anyone being present in church whilst it was running so long as it is regularly checked by an electrician.	
16.	Any other urgent business (5 minutes)	
	Who is our data controller? Sarah will go away and find out what our obligations are. Meriel will redo the paddles which talk about the Church – people have said the writing is too small.	Sarah Meriel

	<p>The Bellringers have asked to do a full peal on 8th October. It has been agreed they can do this.</p> <p>Shed roof – Heather mentioned that the shed roof is leaking and the mowers would like to get a quote for a new felt roof. It was agreed that they can get the quote.</p>	
17.	Date of next PCC meeting	
	Wednesday 8 th November at 7.30pm	
18.	Closing prayer	
	The meeting closed with the concluding prayer from the Liturgy for a PCC meeting, and ended at 9.10pm.	