

## St Andrew's Church, Girton : Parochial Church Council

Meeting held in the North Room on Monday 12th September, 2022, at 2.00 p.m.

### MINUTES

**PCC members present:** Michel Bigg (Rector, in the chair; = M.B.), Christine Barrow, Geoff Burt, Sheila Hiley, Martyn Johnson (= M.Jo.), Malini Jesudason, Alastair Lorimer (AL), Dugald Wilson and Helen Wilson (HW: minute taker). Eona Bell was present at the start of the meeting to present her report.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bruce Hunter, Wendy Hunter, Christina Deacon, Jenny Knights and John Hall
2. **Opening prayers** were led by MB, with prayers for the family of the young cyclist killed on Oakington Road and her family.

6.a. **Update on work of Children and Families Minister** Eona's report had been circulated before the meeting. It was reported that since her appeal for helpers several people have volunteered to help with Bobtails and St Andrew's for Kids. MB thanked Eona for her work over the last three months, and said that it was good to see St Andrew's for Kids going well, and the increased numbers at Bobtails. Eona and MB are applying for a grant from Church Schools of Cambridge to support Choir Church. MB asked Eona to approach the PCC for help and support as needed.

3. **Minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2022** . These were approved.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes** Church survey: Helen and Dugald need to add some questions suggested by MB.
5. **Life and worship**
  - a. **Plans for October and November:**
    - 9<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival and Baptism
    - 30<sup>th</sup> October: In Memory service. A notice will be placed in the GPN asking for names for this.
    - 13<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Sunday. Sheila reminded the PCC that we used to hold a short Toy Service at 10am on this day. Chris B will look for the order of service, and investigate a suitable charity for the toys to go to. The usual Act of Remembrance will start at 10.45 at the War Memorial.
  - b. **Plans for Christmas:**
    - Advent Readings: The numbers attending have been falling, so we could have a break this year. MB will speak to Trish Peroni to see if she wants to organise this or not. HW suggested that we could have the mince pie and

mulled wine party after the Carol Service instead, if the Advent Readings didn't go ahead.

- Nativity: MB will ask Eona and Jenny Prince to discuss this.
- Christmas Day: 8am service in Girton, then MB will be in Madingley. It was suggested that we have a simple Morning Prayer at 10am on Christmas Day, as many people in the village will expect a service at that time. The suggestion of having the Nativity as part of the Christmas morning service was discussed, but thought to be stressful, and to exclude families who go away for Christmas Day.
- Publicity: Malini suggested we make cards listing the services for every house in the village (as we used to do with the Baptist Church). MB said we can get some printed. They would be bundled up by street and the congregation asked to deliver them.
- Christingle: it was agreed to go back to a single service, at 3pm on Christmas Eve.
- Carol Service with Christmas Choir: 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm

c. **Taizé services:** Kay Barrett is stepping down. There is no obvious replacement for Kay, so for the moment we will not be planning any more Taizé services. MB said that we would thank Kay properly nearer the time.

## 6. Mission and outreach

a. **Update on work of Children and Families Minister.** *See above*

b. **Warm Hub ideas:** The PCC is willing, in principle, to contribute to this. We will not be responsible, but are happy to help. It was agreed to let MB negotiate with the Parish Council about this.

## 7. Finance

a. **The current position.** M.Jo reported that we are still waiting to hear about energy prices. Geoff asked if we could investigate getting a movement sensor installed to control the light in the toilet. He had to come up to the church one evening because the light had been left on after the church was locked.

b. **Approval (if thought fit) of the following resolution:** The Trustee of the Lingley Trust ('the Trust Fund') hereby RESOLVES as follows:

As Trustee of both the Trust Fund and the Gutsell Grave Trust ('the Receiving Trust Fund') we resolve to petition the Charity Commission to grant an order under Section 105 of the Charities Act 2011 providing the Trustee with the power to transfer the assets of the Trust Fund into the Receiving Trust Fund.

This was approved by the meeting. MB reported that the Charity Commission has already approved. These funds don't appear on the print out from the CCL. We need to work out how to claim the income.

## 8. **Fabric**

### a. **Update on re-ordering.**

- This is progressing. We still need to get some approvals, run a local consultation and produce tender documents. MB reported that we are close to asking for tender documents to be drawn up.
- Peter has suggested that we have a biblical quotation inscribed along the front of the cupboards. He will be asked for guidance as to the number of letters available for this, and then the congregation will be asked to suggest suitable verses.
- DSAV are the most probable contractors for the Audiovisual works. AL asked if we could contact other churches where they had done work.
- Solar panels. The PCC would like to ask again for permission to install solar panels on the church roof, pointing out that this is a reversible process. We are keen that these are visible to at least some degree

b. **The clock** M.Jo reported that most parts had now been replaced or repaired. We are waiting for a quote from Smiths. This would include a one year service agreement. The possibility of converting to an electric clock was raised. It is unlikely that we would get permission for this, and it would be unlikely to be reversible.

c. **Repairs to damp south wall.** The extent of damp removal "if necessary" was queried. It was suggested that Bruce Hunter be asked to oversee the work to check that all necessary areas are treated. The quote was then approved.

9. **Safeguarding** Helen reported that although more items have been added to the safeguarding dashboard we are now working at the final level. A new action plan has been generated from the dashboard and this was approved by the meeting.

## 10. **Matters of report**

### a. **Action Abroad:**

- Eona is organising the coin trail.
- MB said that at some point we need to review the charities we support.
- M.Jo said there was still some money to be disbursed.

### b. **Friends of St Andrew's**

- £320 was raised at the Lorimers' recent coffee morning
- There is a clarinet concert in the church on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

c. **Deanery:** Next meeting; 11<sup>th</sup> October – no major changes proposed.

**11. Other business**

- a. Parish Office rental- this will continue for a couple of months.
- b. Solar panels for the Rectory- the PCC is willing to consider this further

**12. Dates of future meetings:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, both at 7.30pm in the North Room.

HW 15/9/22