

St George's Church, Wilton

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Parochial Church Council** held on
Monday 12th October 2020 at 6.30pm in St George's Church Hall

Present	Peter Joyce (<i>Acting Chairman</i>); Michael Yardley (<i>Vice Chair</i>); Chris Michell; Jenny Norman; Hilary McKegey; Pete McKegey; Clare Steel; Carole Smith; Rosa Parsloe; Bethan Baigent.
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Ref	Item and Action	Action	By When
1.	Reflection and Prayer Peter Joyce welcomed us all, and Hilary opened in prayer.		
2.	Apologies Apologies were received from John Page and Rachel Neal. Hilary Buckley has stepped down with immediate effect.		
3.	Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd September 2020 were approved and signed off.		
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Harvest</u> Thanks to Carole for her hard work with the online service. It was very well received.</p> <p><u>Music</u> Feedback was that having a hymn played after the sermon provided a time of reflection which worked very well.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u> Grant funding had been received and an order will be placed before the quote goes up in price. It was suggested that the Bowling Club could help with training as they have a defibrillator.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilary to email contact details for Bethan to place the order with Cardiac Science <p><u>Hall</u> The Hall has now re-opened with minimal hirers that can guarantee to be Covid-19 compliant. Hand Sanitizer has been provided at the entrance, and Covid guidelines and a Risk Assessment have been sent to all regular Hall Hirers. Thanks to Jenny Norman for her hard work in helping Bethan with the Covid guidelines. A cleaner, Maggie Malgorzata, has been hired on a casual basis for four hours a week. She has done a wonderful job in keeping the Hall clean. This arrangement may be suspended if a Covid lockdown recurs.</p>	H MCK	As soon as possible
5.	<p>Finance</p> <p>5.1 Update on Church Finances The Treasurer was not in a position at present to update the PCC about the accounts. However, the loss of income from hiring the Hall during the pandemic, and a reduction in the number of people</p>		

	<p>contributing to the Christian Giving scheme, and the absence of fundraising was clearly increasing the expected year-end deficit.</p> <p>Peter had contacted the Diocese to ask if they would pay the costs of essential work in the Vicarage garden, but they informed him that it was up to the Incumbent to meet the cost.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Recruitment of a Vicar</p> <p><u>Announcement and Background</u></p> <p>Hilary informed the PCC that we were really fortunate to have 8 completed applications for the post of Vicar.</p> <p>Positive feedback had been received about the Parish Profile and thanks were given to the editing team and to Bethan for the design work.</p> <p>The interviewing panel had been surprised that no women had applied, and they had agreed on the shortlist of four. At the interviews on 30th September, all the candidates came across very well, but the panel was unanimous in its decision to offer the post to Rev Dr Nick Griffin.</p> <p>Peter added that there was a lot of prayer surrounding the interviews and both he and Hilary felt guided in that. Given the constraints of the day, church members who were available to meet the candidates informally didn't get to see all the candidates; notably Rev Griffin. However, helpful feedback was received and appreciated.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Peter and Hilary for all their hard work.</p> <p>References provided for Nick were only read out after the decision to offer the job, and all were glowing. He began his parish ministry training as a curate in Frome, and is presently an Associate Priest in the Blackdown Benefice. He will bring his strong academic background and current teaching experience as a Theological Tutor at St Mellitus College, South West, and the panel were confident that this would be a great asset for teaching in the parish. He has said that he feels drawn back to full time parish ministry and the opportunity for engagement with people in parish life. The interview panel noted his personal warmth and sense of humour, and felt that he would be able to initiate appropriate change at St George's, and do this gently and with encouragement.</p> <p><u>Potential Licensing Date</u></p> <p>A date for Licensing Nick Griffin has yet to be arranged, as he may have to give a term's notice. In reality it could be February half term when he takes up the post.</p> <p><u>Introducing the new Vicar</u></p> <p>In due course the PCC will need to consider arrangements for Nick Griffin's licensing, and how he will be introduced to the PCC, the congregation and the community. All agreed to be guided by Nick and to be mindful that in the meantime he will have a considerable workload to complete his existing responsibilities.</p>		

	<p>All agreed that the quotation from QSS IT Solutions should be accepted and the Archdeacon should be approached to find out if List B approval was necessary.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter to contact the Archdeacon to confirm if List B is the correct way to proceed. • Peter to contact QSS to accept the quotation 	<p>PJ</p> <p>PJ</p>	<p>By end of Oct</p> <p>Asap</p>
9.	<p>Open Church Sessions</p> <p>The PCC was asked to consider whether the 'Open Church' sessions should continue. Only a small number of people (average 3) have attended on a Friday. afternoons. Tuesday has better attendance (average 6), partly because it precedes Prayer Space. The heating would need to be on during the winter months, and two people would need to 'staff' the Church. It was decided to stop Friday with immediate effect, but continue with the Tuesday sessions.</p> <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethan to amend the posters outside the church. 	<p>BB</p>	<p>15th Oct</p>
10	<p>APCM</p> <p>The APCM is due to take place on 18th October. All were delighted that Matthew Norman will be nominated as a PCC Member, and that Hilary and Peter have offered to be Churchwardens.</p> <p>All approved the 'Churchwarden's Report: Premises, Goods and Ornaments' to be presented at the APCM.</p>	<p>BB</p>	<p>18th Oct</p>
11.	<p>Health and Safety</p> <p>There is a need to do a formal H&S audit, and Disability Access audit – Clare Steel has said that she would be happy to do the Disability Access audit for the PCC.</p> <p>The Church and the Church Hall are as Covid compliant as we can be at this stage. However, this will need to be constantly reviewed to adapt to any new guidelines or regulations required by the C of E and the Government.</p>		
12.	<p>Review of the Meeting</p> <p>All agreed that it was a much quicker PCC meeting than usual, yet still with a lot of important issues covered.</p>		
13.	<p>Key Messages</p> <p>The key messages from the meeting for NewsBoard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas services: plans for the services and safe seating arrangements are being considered. • The Wifi Appeal: explaining the scope of the project and its many potential benefits. • Nick Griffin will be asked to make a personal introductory video for the congregation to see in Church and on line. 		
14.	<p>PCC Meeting Dates</p> <p>No dates have been fixed for the next PCC meeting. These will have to be flexible and arranged as required.</p>	<p>BB</p>	

15.	Prayer at Next Meeting Clare Steel agreed to do this.	CS	
16.	End 8.28pm		

Signed : Chairman.

Date :

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