

All Saints Hertford . PCC minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 22nd January, 2019

Present;

Rosemary Bolton (chair)

Rev Jo Loveridge

Dorothy Toyn

Julia Gough

Marion Hassell

Janet Bird

Colin Bird

Mary Penny

Andrew Povey-Richards

Nerine Chalmers

Martin Penny

Ann Stephens-Jones

Janet Oldham

Andrew Bellfield

Apologies were received from Cheryl Massey, Wendell Newbold and Jonathan Bates

- 1 Opening prayer and bible reading by JL
- 2 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 3 There were matters arising;

Worship;

JL suggested an informal grouping and offered a sample questionnaire for PCC comments and amendments before this group meets.

Sustainability

the Architects are to meet the standing committee to share possibilities for our church building;

Digital Interest

Martin reported on some outcomes of his initial experiments. (mostly funded by Facebook) Of these, the Epiphany Carol Service was highlighted. Using 3 channels (F/book Twitter& Instagram, the post was viewed by 1200 people. Of these, 365 then clicked on it for further details. A number of new faces were noticed at that Epiphany CS. The target was those within 25 miles of Hertford, over 30 and interested in classical music, and the promotion cost £5.00. We now have over 300 followers living in the Hertford area, of whom 240+ are not regular congregation or linked to the diocese. The PCC offered thanks for M's work in this area and he agreed to fund it further.

4 Fabric.

The Vestry roof is done.

The Reredos work is under way.

The Bells; The tower captain and David Harris met CB and JG to consider the lead which is within the tower and to ask whether it's removal will create an increase of bell sound in the church. Advice will be taken. The ringers are expecting to raise most of the money for the proposed repairs to the mechanism themselves.

South aisle roof; our architect is aware of the situation here.

5 Social. There are to be activities throughout the year, some of which are annual and some will be new ideas to attract the wider community. The Parish Administrator reminded the PCC that some regular users were already booking the church 2 years in advance. JL/DT/NC to meet 22nd January to develop this further.

6 Health and Safety. There was nothing to report. A discussion took place regarding a defibrillator being placed in the church. DT and RB will explore this

7 Safeguarding. There was nothing to report. New information for the PCC arrived from Helen Harvey-Wright on the day of the meeting. JL continues to seek a replacement for Helen, who will step down at the APCM

8 Finance. CB has published a report in the Parish Magazine. The PCC thanked all who helped to make our Christmas Bazaar a resounding financial success. CB reminded the PCC that as all our Planned Giving is used for our Parish Share we are reliant upon raising money through events to maintain our building and contents.

9 AOB.

Amanda Irwin entered the meeting to inform the PCC of the new Fees structure for weddings and funerals (what is mandatory and what is optional) She produced a useful proforma that was accepted, and was thanked warmly by the PCC for this work.

JL reminded the PCC of a meeting she recommended at St Andrew's; Broken World, Radical Solutions. She also asked the PCC to consider a shared meeting with the PCC of St Mary's Ware. The PCC asked for more information for the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

Please Note;

Next meeting of the PCC will be at 8.00pm on Monday 8th April, not the 1st as previously advised.