

All Saints PCC minutes Sept. 19th 2019

Present

Rev Canon Jo Loveridge, (chair) Colin Bird and Julia Gough, (churchwardens). Andrew Bellfield, Nerine Chalmers, Fiona Earle, Martin Penny, Andrew Povey-Richards, Dorothy Toyn, Janet Bird, Shanti Gordon, Mary Penny (sec.)

Opening Prayers Janet Bird

Apologies

The following sent apologies; Jonathan Bates, Ann Stephens-Jones; Cheryl Massey; Wendell Newbold; Rosemary Bolton and Janet Oldham.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

The only subject for this was dealt with as part of the next item.

Sustainability

Colin Bird led. After a meeting of the Office Holders and following new submissions from the Architect, it was clear that at the moment the Hall Site proposals will not furnish All Saints with funds to both create community space in church and provide a lump sum as the basis of regular sustaining income. The only workable option has no provision for social housing which is required by the Local Authority. The PCC asked Colin Bird to ask the first question of the Local Authority regarding a Pre- Application. The PCC also recognised that we cannot move this forward unless and until the LA makes a response. Discussion followed regarding changes and improvements we could and should make to increase the usage and income from the existing hall.

Mission Action Plan

Martin Penny led. He read to us our previous MAP which had 3 objectives. Our 3 objectives for the new Map are 1. Growing younger, (a regeneration of Junior Church to be part) 2. The Alone (Many single people are part of our concert series, Soundbites, and other activities) 3. Structured study and tuition. Janet Bird, Martin Penny Nerine Chalmers and Rev Jo are to work together.

Succession

The PCC was made aware that a new churchwarden is needed to replace Colin Bird whose term ends in April. Ideally a person will step up and begin learning soon as our continuing warden Julia Gough is a chorister before and during services that are choir-led. All Saints has also to find a new treasurer by the end of 2020 as Colin Bird will retire after more than 30 years.

Fabric

Julia Gough reported improvements to the water flow on the south aisle roof which are to date preventing rain from coming through.

Health and safety

The defibrillator's arrival is delayed.

Safeguarding

Shanti Gordon has researched the training requirements and will send information to all PCC members. She will keep records of training done. Colin Bird reminded PCC that a review by the diocese of "past cases" has begun and our turn is yet to be announced. Shanti is always ready to hear if anyone remembers something from the past. It has been 12 years since a review was last done.

AOB

1. There is a suggestion that a group may be set up and called Friends of All Saints. Nerine knows of a one at St Peter's in St Albans and Dorothy will enquire of one at St Leonard's, Bengo. Mary will speak with a friend who supports such a group at St Mary's Hitchin.
2. There is an offer of a new "incumbents" board to replace the hand written one in the vestry. It will be erected near the West Door.
3. Nerine offered to circulate visits to Hertford of ballet companies to PCC members.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.25

Next meeting; Thursday November 7th at 8.00 pm