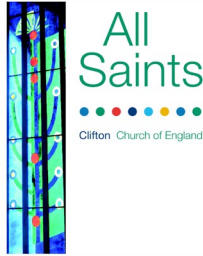


## Parish of All Saints PCC Meeting Minutes

**Date 11 October 2023**

- 1. Present:** Fr Charles Sutton, Adam Chivers, Annette Young, Vicky Gordon, Janice Callow, Sue Perry, Mary Benton and Brendan Biggs.
- 2. Apologies for absence** – Steve O’Keefe, Eric Tyson, James Norman, Helen Clifton, Simon Davison, Ruth Baker, Liz Badman and James Norman.
- 3. Updates**
  - (1) **Diocese.** Fr Charles reported that
    - \* Neil Warwick was to be consecrated Bishop of Swindon on 30 November in Canterbury
    - \* his successor would be appointed next year
    - \* his role in the meantime would be divided with an acting Archdeacon responsible for the legal responsibilities and Fr Charles taking on the ‘human side’ (the development of ministers, filling of vacancies etc). This additional job would mean he would be away from ASC a little but it will have minimal impact and he would be relinquishing his existing national role for SSMs. The acting Archdeacon should be appointed within the next fortnight.
  - (2) **Deanery.** Fr Charles reported that vacancies at St Ediths and Severnside had been filled. Henbury had been advertised. Andy Murray, Vicar of Lawrence Weston and Avonmouth, had been appointed Dean of Priority Communities.
  - (3) **Parish.**
    - \*St John’s School. Janice reported that the children had been encouraged to visit ASC – ‘it is your church’. The Gaudi exhibition in church had been a great success and brought in parents.
    - \* the Harvest Festival had proved very successful. The organisers had made great efforts to bring in as many people as possible and had been well rewarded.
- 4. Lectio divina**



- (1) Fr Charles circulated copies of Mark 6:30-52. The PCC split into groups to discuss its allegorical significance.
- (2) the Parish Conference. Fr Charles explained the proposed structure of the conference and suggested that we should concentrate on those aspects of church life which we did well (rather than dwelling too much on areas which were not our strong points) with a view to giving our missional focus a clear direction for the future. Arrangements for refreshments were agreed.

## 5. Written reports and policy statements

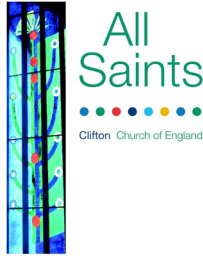
- (1) Financial control, Risk assessment, Safeguarding, Early Worship and Fabric reports had been circulated in advance.
- (2) **Fabric.** Adam reported that our architect had effectively ruled out the idea of putting solar panels on the Randall room roof as suggested by the planners and had recommended that the planners be invited to proceed to determine our application as it stood. Adam would prepare a briefing note for the endowment trustees in advance of the meeting arranged for 31 October. Brendan warned of the danger of assuming that the DAC would as a matter of course approve amendments agreed with the planners.

### (3) Financial

\* Having been proposed by Eric, Vicky seconded a proposal that deputy organist's fees be increased from £50 to £60 to accord with practice elsewhere. This was passed with all in favour.

\*It was reported that income from the Randall Room lettings were down by c £4k because the cost of living had impacted on day time bookings. We would advertise the space on the new noticeboard.

\*Parish share. The amount sought by the diocese for our Parish Share had increased from £74,185 to £77,870. The calculation reflected an average Clifton household income which did not take into account that ASC was a gathered church. Nor did it take account of the c £15k-£18k that the endowment trust saved the diocese by providing and maintaining the vicarage. Eric had entered into correspondence with the diocese to try and secure greater transparency and a breakdown of its calculations but without success. Janice proposed, Vicky seconded and It was agreed by all that we would pay the same amount as we paid



last year and would pay the balance when we secured satisfactory answers to Eric's questions.

\*Eric having proposed, Annette seconded and it was agreed by all that the Financial Policy statement be approved with one addition to record that responsibility for the counting of cash was undertaken by two people.

\*Mission giving. It was explained that historically our giving was directed to one national (local) and one international charity each year. Consideration was deferred to enable Janice to propose an international charity with Medecins Sans Frontieres recognised as good for the international giving.

**(4) Risk Assessment.** The Risk Assessment policy was approved with an amendment to clarify that the Covid paragraph in the Health and Safety section should show it is currently suspended and the effective date of that change. It was agreed that bearing in mind the Conservation of Physical Assets section the big 6 Candlesticks should be checked to ensure the Smartwater protection was still effective.

**(5) Safeguarding.** The Safeguarding policy was approved with one amendment: to adjust the Policy Implementation and Review dates at the end. In Steve's absence through illness the report on Safeguarding was deferred.

**6. Charity Commission return.** As PCC Secretary Steve was mandated to complete and submit the Charity return.

**7. Minutes.** These had not been circulated so would be deferred to the next meeting.

**8. Date of next meeting.** It was agreed that it would be helpful in future to record the date of the next meeting. This was on 12 December 2023.

Minutes Approved