

Parish of All Saints PCC Meeting Minutes

Date 13 February 2024

1. Apologies for absence – Liz Badman, James Norman, Adam Chivers, Brendan Biggs

2. Living in Love and Faith – Draft Prayers and Liturgy

- Approval at General Synod 23-27 February 2024
- Father Charles asked if same sex couples come to us for a blessing, would we be comfortable as a PCC to do that – to which the response was consistently yes – Father Charles thanked the PCC for this position

3. Lent Programme 2024

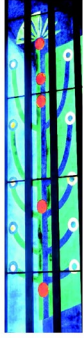
- Father Charles outlined the options for Lent programme:
 - i. Faith, Creation and Climate Change
 - ii. Lectio Divina – the Lent Gospels
 - iii. Tarry Awhile – the Lent Book
 - iv. Watch and Pray – personal journey of prayer and reflection
- An additional evening Mass during Lent was also programmed for Thursday evenings in Lent.

4. Parish Conference

- ‘Actions Output’ (and strengths) the key actions for each of the six subject areas as a focus for 2024 were shared with the PCC with any comments welcome

5. Sudanese Students

- In previous years, we as a PCC have supported Sudanese refugee students to pay for their High School fees. This was originally six students, now four remain in school, and the total cost is around £3,000 per year
- Two of them are 16, one is 17, and one is 12 - both boys and girls – with the eldest two going on to skills training
- It was appreciated by the PCC that this included women getting education as this is not often the case



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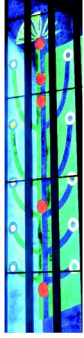
- The ask is to take extracts from reports that we receive from the children and put together a summary for All Saints News
- For the PCC to continue financial support, more detail is required around the financial requirements, and clear explanation of what we are being asked to fund and costs, named by student
- We as a PCC will then decide where funds will come from, for example Mission giving or other, noting that we cannot make payments to foreign countries outside the regular banking system, so this is done through a UK charity

6. Written reports (including Fabric Report)

- John presented the St. John's report, and there were no comments on the circulated Early Worship report
- On the Fabric report, Eric asked to agree a date for a walkthrough of the Atrium project for PCC and congregation – which was suggested for Tuesday 16th April at 7.00 pm
- Progress being made on Piper Windows – potential English Heritage support being investigated. This would also allow us to fix the windows which are leaking, otherwise we will need to use steeplejacks

7. Finance

- Parish Share:
 - Response from Diocese, but not comprehensive. When the numbers are adjusted to take out vicarage costs, the result is similar to our figure last year
 - Proposal to PCC – do we continue to pay Parish Share as per our draft agreement keeping in line with last year – proposed by Eric, seconded by Vicky and passed with all in favour
- Father Charles said it was good for the Diocese to acknowledge our vicarage, but also need to think about provisions paid for by share for future periods
- 2023 Accounts:
 - Eric has started work for the year. Gift aid claim is in, but slighter lower than it was previous year (due to card reader not functioning). On income side this is similar, but on costs there are a few issues, the principal one being that our gas and electricity costs delas ran out in October last year, and the costs have risen significantly since – about 4 times as much for electricity from c£300 per month to £1,200
 - We agree to look at our consumption of electricity, for example when we light Church, or using a sensor to switch on lights when people come in
 - Father Charles agreed to convene and energy group to review our costs and approach
 - Eric noted we only have 2-3 months of higher costs in this year's accounts, and the run rate for 2024 accounts will be much more significant



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- Cleaning costs will also double , but we may reduce the number of hours – we will monitor over the next few months then come back to PCC – thanks given to the cleaning team and for volunteers to help
- On rental charges, will look after APCM as will then have better view of costs

8. Safeguarding

- DBS checks updated and completed
- Pictures of PCC going up on notice board as requested – an ask was made for similar pictures of the Choir for those who are adult
- A request was made to re-circulate the link to Parish safeguarding survey – which was made during the meeting

9. Minutes

- Of the last PCC meeting and matters arising – correction required and updated in v4 for Sisters of the Church guest editing ASN. Plus need to add most recent PCC minutes to board and website
- Baptisms and weddings follow up was also discussed, with Birthdays and Anniversary cards going out from All Saints – with the Early Worship team administering
- Standing Committee minutes – for information

10. AOB:

- Can consideration be given to:
 - i. Candlemas had no evening Mass on 2 February but did have a Candlemas Eve of readings and music for reflection and meditation .
 - ii. Lenten Lectio Divina is at 15:00 – conflicts with those in traditional working hours.
- Can extra padding be put under the altar rail cloth? Altar rail cloth maintains the original colour design of Street. Communicants are welcome to stand.

Minutes Approved

Next Meetings:

APCM Sunday 28 April 2024 at 12.00 Randall Room
PCC Tuesday 11 June 2024 at 7.00pm Sacristy