# St Mary’s, Bletchingley

**Minutes of PCC Meeting held 19th September 2018**

**in Church House, Bletchingley**

**Present:** The Revd. Phaedra Pamphilon Green (Rector)   
  
John Buck Jennifer Hyde  
Pamela Cock Oliver Jackson  
Richard Fowler (churchwarden) Cyril Mighall  
Vicki Gillespie Valerie Muller (PCC Secretary)  
Sarah Goad Clemmie Sellick  
Sandie Hooper Lisa Swan (PCC Treasurer)  
Lynn Hargreaves McCallum Clare Sturgeon   
Alison Horlock Liz Windridge

**Apologies:**

April Alexander, (churchwarden), Glynis Beazley, Robin Idle, Penny Sherrington

**The meeting opened with prayers led by the Rector**

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| **Minutes from previous meeting**   * The minutes of the meeting held on July 10th were signed as a correct record of the meeting. |  |
| **Matters Arising**   * **Clerks House**. A Syrian family have moved in, they seem very happy and hospitable. They have been on the bus to the market. They do have a few health problems so will need visits to the surgery and dentist, they are accompanied on these visits by Maria, a fluid Arabic speaker. Their funding includes money for taxis and using the bus. * **Confirmation.** This will be on February 24th at St Mary’s at 6.30pm. * **Hymn Books.** The new books have arrived but need the dedications within earlier books to be transcribed. Working party will be set up to do this. |  |
| **Correspondence**  There was no correspondence |  |
| **Safeguarding**   * There were no reported safeguarding issues. * Role descriptions are being produced. * The basic safeguarding course is still to be arranged, the problem is that there needs to be a minimum number of people for the course to run. Possibility of running one within the deanery. There are also on - line courses available run by Southwark. Their website is a good place to look for suitable information on all these. |  |
| **JPIC**   * The JPIC committee have recommended supporting 3 charities next year, the details of which had been circulated to members before the meeting:  1. Welcare – Redhill 2. Renewed Hope Trust 3. Arocha International  * £1500 would be split between these 3 causes. The PCC agreed this unanimously. There may need to be special collections to raise this money. * We hope these charities will develop strong links with us by sending guest speakers to tell us about their work, to encourage our understanding of the work they do and how best we can support them. * There were queries about our Zimbabwe link. There are great difficulties getting money to them. * The rector is meeting with Gabby Parrott from the diocese to look at ways to raise money and how we give. As a parish we are net contributors to the diocese thereby helping less well- off parishes within the diocese. It is hoped to have a series of talks possibly during Advent looking at ways of giving, through using our time, talents and gifts. |  |
| **Finance Committee**   * The treasurer reported that there will be a slight deficit at the end of this year. An aggressive budget was set last year hoping to raise direct giving by £6000. Although giving is up, this figure has not been achieved. * Our quota to the diocese will increase by 1% next year to £65000. * The choir fund stands at about £3000, money raised to buy new robes and hymn books. * The bells also have £2750, money raised towards the purchase of a training bell. * Will Cookson, from Trinity House, who is involved with Fresh Expressions and Evangelism has said grants are available from the diocese for work in this field. The rector is wondering whether we would qualify for a grant towards a youth worker, but we would need to show this work would be developing from projects already started. |  |
| **Worship Committee:**   * Minutes from this meeting had already been circulated prior to the meeting. There was some discussion about Family Services, but this might be discussed more at the Away Evening planned for October. * Plans for harvest were discussed. It was hoped to have speakers from   OFFWAT to talk at both churches about trying to understand the priorities of water use. Collections would go to Water Aid. Need to let flower arrangers know of the water theme. There will be no communion at this service. Need for publicity.   * **Festival of Remembrance** also needs publicity. Article has already gone in Parish Magazine. Dick Kiss to be asked to circulate details on his extensive contacts list! Phe to do this. * **The British Legion** have a piper for the Sunday morning service of Remembrance. The archdeacon is preaching at this service. * **Sunday Space**. From January the Family Service will not be Communion but be more open and creative to encourage new people to faith as well as younger people. * **Taize:** There was a query about a Taize style service but it is difficult to encourage people out to Sunday evening services. |  |
| **GDPR Policy;**   * Needs to be put on notice Board at back of church. |  |
| **Inclusion Policy**   * After agreeing a few word changes this policy was signed. |  |
| **A.O.B**   * A question was asked about whether all Sunday Club leaders and helpers were DBS checked. The answer was yes. * Richard Fowler was going to a meeting about how to make your church warm and welcoming. |  |
| The meeting finished at 9.30 by saying The Grace |  |
| **Dates of future Meetings:**  **Standing Committee Meetings**  Wed Nov 14th 8pm at The Sheiling  Wed Jan 9th 8pm at 59 High Street  Wed March 6th at 8pm at The Sheiling  **PCC Meetings** are held in Church House at 8pm Thursday November 22nd Tuesday January 15th Wednesday March 13th  **Dates for the Diary**  Saturday Nov 10th Surrey Yeomanry Concert  Sunday Nov 11th Remembrance Sunday followed by lunch  Saturday Dec 15th English Arts Chorale Christmas Concert at St Mary’s at 7.30pm  Sunday Dec 23rd St Mary’s Carol Service at 5pm  Sunday Feb 24th Confirmation service at St Mary’s at 6.30pm |  |