# St Mary’s, Bletchingley

**Minutes of PCC Meeting held 8th May 2019**

**in Church House, Bletchingley**

**Present:**   
  
Rev’d Phe Pamphilon Green (Rector)

April Alexander (churchwarden) Jennifer Hyde

Bill Alexander Oliver Jackson

Pamela Cock Jeff Marks

Kate Doody Cyril Mighall

Richard Fowler (churchwarden) Valerie Muller (PCC Secretary)  
Vicki Gillespie Clemmie Sellick

Lynn Hargreaves McCallum Clare Sturgeon

Donna Hawkins Lisa Swan (treasurer)

Sandie Hooper Owen Thurston

Alison Horlock Liz Windridge

**Apologies**: Penny Sherrington

The meeting started with Holy Communion led by the Rector and shared with the PCC from St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield. We enjoyed a glass of wine together to mark the start of the new PCC’s year before sharing the first part of the meeting together in the church.

The Rector welcomed everyone.

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| **Appointment of PCC Secretaries**   * St Mary’s Bletchingley. Valerie Muller * St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield. Shereen Barros  Both were unanimously appointed.   **Appointment of PCC Treasurers**   * St Mary’s Bletchingley. Bill Alexander * St Peter and St Paul, Nutfield. Brian Lyus   Both were unanimously appointed  **Election of Vice Chairpersons**   * St Mary’s Bletchingley * St Peter and St Paul,   It was decided that the wardens from parishes would take on this role. |  |
| **Subcommittees**   * **Standing Committee** The Rector, the churchwardens, PCC Secretary,  PCC Treasurer, Sandie Hooper and Jennifer Hyde. * **Finance Committee** The rector, the churchwardens, PCC treasurer, David Sellick and John Trott.   **Worship Committee:** The Rector, April Alexander, Glynis Beazley, Vicky Gillespie, Oliver Jackson, Cyril Mighall, Penny Sherrington, Owen Thurston, Liz Windridge, Vicky Williams.  **Social Committee**  Valerie Muller, Gill Black, Pamela Cock, Lynn Hargreaves McCallum, Pat Napper, Ann Pressey, Stevie Stretton.  **Fabric Committee/Working Party**  Richard Fowler, Sandie Hooper, Robin Idle, Ed Muller.  **Ecumenical Committee**  The Rector, Ruth Goodsir, Martin Savage, Marian Buck  **JPIC**  Jennifer Hyde, Liz Windridge, Richard Fowler, and Derek from Nutfield.  **Children and Young People**  Clare Sturgeon, Alison Horlock, Glynis Beazley, Caroline George, Kate Doody, Owen Thurston, Donna Hawkins.  **Churchyard Working Party**  Annabel Smith and volunteers.  **Committee to oversee plans for Coffee Station at St Mary’s**  Richard Fowler. Sarah Goad, Sandie Hooper, Valerie Muller  **Websites**   * St Mary’s Bletchingley. Valerie Muller * St Peter and St Paul. Ann Holt and Catherine Asbridge   **Facebook Pages**   * St Mary’s Bletchingley. Jeff Marks * St Peter and St Paul Nutfield. Emma Moon |  |
| **Minutes from previous meeting**   * The minutes of the meeting held on March 27th, 2019 were signed as a correct record of the meeting. |  |
| **Matters Arising**   * See below about distressing emails |  |
| **Correspondence**   * **Distressing emails** are continuing so further advice is being sought. The PCC will be updated as soon as this information is available. |  |
| **Finance**  Lisa Swan, the outgoing treasurer was thanked for all that she has done in maintaining our accounts, particularly as she took these over at a very difficult time, following the death of the previous treasurer.  Lisa presented the accounts for the first 3 months of the year, figures which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and brought the meeting up to date with April figures as well.   * Overall deficit for Q1 2019 is £6,016 (budgeted to be £500 surplus)   This compares to £6712 deficit this time last year.   * Direct giving and donation income continue to be consistently under budget. * Reserves (basically cash in the bank) at 31 March 2019 are £27383 with £2452 for general use and £24 931 for restricted use. * In April there were some significant one off donations from a few people of around £4000 and £2400 has been received from the Bletchingley Thomas chapman Charity. * The critical concern continues to be the need to increase general giving and donations to cover monthly running costs.   If we continue to use up our reserves this tim next year there will be no reserves! |  |
| **Young People’s Forum**  A question was asked at the APCM about creating an opportunity for those too young to be on the PCC to have a voice.  The Young People’s Committee was asked to look into ways of doing this.  Kate, Owen, Donna, Alison and Clare to look into this. |  |
| **Gift Aid Secretary**  Bill Alexander to meet with the Current Gift aid Secretary to see what michael would like to do as, he has in the past said he wished to retire from the post. Bill will also see what the job actually entails. |  |
| **Organ / Organists**  The Southwark Diocesan Organ Advisor has inspected the organ and given a full report. There are 2 problems   * The notes in the left hand are heavy to play but with careful tuning and over time this problem could be eased. * The second problem concerns the bellows which are leaking and is a much more expensive problem to solve. Probably best left until another organist is recruited. * The Advisor did say we need to be careful with what we do as it would probably be classed as an historic organ and as such wold be eligible for grants to have work done on it.   The good news is we now have three people interested in the organist/choirmaster job.  We are arranging for them to visit us and take a rehearsal during the next few weeks. |  |
| **Dates of PCC Meetings**  Tuesday July 2nd  Wednesday September 11th  Thursday November 7th  Wednesday January 8th 2020  Wednesday March 11th 2020  All PCC meetings are in Church House and start at 8pm  APCM April 26th 2020  The first Standing Committee will be on Wednesday June 12th at 5.30pm at  The Sheiling. |  |
| The meeting at concluded at 9.45pm with prayers  led by Liz Windridge with everyone joining in the Grace |  |