

**St Mary the Virgin, Bletchingley**  
**Minute of PCC Meeting held on**  
**Monday September 13th 2021 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

Rev'd Phaedra Pamphilon-Green (Rector)  
Pamela Cock  
Trevor Dawson  
Richard Fowler (churchwarden)  
Kate Doody  
Rosa Diacon

Sandie Hooper  
Jennifer Hyde  
Jeff Marks (CW & Safeguarding Officer)  
Chrissie Markham  
Cyril Mighall

**1. Apologies:**

April Alexander, Bill Alexander, Vicki Gillespie, Valerie Muller, Jackie Puleston, Clementine Sellick

The Rector welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minute of brief additional PCC Meeting held July 11th:**

The minute was agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising:**

The Rector outlined the progress since the previous meeting, relating to diocesan funding.

The received letter of complaint was discussed by the Standing Committee, who also reviewed the draft response, in accordance with the Complaints Procedure

**4. Correspondence:**

No further correspondence received.

**5. Covid updates**

The present arrangements were agreed to be working satisfactorily, with no negative feedback from the congregation.

It was agreed that the Offertory procession of bread and wine could now be re-instated.

**6. JPIC**

6.1 EcoChurch

Jennifer ran through the EcoChurch report previously circulated, noting that the JPIC committee (currently comprising Jennifer, Val & ED Muller, Richard Fowler) would like the PCC to agree to take EcoChurch forward, to make a difference, rather than specifically to gain an award. She said that we should "Do something that makes you joyful".

Jennifer hoped that it can be launched during Creationtide (though not 3rd or 17th).

6.2 Clayton Memorial

Jennifer reported that Clemmie has drafted some words for the reconciliation display. The intention is to have a permanent display and changing information.

The Rector said that she would like to launch the chapel with an evening service of reconciliation, if possible including Bishop Jonathan before he goes. She also noted that Averil has been preparing a tapestry for the Holy Spirit chapel, which would be ready for October.

6.3 Anti-Slavery

Jennifer reported that she is receiving invitations from other churches and the diocese to speak about the subject.

## **7. Finance**

In Bill's absence Jeff introduced the Finance Committee recommendations for the Pledge to the diocese for 2022, as detailed in the minutes and spreadsheet previously circulated.

The PCC unanimously acceded the Plan B, as recommended by the Finance Committee. This would increase the pledge for 2022 by 2½% over the 2021 pledge. The 2021 pledged amount will be increased by 2½% by additional payments, with the intention to similarly increase the 2022 amount pledged, if funds again permit.

A query about the Donation item in the spreadsheet will be referred to Bill on his return.

## **8. Church Fabric**

The fabric working party will meet shortly to discuss the works required by the Quinquennial report.

The rector mentioned that she had seen an example of a servery at a church in Chiddingstone, and will arrange a visit by the working party.

## **9. Safeguarding**

Jeff stated that there is nothing to report.

## **10. Plans for Harvest**

The Village Hall has been booked for the lunch. The rector noted that the Nutfield contact is Gilly.

The options for food arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that a served prepared ploughman's style meal should be provided, to minimise handling, with a basic ham/no ham choice. Invitations to be circulated to the school and via Dick Kiss. The meal to be ticketed. Suggested cost of £5 to be discussed with Val. Non-profit event.

Welcare have requested food vouchers rather than donations of food. Financial donations will be requested.

## **12. Any other business**

12.1 Contactless donations: Jeff noted that the deanery has suggested the use of Goodplate for donations. Richard explained that this had recently been considered, but that Goodbox advised that the unit we currently have is probably the most appropriate for our purposes.

Bill to be asked to report the amounts raised by the Goodbox.

12.2 Wifi: Jeff reported the quotation received for providing wifi in the church, to facilitate live streaming, £1495 + VAT. It was agreed that we should proceed with this, and approved the amount, subject to trying to obtain a second quotation.

12.3 Kate highlighted the need for more Sunday Club leaders and helpers. A letter to be circulated.

12.4 Light Party: This will be held on Saturday 30th October at 5pm. It was agreed that the format should be similar to last year.

12.5 English Arts Chorale: Due to the proximity of the Carol Service and the concert planned for 27th November, it was agreed not to host an Arts Chorale concert this year.

The meeting closed at 9:18pm with the Lord's Prayer.