

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY REDBOURN

**MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE TRANSEPT ON WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

Present: Celia Forbes David Forbes Andy Ford Stephen Gell Sarah Hill
Ailsa Hulme Jim May Sue May David Mitchell
Keith McAdam Liz Middleton Lesley Poulton Michelle Parry-Slater
Catharine Pusey Kay Vernon Paul Vernon David Walker
Apologies for Absence: John Davie Mike Wood Julia Murphy Ralph Goold
Deni Ennals Clive Williams Daphne Fisher

The Meeting was opened with a prayer at 8.15 pm

The Meeting was chaired by Michelle Parry Slater, our Church Warden

1) Minutes of the PCC meeting held 13th July 2022

The minutes were approved as drawn and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2) Matter Arising

It was noted that a matter of sensitivity was not included in the public minutes.

Hampers - Deni confirmed that St Mary's Treasurer and Redbourn Charities Treasurer have been working collaboratively toward the transfer of the Hamper Scheme to Redbourn Charities. The process has been a little delayed by holidays, but is progressing well.

3) Worship and Mission Action Plan

Review of services and ministry during the vacancy – services have continued to be held, and special thanks given to Robin Smith for keeping things on an even keel. It was suggested that visiting clergy, who, incidentally were booked by Will before he left, should be asked if they would be able to commit to further visits until a new incumbent is chosen. We move back into church for our services after the Patronal Service this coming Sunday.

Plans for 2023 and Vacancy Update- A meeting has been called for church members at 7.15 pm on the 12th September when Archdeacon Jane will explain to the members how the vacancy period is covered, producing a parish profile, and give them the timetable for advertising, collating applicants names etc, producing a shortlist for interview. The applicants will be interviewed by 5 people, Archdeacon Jane, Rural Dean and 2 Parish Representatives. The Earl of Verulam has asked Gerald Corbett to be his representative. Interviews are likely to be in February 2023. There is no PCC Meeting scheduled until November, and it may be necessary to arrange another meeting also.

Pastoral Situation - Our Parish Secretary, Wendy Cruickshank, is covering the extra work very efficiently, despite the many extra calls on her time. Wendy is thanked for her devotion and diligence.

4) Safeguarding

Three people have to complete their training.

5) Treasurer's Report

Mike was unable to be present at the meeting but had provided figures and a report. It was seen that our projected figures for the year end would be in deficit. Savings have been made and there is nothing further that we can cut back.

6) Churchwardens and Fabric Report

The Vicarage - A report was circulated before the meeting, and it was decided to allow the Diocese to let out the Vicarage on a short fixed term arrangement, with no further extension to the period. Tackling things this way will mean that the Diocese will cover the cost of decoration, new carpets and curtains. If we had decided to do this ourselves, the costs would be down to us. After all, the Vicarage does belong to the Diocese.

Proposed by: Jim May Seconded by: Stephen Gell Passed: Nem Con

7) Stewardship Report

The newly reformed committee has met and a full report received. A further meeting is planned for the end of September. We need to increase the giving, but are sensitive to the current situation people are experiencing, so no outright appeal will be made at the moment.

8) Youth Work

Ailsa had submitted a report and told us that she desperately needs to enroll two further helpers. She is short of cover for 23rd October and 11th December.

9) Churchyard

Nothing new to report.

10) Charitable Finance Committee

Report circulated and another meeting due next week.

11) Any Other Business

Michelle will not be available for the next PCC Meeting. David Forbes has offered to chair the meeting and lead the prayers.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Grace at 10.05 pm.

Next Meetings Standing Committee 12th October Full PCC 16th November