

**Minutes of St Margaret, Addington PCC Meeting
Monday 15th January 2024, 7.30 pm in the Church Room**

ACTION BY

Graham Halliday-Saddler (Vice Chair) opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 11 followed by prayer.

- 1. Present:** Rev Helen Burn, Graham Halliday-Saddler (Churchwarden & Vice Chair)), John Humphrey (Churchwarden), Paul Drayson & Rita Drayson (Joint Treasurers), Brenda Humphrey (Secretary), Sally Goodman, Glenn Goodman, Judy Grimes, Christine Halliday-Saddler, Laraine Jalili-Hodges, Jane Yates.
Nichola Budgen, PSO, attended to give her report.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** John Dudley
- 3. Minutes of meeting dated 27th November 2023:** Were agreed as a true record. Thanks were recorded to Jane Yates for producing the Minutes.
- 4. Safeguarding:** Nichola Budgen, PSO, had circulated the Minutes dated 14th November 2023 and added that Wendy Gardner and Victoria Penna have completed DBS clearance and now need to complete C0 and C1 training. Sarah Scott has provided a Fusion programme until August 2024. She is now supported by Kelly Parsons and Helen Burns.
The PSO reported that she had shared an issue with Rev Helen. The Diocesan S.O. agreed it was not a safeguarding issue and it will be reviewed in three months.
Nicola was thanked for her report and then left the meeting.
- 5. Matters Arising from Minutes:** John Humphrey reported that he had contacted TEAR Fund asking for a speaker for 1st or 3rd Sunday in June. He is waiting for them to get back to him.
- 6. Mission Action Planning:** Rev Helen had circulated her ideas for exploring key priorities as a church so that we can use our time and gifts most effectively to reach out. A small group consisting of Helen, Pete Wilson and Christine Halliday-Saddler will meet to identify priorities going forward and will report back at our next PCC meeting in April.
- 7. Finance:** John Humphrey informed the PCC that as Paul and Rita Drayson are standing down as Treasurers at the APCM, he will take on the post of Treasurer until a suitable volunteer comes forward. Paul and Rita have agreed to oversee the accounts until the APCM 2024 with John working parallel with them.
The PCC approved the appointment of John Humphrey as Treasurer and at the next meeting in April will make arrangements for him to take over as signatory.

We have received £100 from Hedgehog Productions as a result of the Nativity play that they performed before Christmas. Paul and Rita reported that the church insurance has gone up £135 for this year.

Rita asked for permission to destroy some of the previous years accounts and just keep the last 8 years. This was agreed.

Charities: It was agreed that we should pay our four main charities each year in January based on 10% of the previous year's income. The four charities for this year were proposed by Laraine Jalili-Hodges, seconded by John Humphrey and agreed (Paul Drayson abstained).

They are: Tear Fund; Fields of Life (overseas charities), Salvation Army, Kenward Trust (home charities).

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Finance cont'd

It was agreed that other donations can be made during the year via special collections i.e. Carol Service, Christmas Day, Christingle, Easter, Harvest.

It was agreed that the Treasurers should top up the Christmas collections and pay the Children's Society £250, Salvation Army £150 and Demelza House £60.

Matthew Pounds has agreed to be our examiner

8. Services:

Review

- **Carol Service**—about 40 attended plus the Bart Choir. After sending round the Christmas card showing all the services it was disappointing that so few extras from the village came.
- **Christingle Service** — Extremely well attended with overspill in the chapel. Next year we need to make sure we arrange for someone to welcome and some refreshments.
- **Christmas Day**—Usual attendance with no villagers. Some felt the service was too long. We usually aim for about 45 minutes.

Forthcoming

- **Easter Sunday**—Agreed should be and All Age Easter Celebration Service at 10am. There will be Communion Services in the other churches.
- **Harvest Service**—Sunday 6th October at 11am to facilitate a Pot Luck lunch in the Village Hall.
- **Mothering Sunday** – 10th March 10am Café Church
- **Remembrance Day**—10th November, 10.50am on Village Green. John to cancel Village Hall and Graham to ask permission from the Parish Council.

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9. Churchwarden's Report:

- **Quinquennial Report**—John Humphrey handed round a list of repairs needed immediately and these are being dealt with.
- **Church Repair Fund**—The quinquennial inspector has indicated that items that may need attention after the next five years could amount to £3,500. This is only an indication of possible cost and not an estimate.

As we have £14,735.81 in the Church Repair Fund it was resolved that **'St Margaret PCC will not make any further payment into the Repair Fund at the moment'**. Proposed by John Humphrey, seconded by Christine Halliday-Saddler. The Secretary to inform the diocese.

The pointing to the East Wall will need attention in five years' time. John Humphrey suggested we think about this sooner rather than later as we will need to engage a conservation architect.

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10. Any Other Business:

- **Music Group**—Christine Halliday-Saddler reported that extra equipment was needed. The cost is approximately £315.30 at the moment. It was agreed that she should go ahead with this purchase.
- **Website**—John Humphrey confirmed that the Bart website will no longer be active as of the end of January. Rev David Green is producing the new Benefice website and has agreed that John can edit the Addington part of the new website.

11. Date of next PCC meeting: Tuesday, 2nd April 2024, 7.30 in the church room.

Date of APCM—19th May, 2024 immediately after the 10am Service.