

**ST MARGARET CHURCH, ADDINGTON**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Dated Tuesday 4th June, 2024**

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no apologies.
2. **Present:** Rev Helen Burn, Graham Halliday-Saddler (Churchwarden), John Humphrey (Churchwarden/Treasurer), Brenda Humphrey (Secretary), Paul Drayson, Rita Drayson, John Dudley, Sally Goodman, Judy Grimes, Christine Halliday-Saddler, Laraine Jallili-Hodges, Eleanor Smith.
3. **Minutes of Meeting** dated 2nd April were approved. **Minutes of Meeting** dated 19th April were approved.
4. **Matters Arising:** Website—The domain name for Addington Church is—  
stmargaretschurhaddington.org.uk
5. **Safeguarding:** Nothing to report.
6. **Financial Report:** John Humphrey reported that he and Rita had had a partial handover of Treasurer duties but are awaiting change of signatories on the bank and savings accounts. He reported that Rita had very kindly offered to deal with the utilities, cash offerings and claiming the Gift Aid. He thanked Rita for her help. It was agreed that Glenn Goodman should be removed as a signatory and Christine Halliday-Saddler to be the replacement.  
The **Churchyard grant** from the Parish Council has been reduced from £1000 to £500 and it is unlikely that we will get anything next year.  
**Investment Account with NS&I** It was agreed that the Treasurer should move this to an account paying a higher interest rate. Eleanor agreed to research CAF and Charity Bank and inform the Treasurer who will make recommendations at the next PCC meeting.  
**D Day** The Diocese have confirmed that the collection for the British Legion could go through the Church's bank account. It is to be treated as an 'Agency Fund' and not to be included in the accounts under Income/Expenditure.
7. **Churchwardens' Report:** A new noticeboard for Children's Church had been purchased and fixed in the Church Room.
8. **Mission Planning:** We looked again at the Mission Action Planning notes that had been produced as a result of the meeting Pete Wilson and Christine Halliday-Saddler had with Helen. It was agreed that Children's church was very encouraging and we should pray regularly for the children and their families. We need to develop the prayer life of our church. Graham Halliday-Saddler to arrange a time when Café Church leaders and wardens can meet for prayer. It was agreed that it would be good to organise a Quiz Night in the Village Hall.
9. **D Day:** Thursday evening, 6th June, 7.30pm in Village Hall. Refreshments to be supplied free of charge by St Margarets.
10. **Friends of Kent Churches:** A group of around 50 are visiting St Margarets on 12th June when we will provide refreshments.
11. **Parish Offer Review Questionnaire:** A draft copy of the completed questionnaire was circulated for approval. It was agreed that the Secretary should send this to the diocese.

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12. **Any Other Business:** John Dudley looked into the **insurance** company that Rev. David Green recommended but as we have just renewed our existing policy he is unable to get a quote until around October.

**Fire Extinguishers**—John Dudley to investigate purchasing our own extinguishers.

**Charities**—Sally Goodman to put details of our charities on the noticeboard in the church.

**Wi-Fi in the Church**—John Humphrey agreed to investigate how we could get this installed in St Margarets.

**Standing Committee**—New committee to consist of Rev Helen Burn, Graham Halliday-Saddler, John Humphrey, Brenda Humphrey and Paul Drayson or one of the LLMs (Paul to speak to the LLMs).

**Celebrate:** Was on 5th Sunday which is now a Team Service. It could be held 2 or three times a year, possibly on a Sunday evening, dependent on the availability of musicians.

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13. **Date of next PCC meeting:** Tues 16th July 2024, 7.30pm in the Church Room.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm.