

All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames Parochial Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th June 2022, 7.30pm at All Saints Church

Minutes

Present

John Dewhurst (Chair), Alastair Deller (Honorary Treasurer), Revd William Allberry, Sheila Bryant, Liz Deller, Yvonne Fitzpatrick, Eithne Fray, Isabel Isaacson (Secretary), Roshan Jathanna, Keith Long, Jennifer Pearce, Peter Reddell, Lucy Robinson, Paul Thompson, Joni Timmins.

William opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. *Welcome to new members.* The meeting welcomed the newly elected members to the PCC.
2. *Apologies:* Jeremy Jeffreys, Mary Mundy, Samantha Taylor, Philip Walker.
3. *Minutes of the most recent meetings, 27th April and 8th May* – the minutes were agreed with no changes.
4. *Matters arising.*

Lighting upgrade. The following resolution was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Lighting upgrade: PCC resolution (7th June 2022)

‘The PCC endorses the proposal to replace the current luminaires in the church with equivalents incorporating LED lamps and replacing the existing lighting control system with a Mode Lighting system to utilise the dimming capabilities of the LED lamps, saving energy and enhancing flexibility. The PCC considers that CLS Electrical Services Ltd quoted price for the work represents good value for money, especially in view of the high annual maintenance costs associated with the current system. The PCC also notes that the cost of the works can be met from existing resources.’

The resolution was proposed by Paul Thompson and seconded by Yvonne Fitzpatrick. It was unanimously approved by the meeting.

The replacement of the current failed lights will be postponed until the timing of the installation of the new system is known.

5. *Finance*

The analysis of income and expenditure for the period: 01 January 2022 to 31 May 2022 was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Alastair gave a brief run through of the church’s current finances. General income: £132,551; general expenditure: £106,031 resulting in a surplus of £26,520. Café rent (£20,000) from Kingston College was written off last year but has now been received and included in the accounts this year.

Church accounts currently stand at: £4,247 (Parish Clerk’s Account); £42,815 (Treasurer’s Account); £58,041 (deposit account); £58,975 (Reserve). Designated funds include: £47,021 (fabric fund); £40,844 (Saxon Kings embroidery panels).

We are still awaiting the finalising of the merger of the All Saints Church charity and the Assistant Priest’s Residence Fund charity.

Good causes. Lent coffee money was donated to Water Aid (£200) and £350 was sent to Christian Aid (Ukraine fund).

The meeting was pleased to note the recovery and return to Church of David Condry following his car accident. We were pleased to agree an interim payment for Matthew O'Malley in recognition of his stepping up to take on the Director of Music role in David's absence. The PCC record its thanks to Matthew for all his work in maintaining the high quality of our music in church.

The PCC acknowledged that the choir is in need of new robes and that money for these will need to be raised.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Alastair for his work on the Accounts.

6. The Vacancy.

(a) **Appointment.** The meeting welcomed confirmation of the appointment of Joe Moffatt to the position of Team Rector and acknowledged the good fortune of securing it at first time of asking. Joe and his family will be moving in to the Rectory at the end of August.

(b) **Vicarage refurbishment.** Various improvements as agreed between Joe and the Diocesan property department are currently being carried out. The meeting agreed to the suggestion that we appoint gardening contractors to maintain the grounds until the Rectory is occupied (approx. 3 visits).

(c) **Induction service.** This will take place on 7th September and will be conducted by Bishop Richard. Arrangements are currently in preparation – we are expecting a large demand for attendance at the service and it will most likely need to be by invitation to make sure that numbers are appropriate.

There will be a much-deserved 'thank you' party for William on Sunday 4th September in appreciation of all he has done to ensure a full programme of services during the vacancy, plus his constant support in many other ways during this period. We have especially enjoyed the impressively wide and varied selection of preachers who have joined us in our worship. The suggestion for tea after services in the new Rector's first month as a way to get to know us was felt to be a good idea.

7. Appointment of Deputy Churchwardens and confirmation of Deanery Synod representatives.

The proposed Churchwarden Structure to formalise our current arrangements was circulated ahead of the meeting. The Assistant Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens listed in the document plus Sheila Bryant (Links with the Town role) were unanimously elected by the PCC at the meeting. The meeting recorded thanks to all for their work in these roles and to Sheila for agreeing to fill the Links with the Town vacancy.

Deanery Synod representatives are confirmed as: John Dewhurst, Paul Thompson, Samantha Taylor, Jeremy Jeffreys, Isabel Isaacson.

8. Forthcoming services.

Arrangements for the following services are currently in preparation:

Mayoral Service (Sunday 12th June at 11.30am)

Ordination Service: Saturday 2nd July at 11.00am

Induction and Institution: 7th September at 7.30pm

Bishop Richard's Retirement Service: Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm

9. Church Life Review.

- The common Communion cup will be reinstated from Sunday 12th June. Suitable arrangements will be in place to allow appropriate choices for all attending.
- The Virger role has now become a welcome feature of any service that includes a procession.
- **The PCC meeting of 27th April, Item 10: Visitors to All Saints noted:** "The meeting agreed the importance of finding a place within All Saints for all who wish to be there. It is a key part of the mission of the church, especially in relation to those

who presence may raise difficulties for us. We also agreed the need to bear in mind potential safeguarding issues.”

The PCC now notes that the presence in church of one such person has subsequently become the subject of a Diocesan Safeguarding meeting to agree a plan going forward.

- We are currently awaiting work to begin on the uplighters in the footpaths around the church. These lights failed last summer due to becoming waterlogged. Paving slabs need to be removed (for which a licence from the Council is required) before the contractors can remove the light fittings.

10. *Health & Safety and Safeguarding*

The meeting noted that, following the involvement of the Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, a Safeguarding Agreement was being put in place with regard to a regular visitor to the church. It was agreed that the details of this arrangement were necessarily confidential.

11. *Kingston Team News*

- The appointment process has had the additional benefit of revitalising the Team Ministry.
- St John the Evangelist can now begin its recruitment process.

12. *Dates of PCC meetings*

The next meetings will be on:

Wednesday 20th July

Tuesday 13th September

14. *Any Other Business*

There was no other business.

Next PCC Meeting. The next meeting of the PCC will take place on **Wednesday 20th July.**

The meeting closed with a Prayer.