

All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th April 2022, 7.30pm at All Saints Church

Minutes

Present

John Dewhurst (Chair), Alastair Deller (Honorary Treasurer), Eithne Fray, Richard Hawkins, Isabel Isaacson (Secretary), Daniel Kelly, Peter Reddell, Samantha Taylor, Paul Thompson, Mary Warman.

John opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. *Apologies:* Revd William Allberry, Roshan Jathanna, Philip Davies, Yvonne Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Gillard, Jennifer Pearce, Philip Walker.

2. *Minutes of last two meetings,* the PCC meeting, 22nd February 2022 and the Extraordinary PCC meeting, 12th April 2022 (concerning plans in relation to the chiming device ('carillon')) – the minutes of both meetings agreed with no changes.

3. *Matters arising.*

- Extraordinary meeting 12.04.22: Faculty request now posted in the church and on the Diocesan website; the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) raised no objections as long as we retain the original system, which we plan to do.
- South Porch table. This is now in place and has been well received. The meeting recorded its thanks to Sheila Bryant for her generous donation in Michael's memory which enabled us to purchase the table.
- Vergers' gowns – these have now arrived. They will hang in the corner cupboard of the north transept for the use of those who would like to wear them.
- Annual Church inspection. This was satisfactorily carried out on 8th March by the Area Dean.
- Hong Kong refugees. John Dewhurst has been looking at ways that we might be able to help support Hong Kong refugees in the local area and has a potential contact within the church community.
- Iftar 23rd April did not take place in the church as originally planned. There was a major Iftar event taking place at the Guildhall on Friday 22nd April and it was felt that there was not enough evidence that a second event on the following day would be adequately supported. Sandy Cragg represented All Saints at the Guildhall event.
- Trip incident. An update was provided in relation to this: consideration of an offer of compensation to the claimant is still in process.

4. *Finance*

The final accounts 2021 were circulated in advance of the meeting. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Paul Thompson and seconded by Richard Hawkins. The motion was carried unanimously. The Annual Report & Financial Statements will be circulated to the PCC before the APCM on 8th May.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Alastair for all his excellent work as Treasurer.

Alastair gave a brief run through of the church's current finances. Church current accounts stand at £58,430; general reserve: £58,975; fabric fund: £37,021. A gift aid refund of just over £8,000 has recently been received. A recent donation of £15,000 (£18,750 after gift aid) will cover the 'carillon' work. There will be a cost of around £7,000 to repair the out of action

boiler. The proposed new lighting system will need a faculty – this will be prepared after the APCM on 8th May. In the meantime we will have to arrange for the failed bulbs in the current lighting to be replaced (we hope for one last time) and there will be a cost attached to that.

5. *Certificate of Inventory of Church Property and Log Book.*

This has been completed and signed off by the churchwardens.

6. *The Vacancy.*

(a) **Shortlisting meeting.** This took place on 26th April. Three candidates were shortlisted for interview.

(b) **Candidates' visit.** This will take place on Saturday 7th May (a provisional schedule has been drawn up and was circulated in advance of this meeting).

(c) **Interviews.** These will take place on Wednesday 11th May at All Saints. Interview panel: the Bishop of Southwark is represented by the Archdeacon, John Kiddle; Revd Dr Stephen Cherry will represent All Saints' patrons, King's College Cambridge; there will be two members of All Saints PCC on the panel: John Dewhurst and Jennifer Pearce; Isobel Robinson will represent St John the Evangelist and Beverley Morley-Brown St John the Baptist. Stephen Cherry will be attending Choral Evensong on Wednesday 4th May and will stay on after the service to talk to the congregation.

7. *A Minster for Kingston – update.*

It is disappointing that this suggestion will not be addressed by the Diocese until we have appointed an incumbent for All Saints. The parish system is currently under review and this could also have an impact on this issue.

8. *Inclusive church consultation.*

There was a good and thoughtful response to the consultation but it did not result in a strong enough mandate to make a recommendation. The meeting agreed to defer the decision until we have a new Team Rector.

9. *The Diocese of Southwark Anti-Racism Charter: discussion about adoption.*

The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the Anti-Racism Charter. (Motion proposed by Samantha Taylor; seconded by Alastair Deller.)

10. *Annual Meetings – Sunday 8th May.*

The Annual Report is now finalised for distribution at the APCM. The PCC has 4 vacancies resulting from the completion by Richard Hawkins and Jonathan Gillard of their 3-year terms of office; the resignation of Richard Clark and the sad death of Michael Bryant. We currently have four nominations for the vacancies. The meeting recorded its thanks to Richard, Jonathan and Richard Clark for their contributions during their time on the committee. We are glad to record that John and Roshan are both standing for re-election as Churchwardens. The meeting recorded thanks to them for all their hard work during this challenging year.

11. *Church Life Review.*

- **David Condry.** The meeting welcomed the news that David has now left hospital.
- **Visitors to All Saints.** 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 whose presence may raise difficulties for us. We also agreed the need to bear in mind potential safeguarding issues.

12. *Health & Safety and Safeguarding*

The Church safeguarding policies are currently being reviewed. The Basic Safeguarding Awareness training is available on the Diocese website for those who need to undertake it.

13. *Kingston Team News*

The appointment process has had the additional benefit of providing more opportunities for interaction with the other two Team parishes. John has been to the PCC meetings of both churches and it is likely that we will identify more potential areas for interaction with them.

14. *Any Other Business*

There was no other business.

Next PCC Meeting. The next meeting of the PCC will take place on **Sunday 8th May, following the Annual Meeting.**

The meeting closed with a Prayer.