

'The PCC exists to collaborate with the incumbent in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.'

St George the Martyr PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING

held on 26 July 2022

MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING

PCC Vision Day preparation: PCC are planning a vision session on the morning of Saturday 17 September to focus on the vision and strategy of St George's. It became apparent that the six overarching strategic aims of St George's, which are all about engaging with the community, have not been reviewed and may need revision. There also needs to be an aim regarding the environment and one explicit to social conscience. The plan therefore is to re-scope the six aims, prioritise what must be done over the next few years, and create a realistic and measureable plan defining what success looks like.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Assistant Churchwarden role: John Huckle circulated a revised role description. The scope of the role has been reduced and its purpose is for someone to stand-in when a churchwarden is not present at a Sunday service. The name of the role is 'Churchwarden Assistant at Sunday Worship'. Anyone interested, please see John Huckle, Rita Gardner or Revd Becky.

Bar Licensee: Terry Rayson has stepped down as barman but is prepared to continue as Licensee as no-one has offered to take on the role. This means that the licence to sell alcohol on church premises can be maintained. Money can still be raised for the church if members of St George's are present at functions. Bar stock would need to be organised by those running the event.

Update on Enborne: Nothing has been heard from the Archdeacon with regard to the process of putting out the proposal to public consultation.

Church Lighting: an initial quotation has been received to replace the system with LED bulbs as the current system will not take LED bulbs. It is very expensive. Revd Rita Ball will now be investigating a simple on/off system which will work with LED bulbs and will seek a quotation for this proposal.

Sharing the communion cup: Revd Becky enquired from the PCC whether it was an optimum time to re-introduce the sharing of the communion cup. The general consensus was to wait as Covid cases are increasing. The intention is to review the situation at every PCC meeting.

Safeguarding Update: it was noted that members of the church choir are now required to do the basic safeguarding course. PCC approved the list of non-church activities which is required for Level 3 of the Safeguarding Dashboard. Safeguarding Sunday is scheduled for 20 November 2022.

Health and Safety: it was reported that an incident had occurred on the step of the high altar due to the change of colour disguising the change in depth of the step. A proposal will be offered at next PCC meeting

Allotment: Kate Addis has stepped down from managing the allotment due to work commitments, and the allotment has been relinquished. A new proposal for a sensory garden outside church was aired at PCC and it is hoped that funds given to the allotment project can be redirected to this project.

Attendance 78% Full approved minutes on our website after the next meeting on 20 September 2022.