

'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 14th March 2023

MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING

Outreach activities: Updates were received on plans for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the future of the Wash Commoner and the activities of the Café. There will be a special service to commemorate the occasion of the Coronation and the events team are planning a lunch to celebrate. Plans for this will be shaped in coming weeks and volunteers are welcome. The Wash Commoner has faced financial pressures caused by the doubling of print costs over the past eighteen months, and still seeks a new editor to take the magazine forward. The communications team will discuss and bring options for the continuation of the Wash Commoner to PCC. The PCC confirmed the value of outreach through the magazine and did not rule out subsidising it from church funds. The café continues to be successful, and plans to open on Polling Day, Thursday 4th May in the Large Meeting Room.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Mission Giving Policy: This was agreed at the January meeting and is now approved and posted on the website. There are no volunteers to join the charitable giving sub-committee as yet.

New Era Theatre. Following meetings with New Era, there has been an agreed increase to rental charges for the theatre going forward.

Approval of the Annual Report and Accounts: The PCC received an update from the Treasurer on the finances of the church, and the Annual Report and Accounts following an examination of the accounts by our external auditors was agreed.

Guttering and Damp Repairs: Following receipt of quotes for repairs to guttering and fascia boards, PCC has agreed on approving works. The Greenham Trust has approved match funding for this project and fundraising will start on this. The commencement date on this work will be communicated when available, and a link for fundraising will be available in the next newsletter.

Safeguarding Update: There will be a full report on this at APCM. The action plan distributed following the January meeting has now been accepted. There are additional DBS registrations for St Georges due to the Friendship Group, re-starting of Star Club and other ad hoc additions. Group Leaders need to complete trackers, and volunteer agreements need to be in place. There is succession planning underway for the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Health and Safety: There are now grit bins available for use when icy.

APCM 25th April 2023. 5 PCC members terms of office end in April - Linda Ling, Rita Gardner (six-year term as churchwarden finishes), John Gardner, Kim Tiley and Ronnie Herd. Thanks were expressed to all for their extended service through the pandemic. We are now seeking new people to offer to serve on the PCC – all PCC members were invited to encourage others in the congregation to consider being nominated. Informal reports will be required for the annual booklet ready for APCM.