

'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 25th May 2023

MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING

Governance: During this first meeting following the APCM, new (returning) and old PCC members were welcomed back and roles within Church were confirmed including Chalice Administrants, Sides-People and Lay Deacons. The PCC discussed and reflected on their role and responsibilities in representing the church and congregation.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Outreach: The welcome café continues to grow, and extend its reach and provided drinks throughout Polling Day. As the weather improves it will be possible at some points to run the Café in the courtyard.

Children and Young People: The agreed action points for this strategy are in progress and a helpful meeting with the Berkshire archdeaconry Parish Development Advisor has helped to clarify the issues. Work continues in this area and will come to the July PCC with a proposed plan.

Safeguarding Update: The Safeguarding dashboard and action plan were reviewed. PCC approved the list of non-church activities which is required for Level 3 of the Safeguarding Dashboard, and the updated Safeguarding policy was approved. Group Leaders need to complete trackers, and volunteer agreements need to be in place. Social media procedures need to be reviewed. Succession planning continues for the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Guttering and Damp Repairs: Funds have been raised for the low guttering, and we are now awaiting a date from the contractor to start works. The high guttering and tiling will need to follow. The quinquennial architects have been contacted for potential input.

Health and Safety: The exposed stairwell to the Choir balcony will be reviewed, as there is a fall risk.

Hall and centre hire rates: the PCC agreed the proposed increases to hire rates will be coming into effect this September, to provide hirers with advance notice.

Update on Enborne: The public consultation is yet to take place, and results are likely to be published later this summer. A team from St Georges have been supporting their PCC, and Enborne will have an APCM this Saturday. Forest Church had 50 attendees this week, and St Georges will be assisting Enborne in reviewing the building and graveyard for required works and grant funding.

St Michael's chapel window A proposal has been received by PCC to commission the stained glass in the roundel above the flower vestry door which was originally envisaged and designed by John Hayward when St Georges was built. Agreed that feasibility should be investigated.

Green Agenda There is a renewal of green initiatives delayed by the pandemic, including enabling a wild area in the open space at the front of the church site. The PCC agreed that some signs should be commissioned to say that this is for nature and habitat reasons and that paths will be mown to delineate the wild space and show this is a deliberate area of greening. PCC agreed that there is a future need to re-establish the green group and re-engage with the greening agenda.

Wash Commoner There is a likelihood that the summer edition of the Wash Commoner may not be published, due to a lack of team members.

Attendance 87.5% Full approved minutes on our website after the next meeting on 18th July 2023.
