

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist Newbury

Meeting of the PCC held on Thursday 15th September 2022 beginning at 7.30pm at St John's Church

Present:

The Revd. Gary Collins – Chair
David Oats– Churchwarden
Alison Foulkes - Churchwarden
Sam Brown – Hon. Secretary

Also in attendance:

Margaret Baker (MB), Jeremy Wright (JPW), Jennifer Wright (JW) Melanie Brown (MAB), Andrew Kingston (AK)

1	Opening Prayer & Welcome		
2	Apologies for absence: Stephen Kerry (SK), Jennie Marwick-Evans (JME), Kim Whittaker, Aeron Slade (AS), Andy Grace (AG)		
3	Correspondence SB has received from Ann Dixon, her resignation from the PCC for personal reasons. She also expressed her wish to join the Social & Hospitality group. Revd Gary passed our appreciation and thanks for her service to the PCC over several years.		
4	Minutes of the previous meeting The previous PCC meeting held 21 st July 2022 was approved by unanimous vote		
	Matters Arising from previous minutes No actions to carry over		
5	Appointing new Officer H&S officer, Margaret Baker (MB) has agreed to take on the role on a trial basis with the support of the two churchwardens. DO nominated and JW seconded, The PCC extends its thanks to MB for volunteering.		
6	Safeguarding Update Revd Gary asked if any issues have been reported or any concerns raised? Not aware of any safeguarding issues. All PCC members now have Basic Safeguarding. Revd Gary asked the PCC to confirm they have completed Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse Training. SB to resend 14 th February 2022 email and all have been requested to complete it. It is valid for 3 years. SB to re-issue the email with the link, Revd Gary will clarify the mandatory nature of the request.		
7	H&S Update. MB updated that the cleaning products (inc. bleach) have been removed from the tower toilet and placed in the sacristy under-sink cupboard where they will only be accessible to authorised users.		
8	GDPR Update. Resolved, our GDPR information is up to date.		
9	Social and Hospitality Group. JW updated that on 6 th September Social and Hospitality Group met and the first event will be 26 th November, a Winter Quiz (with wine and nibbles) £5 a ticket, Revd Gary will host the		

	quiz and we hope to raise funds for i-CAP. For the Spring a visit to Ripon College, Cuddesdon (potentially a benefice day). A raffle at Christmas and maybe a talent show. Also, a church lunch (29 th January 2023)		
10	Deanery Update Deanery chapter meeting was held today (15/09). Revd Gary updated the committee on the latest congregation (TSA for June) figures which will be published when reviewed.		
11	Financial Report DO updated that the PCC received via Kim all the financials. During 2021 the church investments increased by £70k (likely to have reduced since then). But we would have received quarterly dividends. DO updated that we still have outstanding match funding, he will speak with KS on options given the deadlines for the match funding. AK suggested an email urgently issued to enable match funding before the deadline. AK to draft an email for Revd Gary to send. DO updated bank balances look healthy. The room hire has exceeded the expected annual forecast for this year. Do updated that church continues to be popular.		
12	Vicar's Report Revd Gary updated on community warm spaces and goodwill in the community. Still working on encouraging more people into the church. Revd Gary suggested he is considering small groups to encourage people to explore their faith. Revd Gary is encouraged by the new faces we are seeing in church.		
13	Progress Update at St. John's. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nave floor Repairs, no progress. DO has contacted the DAC for a specialist contractor. DAC suggested asking our architect to recommend a company to check the underfloor heating pipes and floor. • Lady Chapel carpet, in progress, need to source a new contractor for ideas (carpet tiles or alternative). • iCAP, match funding discussed. • Organ Project Update DO update, reported expected in approx. 3 weeks. • Bike rack, SK will be asked to progress as a project • Car park markings – footpath now completed (disabled bays to be marked up) • LED replacements completed in the Parish Room. DO updated its 8 LED panels which has made a substantial difference (including the WC and the passageway). Do updated we have been promised a £300 grant for future LED work. MB asked that the high-level up-lighters might be checked out for future operation if possible. 		
14	Christmas tree festival JW updated that the festival would run from 12 th December through to Christmas Eve. Revd Gary asked if we would be lighting up the church again – cost approx. £800. SB proposed and JW seconded, all PCC voted agreed and this will be discussed with KS. SB to contact the SFC to request an extra-ordinary SFC to review the position with KS.		
15	Greening St John's Green audit recommendations in progress.		
16	Financial Reserve Policy Anyone interested in being involved in the new working group should contact KS		
17	Living in Love and Faith Revd Gary is promoting a progressive and inclusive church. Revd Gary still considering whether to join being an Inclusive Church.		
18	St John's School Connection Revd Gary updated all is going well.		
19	Community spaces / warm living 21 st September, Revd Gary hosting a meeting of local people and agencies to review and discuss options to get consensus and working out a plan.		

20	Benefice Expansion update – PCCs expected to review proposals in January 2023. A new Rector has been appointed for Enborne current benefice. Another Forest Church 9 th October.
21	Queen’s funeral – The church plans to be open over the weekend and on the Monday. The PCC agreed to 10-4 Saturday, Sunday (normal) and Monday 9-11.
22	Revd Terry Winrow. This PCC consents, under Section 29A(10)(b) of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulation 2009, to the extension of the term of office of the Reverend Terence Winrow, who has attained the age of 70 years and is licensed to the Benefice of St George and St John Newbury, for a period of one year.
23	Any Other Business. Possibility of a replacement Curate for Revd Julie. Revd Gary updated that we are not strictly a Training Benefice but have seen the huge benefit in having Revd Julie with us. Arrangements for Revd Julie installation at Hurstbourne Tarrant at 19:30 on 16 th September. Review of Revd Gary wearing a mask for communion, Revd Gary will be considering the position.

Closing Benediction, the meeting closed at 21:30

Dates of next meetings:

10/11/22 (Thursday) Standing Committee Meeting - Zoom

24/11/22 (Thursday) Parochial Church Council Meeting - Church, Upper Room