

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HARTFORD.

MINUTES

OF THE P.C.C. MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JULY, 2024

IN THE CHURCH ROOM AT 7p.m.

Present: Rev'd. Geoff Boucher, Revd. Steph. Pedlar, Revd. Clifford Owen, Sue Craven, Paul Fearon, Bev. McCallum, Genene Triggs, Lesley Grant, Tony Humes, Colin Jones, Peter King, Elaine Levitt, Helen Dowzall, Pam Fearon.

Apologies for absence were received from Revd. Sam Perez.

The meeting opened with Geoff leading us in prayer.

A warm welcome to Revd. Steph. Pedlar who was joining us for her first PCC Meeting was made by Rev'd. Geoff Boucher.

1. **The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 20th May** were approved subject to one correction requested by Colin Jones that "not all his Safeguarding Training had been done at Ely, some had been done on line."
2. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
3. **Correspondence:** The Treasurer, Churchwardens and Rev'd. Geoff Boucher had received a confirmation letter thanking them for our Church's paying in full, the Parish Share.
4. **Safeguarding:** Colin informed the PCC that he had produced an action plan from the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard. There were a number of items that needed attention and he would draft the necessary policies for the PCC to approve at its next meeting. It was noted that a Safeguarding Report had been included in the Annual Report at the APCM. Paul reported that all the training modules had been completed with the exception that Mary Adlam needed to complete the Basic Awareness Module.
A revised Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church was presented for the PCC's approval. It was proposed by Elaine Levitt and seconded by Sue Craven and approved unanimously. Colin would arrange for it to be posted on the website and displayed in church.
5. **Church Wardens Report:** The report had been circulated to the PCC prior to the meeting.
6. **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's Report had been circulated. Paul highlighted the current position and forecast for the year which will be very dependent on the timing of the lighting project. Direct income is still flat despite the increasing size of the congregation. Fundraising should now achieve the budget of £6,000 following Clifford's W2E ride and the upcoming Coffee Morning at the beginning of August. There were no questions raised by the PCC.

7. **Lighting and Limewash Project:** The PCC Committee were informed that it was hoped to start the Lighting part of this project in the Autumn of this year with the Lime Wash hopefully starting in January 2025. The Lime Wash was expected to take 3 months and to be completed before Easter.
8. **Celebrating the Eucharist:** A lengthy discussion took place with regard to how we receive Holy Communion. Rev'd. Geoff Boucher explained that he had spoken with people who were having coffee on Sunday morning asking for their feelings on how they would like to go forward. Geoff informed the meeting that the majority of people asked seemed to prefer staying as we take communion now. The majority at the PCC meeting favoured returning to the altar. It was agreed that as from 4th August we would return to the altar and that Geoff would give further thought to finding a way for communicants either to drink from the chalice or to receive an intincted wafer. This would involve the use of two chalices.
9. **Sea Sunday:** Rev'd. Clifford Owen gave details of the history of Sea Sunday and also the service to take place at All Saints, Hartford on Sunday 14th July. Several local dignitaries would attend the service along with members of the Royal Navy Association. The Sea Cadets would also be in attendance. Clifford would be producing an order of service for the event and the collection taken for that day would be in aid of the Mission.
10. **Deanery Synod:** Elaine Levitt's notes from the Deanery Synod were circulated to PCC Members prior to the meeting.
11. **Fire Regulations:** There was no update available on this item at the moment.
12. **Church Garden and Rose Bushes:** Andrew Bath mentioned he was happy to replace the rose bushes at the side of the path leading to the church door. Details of this are to be arranged. An area at the back of the church, where the ashes tablets are, has been suggested for the planting of rose bushes should someone wish to donate a rose bush in memory of a loved one. An area either side of the bench has been tested and found to be suitable for planting. Contact would be made with Peter Haynes of the Town Council to ask the question, do we dig ourselves or would his team undertake this.
13. **Help I'm On The PCC:** The meeting was taken by the Archdeacon Richard Harlow. Six members of our PCC attended with many other PCC's in attendance. We had a very full church room. All comments received were that the meeting was very informative and well presented.
14. **Any Other Business:** Helen Dowzall asked the meeting for the approval of Brian Macklin to the Electoral Roll. All agreed. Revd. Steph. Pedlar thanked the meeting for the warm welcome she had received and also for the gift given to her on Sunday Morning.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm with PCC Members saying The Grace.