

ALL SAINTS' CLAYTON-LE-MOORS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022, 7.30pm in Church

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev'd T Webber

Present – Rev'd T Webber, L Cousins, D Clarke, John Blysniuk, Julie Blysniuk, G Lever, L Vine, L Bracewell, A McMinn, S McMinn, A Helm, E Lockwood

1 Apologies for absence –J Allen, J Kenyon, B Shaw

2 Minutes of meeting held on 18 January 2022 – the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting (proposed Julie B, seconded D Clarke)

3 Matters Arising

- Church Warden recruitment – still no one has come forward and with less than 2 months to go before the APCM we really need to find someone. EL suggested potentially recruiting a couple of deputy wardens. LB suggested she would take on the role if we can find someone to replace her as treasurer, however she has a concern about where she lives in relation to church and distance, and it would be a significant loss to the treasurer role if she swapped. Invited to continue to pray that the right person come forward, as it was not satisfactory to return to having one warden only.

4 Fabric

- a) **Quinquennial report** – nothing major that needs urgent attention, main concerns, stone delamination outside due to stones having been fitted incorrectly during building, exacerbated by pollution and inappropriate pointing. This will need to be addressed within around 20 years.

Immediate plans

refurbish kitchen
shelving in back room
repairs to tower hatch to keep watertight
repairs to outlet pipe in vestry

Within 2-3 years

Windows need repairing (black bars) and polycarbonate coverings replaced with vented protection
Doors need stripping down and re-varnishing (do we know anyone who can do this locally?)
Painting in various areas

High level to quote for repairs in vestry
Tower is mainly dry, bell needs inspecting
Drawings for kitchen are being drawn up with some space saving ideas.

We have been advised that a Faculty will only be needed for the gutter repair, all other jobs can happen without one.

Toby suggested that the fabric report at the APCM could be used to set out the plans.

Boiler service has been postponed until 21st April

Tree seedlings in churchyard outside vestry to be removed, Sarah to try and find a tree surgeon.

5. Finance

Linda Bracewell outlined the proposed finance plan (attached). She explained that the aims were listed in priority order. She reported that we had achieved our financial aims for the last year by not taking more from building funds or investments, but this was due to the positive response to Toby's letter. We have c£50k in the building fund and investments worth c£100k

We will need to look at fundraising to ensure we can meet the financial challenges we are set to face in the future, whilst acknowledging that peoples' giving may be affected by economic factors. A specific appeal, focussed on tangible and noticeable improvements, such as to the kitchen and the condition of the doors, should be launched. Groups who use the facilities could be challenged to support. Grant applications should also be re-visited and Jaqui Houliker will speak to David Woodcock if he would take the lead on this.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the strategic aims in the finance plan (proposed Sarah McMinn, seconded David Clarke).

It was further unanimously agreed that the £50,000 held in the building fund could be dispersed to support the work needed on the building over the quinquennium (proposed Linda Vine, seconded David Clarke). Linda reserved the right where necessary – to return to the PCC should parts of this sum need to be re-designated in order to support day to day expenditure. She hoped that this would not be necessary.

Toby thanked Linda B and the finance committee for all their hard work on the finance plan.

6. Review of worship

Toby explained and thanked Julie and John for their work on the survey and producing a summary report, which was discussed in great detail.

JB highlighted it was worrying that in the

- 18-34 year category only 7 people completed,

- More women and men
- No youth

however, may not be a true reflection of our congregation, the survey shows a spread of different people with different needs, so it needs to be a balanced response.

Toby read through the notes for PCC consideration

- Discussion around how we are going to communicate feedback from the survey
- Publish the summary main findings
- Focused update actions, with comments around a few

Another meeting to be arranged for next steps so this can feed into sermons/hymns and how it can be reflected into the content – with clear next steps to show the survey has influenced change.

Chalice – a discussion was held around return of the chalice, or trial of individual cups, it was agreed that we would reintroduce the chalice from Easter, making it clear that if people didn't want to take it they didn't need to.

Service pattern – as list Toby went through it and agreed that 8am would return weekly, and all services would return to normal pattern. Looking to recruit someone to man 8am service in JR absence.

Music – no radical change to choir services at the moment and inspire to cover once a month morning and evening service.

7. Social and fundraising

Events coming up –

- It'll be alright on the night – Saturday evening – still tickets available
- Saturday craft morning now taking place the Saturday before Palm Sunday, all on Eventbrite and helpers still needed.
- Easter Walk now local, a 3.5 mile walk from church at 11am, followed by drinks at Linda Vines bar then on for lunch at Andrew and Sarah's. Must sign up on sheet in church for catering/drinks and donations are asked for Ukraine.
- 20th May – Ladies tropic night in church
- 5th June- Sunday service – Jubilee street party

8- Scargill house

29 adults and 13 children signed up, another push needed on this as numbers are low.

9- Forthcoming services, Holy Week

Palm Sunday – evening service

Monday – Altham

Tuesday All Saints

Wednesday – usual morning service

Maundy Thursday – 7.30 pm

Good Friday – 10am family/Friday praise and 11am morning worship, 2pm Altham

Easter Morning – 6am dawn service in park, usual times services

10. Arrangements for APCM

Julie B and Jonathan K are off after 2 terms

Adele H and David C have completed a term of 3 years and are eligible for re - election

Sarah and Julie to work together on service

Adele to meet with Toby to prepare PCC report.

11.All Saints' governor position – Jonathan Kenyon is stepping down from this role

12.Christian Aid Week – Janet Turner is finishing as Christian Aid co-ordinator for Clayton. A review is needed with other participating churches to see how we take this forward, whether we continue door to door collecting, etc.

13.Safeguarding – DBS are now needed every 3 years and EL has a list of who will need a new one shortly, including Julia Allen, Linda Vine, Pauline Broughton, Andrew McMinn and Sarah McMinn

There has been a reduction in fee from £22 to £18 from 1st April

There is a new safeguarding team at the Diocese

EL has sent the H&S Template over to the fabric team as requested.

14. Deanery and Diocese

The Bishop of Blackburn is retiring.

St Pauls Accrington and Baxenden St Johns are becoming a benefice; the current united benefice of St Pauls and St James is being dissolved, and St Pauls is joining with Trinity

We are getting a new curate in the summer, Revd Victor Sahil, who is moving here in order to gain more experience in a stipendiary post.

15. Dates of next meetings

21 April 2022

