PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes from 3 July 2024



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 July 2024 in the Blue Room

Attendees	×	Adam	\checkmark	Giles	\checkmark	Liz	\checkmark	Sue
	×	Anna	\checkmark	Gordon	\checkmark	Louise	\checkmark	Tamsin
	\checkmark	Fleur	×	Jon	×	Rob	\checkmark	Tim
	\checkmark	Geoff	×	Katy	\checkmark	Simon	\checkmark	Vicki

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l Introductions		
	Opening prayers Were led by Simon.	
1.1	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Adam, Anna, Jon, Katy & Rob.	
1.2	Minutes of the last meeting The PCC accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2024 If you find a correction in future minutes, please email pccsecretary@httchurch.org - we won't go through minutes in detail in future.	
1.3	 Matters arising from the minutes ↑ A substantial sum was raised from the May Fair activity in the church and Green Room. We will repeat our success next year with the addition of baguettes made on demand! ↑ Simon thanked those people who were involved in the event. 	
1.4	Trello This is the system we use to record actions from past PCC meetings. This means that we have a record in one place of outstanding actions, actions in progress and actions completed. The system owner will circulate a PDF summary of what is in Trello periodically.	
2 Fo	r approval	
2.1	Nothing to report here.	
3 Fo	r discussion	
3.1	Louise Welcome Louise. And thank you for joining the PCC. May your tenure be a happy and fruitful one.	
3.2	Common Fund We have been asked by the Diocese to increase our annual contribution. There was a robust conservation about how much we should contribute. Views ranged from reducing the amount to 2022/2023 levels to making sure we pay our way. Jon had circulated a paper summarising the position and making some suggestions. His recommendation was to increase the contribution from	

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	£95,000 pa to £99,980 pa with effect from 1 January 2025. But this was dependent on a very positive stewardship campaign in the autumn.					
	The meeting did not arrive at a conclusion. We need to know the deadline for submission to give time for reflection. If the deadline is soon we may need to hold a short PCC meeting to agree a figure.					
	Although the focus of discussion was on our contribution there were a few comments about how the Diocese spends its money. Again, no particular conclusion but Simon agreed to try and find out a little more from the more senior team in the Diocese.					
	Stewardship					
	We have not really talked to the church family about money since before the pandemic. It has been agreed that:					
3.3	There will be a stewardship campaign during September each year					
	† There would be a review at about the 6 month mark during the APCM					
	There would be a treasurers section in the newsletter about once a month/6 weeks					
	Planning for 2025					
3.4	The second half of the meeting focused on us producing some ideas about events we could run next year. We had big pieces of paper, sharp pencils and lots of enthusiasm to come up with ideas.					
	Simon took the ideas away and will turn them into a document that we can all vote on. Not everything will happen but those we agree to push forward should be done with joy and energy.					
4 Fo	r information					
4.1	Treasurer's report received Jon circulated a financial summary prior to the meeting.					
4.2	Safeguarding					
	Report circulated prior to the meeting.					
4.3	Communications received Simon let everyone know that he is now mentor to the first year Kensington					
4.4	curates.					
4.4	BBQ We plan to hold a volunteers/church BBQ on 22 September.					
	Future meeting dates					
	2024	2025				
	8 Jan – chair Fleur	8 Jan – chair Vicki				
	13 Mar – chair Jon	5 Mar – chair Katy				
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	28 Apr – this is the APCM meeting; chair Rob	27 Apr – this is the APCM meeting; Geoff	chair			
	8 May – chair Sue	14 May - chair Tamsin				
	3 Jul – chair Geoff	9 Jul – chair Giles				
	II Sep – chair Liz	3 Sep – chair Adam				
	6 Nov – chair Katy	12 Nov – chair Simon				

NB: The APCM might be in April or May; a meeting is held after the 10:30 service and AGM to vote in PCC members and officers.