

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council – 14th September 2017

MINUTES

Present: Jill Browning, Liz Bunting, Charles Dew-Jones, Matt Earwicker, Bryan Evans, Nicky Gowenlock, Steve Hardy, Ed Haycock, Jo King, Linda Knapp, Pauline Munns, Jill Offer, Joan Prior, Amanda Robertson, Maureen Snook, Mary Terry (Lay Chair), Julian Sobucinski, Mary Sobucinska

		Action
1	<p>Renewing Hope candle lit.</p> <p>Lay Chair read from – 1 Samuel, Chapter 3 beginning at Verse 1: The Lord calls Samuel.</p> <p>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."</p> <p>Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."</p> <p>The reading is an indication of how hard it is to know when the Lord is calling us – in the confusion of life and in the times of transition. We need to be preparing ourselves for the person who is to come, to pray about the vacancy, to reflect and to think - and know when the Lord is calling us.</p> <p>Prayer</p>	
	Lay Chair welcomed to the meeting, the Rev Simon Woodley, Assistant Rural Dean who would speak to the meeting regarding the interview arrangements.	
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Rachel Beswick, Debi Coveney, Sarah Hardy, Diane Roberts, Laura Lawrence, Mark Inman, Sue Gallagher</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on the 19th July 2017</p> <p>1 amendment under Deanery Synod/Churches Together. Change of the word "some" from "many" regarding the discussion on the Parish Giving Scheme. Minutes approved with 2 abstentions and signed.</p>	
	Core Strategy Group/Parish Profile Group	

	<p>The draft copy was sent to all in July and feedback given to the Parish Profile team with comments. Throughout the summer the Group have met and put together the Profile and Advert using the strengths and weaknesses which came out of the questionnaire using key words. The Church Wardens met with the Archdeacon at the end of August and the advertisement would be in the Church Times in September.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Parish Profile is officially adopted by the PCC for the Parish (with the exception that St Andrew's do not have a Rood Screen but a Chancel Screen – apologies given for this to the member who hi-lighted this). Proposal from Mary Terry Seconded by Ed Haycock All in favour</p> <p>The nomination of Parish Representatives to be on the interview panel were proposed – Mary Terry for St Andrew's and Charles Dew-Jones for St Mark's Proposed by Matt Earwicker Seconded by Jill Browning All in favour with 1 abstention.</p> <p>Rev Woodley spoke to the meeting with regard to the interview day and input from parishioners. He commended the PCC for the profile which said was great and was a good strong profile. He agreed with Lay Chair that we should be listening – to what our Parish churches are seeking, to God for ourselves and overall and for the candidates who are being called to apply.</p> <p>Short Listing of candidates will be on the 18th October and called to interview. Interview day will be on 31st October. Candidates will arrive at 11am for refreshments and will accompany teams for tours around the Parish. They will have an opportunity to have time off and in the evening there will be a “meet and greet” event for people to meet the candidates and give feedback to the Church Wardens – listening to what other people say. Interview day will commence at 7.45am with morning prayer, followed by a 1-1 with the Bishop. The Panel will pray and interviews will commence followed by lunch with a decision being made in the afternoon. Candidates will be accommodated for an overnight stay but not in the Parish. This to be arranged in due course. The panel will consist of the Bishop of Ramsbury, Archdeacon of Sarum, Rural Dean, 2 parish representatives and +/- patrons (to be advised). At interview there will be set questions, parish gets to ask 4 questions and decision made collectively. Those not successful will be advised as to why. Rev Woodley thanked the PCC for invitation to attend and looks forward to helping/assisting the Parish.</p>	
	<p>Matters Arising To be discussed within Agenda</p>	
	<p>Safeguarding update Hall Conditions of Hire – Charles Dew-Jones is looking at the procedures to comply with our Safeguarding document and will be starting to compile new conditions for St Mark's. St Andrew's do not have halls to hire but would they like to refer to the Curtis Room within the document? Mary will put something in place for St Andrew's once document completed.</p>	<p>CDJ</p>

	<p>Safeguarding Courses – Dates have been suggested by Diane Roberts and Matt Earwicker for C1 Safeguarding courses of Tuesday 7th November from 7.30 to 9.30 pm and Saturday 11th November from 10am to 12 noon. It is compulsory to have C1 Safeguarding Training. It is an introduction to the position of trust given to us and spotting the warning signs of abuse. The Youth volunteers will also be attending the course. Matt has the list of personnel who have not yet completed the course and will be contacting those not at the meeting.</p> <p>DBS checks – Confirmation from Thelma that Alan Ely and Laura Lawrence have now been approved.</p>	
	<p>Resources Wi-fi in office as been installed as per Anton Prior’s proposals and seems to be working well. Ed confirmed that it works in the Barrington Centre as well. Office 2010 has been purchased and installed on the office computer. Jacinta will not now be using the office.</p> <p>Parish Giving Scheme – going well at St Mark’s with a good uptake but not so good at St Andrew’s.</p> <p>Barrington Centre garden – chippings not been removed but the whole garden is an issue which requires attention. CrossBarr café have offered to landscape the garden as a community venture which will be looked at.</p> <p>Jim Robertson has mowed the Vicarage lawn. Church Wardens to make a formal inspection of the house. Office Administrator is checking the house weekly and reporting any repairs to the Church Wardens. It was noted the green bin was full and needed to be put out for emptying.</p>	
	<p>Serving Jesus Group – Matt reported. Not met in absence of incumbent but there may be some relevant items on the Mission Action Plan. If so, a meeting would be convened.</p>	
	<p>Serving Each Other – Mary Sobucinski reported that they are arranging a skittles evening either in the Annexe or Church – a free event. Shared meal for David and Shelley Stokes Fish & Chip supper to celebrate St Andrew’s Day on 30th November. Various other events planned which will be advertised in due course.</p>	
	<p>Serving Our World – minutes circulated with no questions.</p>	
	<p>Deanery Synod/Churches Together No meeting held</p>	
	<p>AOB - CrossBarr Café have purchased 6 new tables.</p>	
10	<p>2017 dates of meetings: PCC Meetings – All meetings will be in the Barrington Centre with the exception of 14th November when it will be held in the Annexe PCC – Tuesday 14th November (held in the Annexe) (agree budget 2018); Thursday 25th January 2018; Monday 5th March 2018 (agree annual report & accounts) Core Strategy Group – Monday 16th October; Wednesday 6th December; Tuesday 13th February 2018 Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2018 – Sunday 22nd April 218 Resources Group – 6th November 2017 SEO – TBA SOW – 12th October, 14th December, 8th February 2018 & 12th April 2018 SJ – Monday 19th October</p>	

Meeting closed with Prayer.

