

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLBEACH

Tuesday, 13th September, 2022

PCC Meeting

Present: Revd Sherine Angus, Carol Hellen, Kevin Dodd, Martin Butler, Lynne Barkes, Judy Kelly, Kim Biggs, Jackie Sheldrake, Mike Goodman, Marion Goodman, Helen Drake, Michael Barton, Gill Graper

Apologies for absence: Hannah Buck, Michael Barton, Sara Buck

Opening Prayers were said.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- **Approval** was given by all members present for the July Minutes. There were no matters arising.

Review:

- Thanks were expressed to everyone who had helped to prepare the special services and events following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and had given time to being in church to support visitors coming to sign the Book of Condolences.
- Linda Beverley-Stone will be starting her year of discernment at St Hugh's College, exploring a calling to ministry. This had been agreed at Diocese level.
- Revd Michaela Dean is to meet with the Bishop at the end of the month to discuss her future commitment in the Deanery.
- Details have been finalised for the purchase of a new notice board outside the church. Wendy Goose had given permission for the removal of the old notice board put in place as the result of a bequest in memory of Joyce Tingle. Parish Council has been informed. Discussion centred on how to raise the cost of the new board: £3634. Suggestions made were: the profit from a Quiz Evening taking place in October; Yard Sale; Car Boot Sale.
- Church floodlights: cost of continuing to have them on was questioned and discussed. Sherine will be meeting with Dirk Terjung from Lincolnshire Diocese Environmental Advisory Panel in October to discuss a number of issues. It was suggested that views from local people should be sought. Further discussion will follow at the next PCC meeting.
- Concerns were raised about the Lightning Conductor. Matters to do with the fabric of the building have now been shared between a number of people as there is only one Churchwarden.
- More helpers are needed to maintain the weekly tasks such as helping with serving coffees and teas on Sundays. Generally there are concerns about finding more members of the congregation who will contribute to all events that are planned.
- A presentation had been made to Mick Boylan the previous Sunday in recognition of his wonderful contributions as a Church Warden.

2. Correspondence – none to report

3. Vicar's Briefing

- **Home group**

Sherine explained that Marian Goodman and Carol Hellen would be leading this group, with Lynne Barks hosting the meetings, taking place fortnightly, at her house. A blend of prayers and Bible study, with a focus on a New Testament theme, will form the material for the first 8 week course, with a further course to follow for Lent 2023. It was agreed that the inclusive and gentle nature of the courses should be advertised at Sunday services.

- **Community Growing Project**

This new project will give people the opportunity to work on an area of community land (which has been offered by the Council) where they can grow vegetables and fruit. There will also be support for various groups of people, such as those with learning disabilities or mental health problems, to become involved. It will lead to courses on 'Cooking on a Budget' and to the sharing of community meals. It is hoped that people with good knowledge of gardening and also schools, such as UAH, could become involved.

- **Key Mission Church Diocesan Giving**

A number of events will be taking place in the coming weeks related to the Time to Change Together initiative, where All Saints is the Key Mission Church in the Deanery:

Confirmation service at All Saints 4.30 p.m. Sunday, 9th October - at least 2 candidates from Holbeach

Deanery Partnership Launch event: Saturday, 12th November St Hugh's College 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.

Local Mission Partnership meetings on 28th September at Gedney Church 2.00 p.m. and 18th October at All Saints 7.00 p.m

- **Mission Planning Away Day**

This will take place at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, 1st October. It would be possible for those going to travel in two cars. The day will include a Communion Service and the study of a Bible passage for reflection. It is likely to end at about 3.00 p.m.

4. Main Item

- **Animal Friendly Church** – following a discussion on the implications of becoming a recognised Animal Friendly Church

Lynne Barks proposed that we should adopt the idea. Seconded by Mike Goodman

All in favour. Helen Drake agreed to be the Lead for this initiative

- **Fairtrade items** - following discussion about the types of products that we should be using and the suppliers of these products, **it was agreed to adopt the idea. Carol Hellen agreed to be the Lead for this initiative.** In the first instance the Holbeach Co-op would be approached to find what they would be able to supply and the relevant costs.

- **Arts Festival/ Monthly events**

Sherine outlined the events that had already been proposed and decided on for the coming months:

- October: Quiz in aid of church funds
- November: Arts Festival in the church
- December: Christmas Tree Festival and Craft event (first Saturday)
 Carol singing in the Horse and Groom pub
 Carol Service with readers invited from the local community 11th December
- January: PCC and Ministry team meal on 12th January at The Crown
- **Advent and Christmas services** - see attached sheet **APPENDIX 1**

5. Safeguarding

- Several PCC members would be undertaking the Basic and Foundation courses on Saturday, 17th October.
- It will also be expected that PCC members complete the Diocesan Domestic Abuse module online. A link to this will be put on the PCC area of the All Saints website.

6. Reports

Treasurer's Report **Copy attached of Treasurer's Report. APPENDIX 2**

There followed discussion about a number of issues regarding the financial situation and where costs might be cut or additional revenue might be raised:

Floodlights – how necessary are these; how costly are they; should the cost be paid solely by the church when they provide a community benefit outside the church walls? **It was agreed to give further thought to this matter.**

Weddings and Baptisms – would it be possible to raise funds at such services?

It was proposed that there would be a collection at these events and the families would be asked to nominate a charity. Half the collection would go to the charity and half to the church. Proposed: Jackie Sheldrake Seconded: Helen Drake All in favour

Churchwarden's / Fabric Report **Copy attached of Churchwarden's Report APPENDIX 3**

Any items on the report, requiring discussion or decisions, have already been covered in other sections of the Minutes

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- Certain items need further thought and will be revisited at the next meeting on Tuesday, 11th October at 7.30 p.m.
- The meeting closed at about 9.15 with prayers.

APPENDIX 1

November/December Advent and Christmas Services

Advent 1 27 th November	10.30 Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	
3 rd December Saturday	Community Event Craft fayre and Christmas Tree Festival 5.30/6pm Carols around the tree + switching the lights on.	
Advent 2 4 th December	10.30 AAW 6.30pm Holy Communion BCP	
6 th December	Carols in the Pub 8pm	
Advent 3 11 th December	10.30am Holy Communion 6pm 9 lessons and carols	Time to be 6pm as quite a long service Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards
13 th December	HPA/HBA Christmas Service	
16 th December	W.S. Christmas Service	
Advent 4 18 th December	10.30am Holy Communion 3.30pm Christingle	
21 st December	6.30pm Blue Christmas Service	A service of quiet contemplation as we approach Christmas, particularly for those who find the Christmas season difficult or are grieving.
Christmas Eve 24 th December	4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Christmas Day 25 th December	10.30 Family Communion	
31 st January	? Ring out the old, ring in the new	TBC by Michael
1 st January	10.30 AAW Holy Communion	

APPENDIX 2

All Saints – Holbeach – Treasurers Report – 6th September 2022

Situation as of 31st August 2022

Income/Expenditure

- Monies received to 31- 8-22 £89,425.51
- Monies expended to 31-8-22 £88,182.79
- Surplus for year to date £1,242.72

Balances at 31st August 2022

- Current account – Lloyds £7,187.22
- Deposit account – Lloyds £37,803.12
- CCLA Deposit Fund (30-6-22) £68,304.55
- Total Funds £113,294.89

Parish Share

- Paid to 31st August 2022 £31,200.00

Note i.e., 8 monthly payments of £3,000 + payment received from Mary Bass Charity of £7,200.00.

A further payment of £7,200.00 will be received from Mary Bass Charity before the end of the year. With monthly payments of £3,000.00 this will give total paid of £50,400.00 i.e., £4,600.00 short of expected amount for “Tier 1” church.

CJ Penney

APPENDIX 3

Churchwarden Report August 2022

Treasurer:

Chris Penney now has full access to the church primary bank account. Chris and I have had several conversations about some of our ongoing expenses considering the current financial climate.

- Online donations, Chris and I have had a conversation about whether the Just giving account is value for money and seek other opinions at the PCC meeting.
- Church flood lights: do we think that we should turn them off?
- Photocopier is currently costing us £30 a month standing charge with an additional charge for the number of copies.
- Mary Bass Charity a request has gone in for payment for the junior choir purchases.

Chris has provided a report which notes the receipt of extra support payments towards the Parish share from Mary Bass.

Current situation regarding the Monarchs passing:

The church is currently being 'maned' by members of the Ministry and Mission team to support members of the public attending the book of condolences.

Future services are: update to be provided by Sherine.

Do we think we should try and screen the funeral on Monday?

Thanks to Sherine for her thought regarding condolence book otherwise we would not have one.

Another positive is that there has been a steady flow of people visiting the church and signing the book.

Upcoming projects:

Home group to start 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in October. There have been some concerns raised about it clashes with an existing prayer group, this is not the case.

PCC away day and retreat 1st October

In place of previously planned Big Bang event: Art Festival 1st weekend November with a cheese and wine preview night on 4th and Festival on 5th. It is planned that we will have some craft stalls open on the Saturday but these need to be cleared by Sunday in time for All Souls.

Christmas Tree Festival with a theme of Christmas Carol's as part of the Parish Christmas light celebration the 1st weekend of December. This is in place of the St Nics Fayre.

Both above events will need support in the guise of people running stalls.

Animal Friendly status?

Fair Trade status?

Challenges:

Over the last few days, the church has resembled a sieve 😊 with Lynne and I running around putting buckets under the latest leak. This has highlighted some of the points made on the Quinquennial report and this now needs further action.

David from DK Chimney came out on Friday thankfully before the second downpour to repair a leak in the sacristy, but another appeared on Saturday!

The smart water has arrived ready for application, provision date is 21/09/22. David has agreed to apply it for us.

Saturday coffee? Members of the community have asked when we are starting it again.

Tea and Coffee rota? Currently we do not have enough people to support this every Sunday.

We are in need for servers and acolytes to help and support during the services.

Digital Counter Reading for July and August was

RECORD OF VISITORS

MONTH	IN (Total)	OUT (Total)	Visitors Book	Service Attendance	Notes
July	2389	2275	12	841	1 x funeral, school service, memorial service
August	1620	1585	6	327	2 x funeral, 2 x baptism

Safeguarding training: Reminder about the taking place this week Saturday 17th September, not sure of the impact of this on the condolences book.

On Tuesday this week I attended a zoom meeting with Bishop Nicholas about the passing of the Queen for ministers and lay ministers.

I am booked to attend a meeting 18th October about the **Local Mission Partnership** being held here at All Saints having received an invitation from the rural dean for an update on the current thinking and situation.

Every Blessing

Carol

Churchwarden