

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLBEACH

Tuesday, 8th November 2022

PCC Meeting

Present: Revd Sherine Angus, Kevin Dodd, Martin Butler, Kim Biggs, Jackie Sheldrake, Gill Graper, Michael Goodman

Apologies for absence: Lynne Barkes, Hannah Buck, Michael Barton, Carol Hellen, Marion Goodman, Judy Kelly, Helen Drake,

Non attendance: Sara Buck

Opening Prayers were said.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- **Approval**, subject to two amendments, was given for the October Minutes, by all members present.
- **Matters arising** – it was generally agreed that the TTCT meeting held at All Saints had been very useful and positive. It was chaired and led at the last moment by the Rural Dean, Barbara Hutchinson, whose input was much appreciated by everyone.

2. Correspondence – An email with details about the progress made on TTCT had been received and some large posters summarising the next steps were available to place in churches.

Sherine said there was a link to a Survey about people's views on TTCT, that everyone was encouraged to respond to (not just PCC members). This will become available on the church website and on Facebook.

3. Vicar's Briefing – The church had been fortunate to receive two amounts of funding from the Mary Bass Charity:

- 60% amount required for the new noticeboard. Some other donations have already been received towards the total cost.
- 60% cost of the new sound system. This is to be installed from 9th January. It may take a couple of weeks.

It was also pointed out that enough funds were left over from the grant given for the Tower restoration, and these can be used for the noticeboard and the sound system.

Question was raised about bringing WiFi into the church. Lightspeed had said this would be more costly than previously thought. Other alternatives were discussed and it seems that mobile broadband would be possible. This may be the most cost effective and best way forward.

4. Main Items

Away Day – All PCC members were in receipt of the summaries of discussions had on what was agreed to have been a very enjoyable and productive day.

In the new year it will be important to look specifically at the Church building and what work is required. Some items from the Quinquennial need addressing.

Projects funding

PCC was reminded that any project requiring a Faculty will incur a cost to the Church, as the Diocese will no longer be paying the £300 fee from January 2023. The project to hang a curtain across the inside of the West Door is one project that needs a Faculty and Sherine hopes to submit one before the end of the year.

There followed a discussion about what it might be best to tackle first from the Away Day suggestions. It was agreed that the historic display information boards could be moved to a different area, which would open up the space on the right as people come into church. This could be made into a more welcoming area with tables and chairs, for coffee/tea and socialising and the opportunity to experiment and develop the area for mission such as café church (which has proved to be very successful in many churches) eg. Friday teatime meal for parents and children; Breakfast service

Other discussion focused on funds that are available to help with projects. These had been mentioned at a recent Deanery Synod meeting. It was also suggested that there may be members of the congregation, outside the PCC, who are familiar with bid writing and could be approached to help.

Advent and Christmas

Sherine had produced a list of all the services and events taking place in December. Some discussion followed regarding the Community event on 3rd December, combined with a Christmas Tree Festival. It was agreed that only cakes, mince pies and drinks would be served during the event and set up times on the Friday would need to take into account the UAH Christingle Service in the afternoon. Kevin will be putting together a poster and ensure all the information is put on the website and on social media.

Animal Friendly update

This item will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

5. Safeguarding

- Role descriptions need to be written for every job that volunteers undertake in church eg. Serving refreshments, bell ringing, flower arranging. All these volunteers need to complete the Basic Safeguarding module, which can be done online or in a paper copy. Concerns were raised that some people may not be willing to do this.
- Sherine is also reviewing the contracts required by anyone in paid employment with the Church.

6. Reports - *copies are attached*

Treasurer's: A Financial Statement was presented. Kim asked about the income from the Cycle Ride as this did not seem to appear on the Statement. Sherine explained that she has a meeting with Chris Penney soon to discuss the Statement.

Churchwarden's: A question was raised about the possibility of having a card machine, as so many people did not carry cash now. It would be particularly useful when major events are being staged and for services such as Baptisms. It was agreed to look into the possibilities that could resolve this problem.

7. Review of the meeting

Due to a Deanery Synod meeting the following evening a Proposal needed to be made in order to take the result to the meeting:

That we the Elloe East Deanery become one Local Mission Partnership, named Elloe East.

All were in favour

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th January at 7.30 p.m.

8. The meeting closed at about 9.30 with prayers.