

## Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

### Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME: PCC	DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday 1 December 2021
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#### ATTENDEES:

The Revds Ann Nickson, Alex Barrow, Heather Peters and Sylvie Collins-Mayo; Mary Abel, Celia Catchpole, Jonathan Blythe, John Ancock, David Bradshaw, Sarah Coggins, Robert Davenport, Neil Davies, Sheila Hamilton, Greg Kyle, Brenda Morris, Deirdre Munro, Francis Ring-Davies, Helen Robinson, Paul Russenberger, Kathy Sheldon, Ginny Waterkeyn, Kate Woodhouse

#### HEADLINES:

Agenda item number	Headlines, decisions, action points	Action
<b>3</b>	Draft Environment Policy approved	CGs
<b>4</b>	Income needs to increase for 2022	
<b>6</b>	Diocesan Safeguarding summary approved	To be signed etc.
<b>10</b>	Expenditure on lighting and sound systems at CC approved, and approval to seek faculties if needed	CC

No	Item	
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Cheri Crump, Peter Halford, Adrienne Jack, Wendy Moss, Mike Stewart	
2	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> These were agreed, proposed by CC, seconded by MA. There were no matters arising.	
3	<b>Draft Environment Policy</b> This had been drafted by the Mission, Peace and Justice Committee and circulated before the meeting. KS commented that more biodegradable oasis is now available, and that at some times of year it is difficult to avoid using flowers from outside the UK, particularly if they are requested for special occasions. PR recommended that the clergy houses should have cavity wall insulation and added that it was still important to endeavour to use flowers from the UK whenever possible. It was agreed that the Environment Policy should be adopted and that Consultative Groups should consider its recommendations.	
4	<b>Treasurer's report</b> JB reported a donation of £5k to the Giving Scheme, which has brought the total giving for this year near to last year's. Early indications are that Planned Giving for 2022 is increased by approximately 2%, but this is not enough with inflation at 4%. Housing costs have been high, so the parish needs an additional £15-£20k next year. Rental of church halls is increasing, an important contribution. Income from 5 Vernon Road is £20k pa, but this is a stopgap. It may be necessary to look at discretionary giving, like mission giving, next year. John Wilson has retired, although remains a signatory for the accounts. JB will ask him to the next PCC or APCM so the parish can thank him for his work. ND asked rectifying the deficit. AN said it was not the time to press people for additional funds, particularly as giving continued during lockdown. The lack of plate collections has had an impact. The Archdeacon has thanked the parish for its contribution to the Parish Support Fund.	
5	<b>Finance and Property</b> MA reported that the CC Vicarage is now empty and will be let for six months until the end of June. CC reported that the windows at the Sea Scout hut are being replaced. Nothing to report on leases for Wigan Trust properties.	
6	<b>Safeguarding</b> AN asked that the meeting approve the short Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. This summary is supported by a detailed Policy available online. AN explained that Ruth Mann is parish Safeguarding	

	Officer, and so named on the document, the other churches have officers overseen by RM. Approval proposed by KS, seconded by GW and passed.	
7	<p><b>Update on wider Church issues</b></p> <p>AB reported that the Living in Love and faith course was moderately well attended with a few joining on line. Feedback forms returned to the Archbishop, next steps are unclear. An appointment to the vacancy at St Anne's Kew should be made in the next couple of months, St Peter's Petersham has a new incumbent. Elections to General Synod have taken place.</p>	
8	<p><b>Rector's report</b></p> <p>AN said that although masks are not legally required in church, they are advisable. She assumed that churchwardens would make their risk assessments as needed.</p>	
9	<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
10	<p><b>Church reports</b></p> <p>St Mary's: GK reported that the CG will take due care over Covid precautions after the experience of last year's Carol Services; the boiler is unreliable but overseen by FRD with a repair due on 20 December.</p> <p>All Saints: AB reported the CG reviewed church life, thanked the SM and CC choirs for joining the All Saints patronal evensong, having had a good number of people for the earlier lunch. A new Sunday afternoon service has seen some new faces. The main Christmas services will be ticketed, with an outside service around the nativity scene. They had welcomed David Parish from the Children's Society last Sunday.</p> <p>Christ Church: HP introduced a proposal to light the path beside the church to the north door. It is a dark path, frequently used. There would be four stainless steel light bollards, movement activated, free standing and not affecting neighbouring houses. The cost would be £927.13 inc VAT. HP proposed that the expenditure and application for a faculty, if needed, be approved, seconded by HR and agreed.</p> <p>HP explained CC had hired a sound system from RG Jones at £90pw since the beginning of the year when the previous system stopped working. RG Jones has offered a generous discount of 70% on the outstanding hire fees. HP proposed the existing equipment plus an additional microphone is purchased for £3315.60 inc VAT from the donations account; the remaining rental fee of £1684.80 inc VAT is paid from the general account, and an application made for a faculty, if needed. Seconded by FRD and passed.</p> <p>JA had tabled a report including a proposal for the chancel ceiling. This had been presented at the previous CG meeting in November, AN said the project should await a new Team Vicar. JA also highlighted the damp near the organ, AN said this should go through CG.</p>	
11	<p><b>Parish Wardens' report</b></p> <p>They had nothing to report.</p>	
12	<p><b>Two minute item</b></p> <p>KS expressed her thanks for the excellent Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial. AN said that Anne Reeves did much of the preparation with contributions from several other people.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 1 February 2022 at 8.00pm</p>	