

PARISH OF MORTLAKE WITH EAST SHEEN

MINUTES OF PCC COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
St. Mary's Consultative Group	25 th January 2021

ATTENDEES:

The Revd. Canon Rd. Ann Nickson (Chair), Greg Kyle, Sarah Coggins, Ginny Waterkeyn (Churchwardens), Hugh Crook, Matt Pass, Andrea Pratt, Ben Stokes, Perry Kitchen, Katie Lee, Beccy Legonie, and Celia Catchpole (Parish Warden)

1. **Welcome and Prayers:** Ann held a prayer, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Ed Coke was unable to attend the meeting.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2021 were presented and accepted by the meeting with no amendments.
4. **Matters arising:**

Ann thanked all those who helped organise the Christmas activities which were a great success.
5. **Recent services**
 - 5.1 **Carol Service:** Ticketed event but although 100 tickets 'sold', a number of people did not turn up, perhaps due to fears over the omicron variant. Ann thanked all those who helped organise.
 - 5.2 **Crib Service:** 90 of 100 tickets 'sold' and most people turned up.
 - 5.3 **Christingle Service:** Combined Sporty Church and Christingle service was a great success with five new Families in attendance. Flyers for Sporty Church are now available at the back of Church.
6. **Future Events and Services:**
 - Big Garden Birdwatch in the Churchyard on 29th January. All Welcome.
 - Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Night event will not occur this year as a COVID Precaution.

- Ash Wednesday service at 8pm.
- Lent Lectures planned for Sunday evenings in Lent. Posters will soon be available. Theme for this year is Identity and Faith. Ann is still looking for two additional speakers.
- Mothering Sunday on 22nd March 2022
- Boat Races Teas on 3rd April with Women's race starting at 14.23, men's race at 15.23.
- Easter Services – No plans to ticket these events.
- Palm Sunday – Discussions regarding a service at Sheen Crossroads are still ongoing. However, the Donkey is still booked.
- Queen Jubilee. Agreed to explore option of a tea party with the MCA at 3pm on Saturday 4th June and a service (of thanksgiving) at 10am followed by celebratory refreshments on Sunday the 5th.
- RCSM Sunday is 12th June.

7. **Friends of Mortlake Churchyard**

The Friends of Mortlake Churchyard will be meeting to discuss possible dissolution on 5th February 2022. If this goes ahead, St Mary's CG agreed to take on responsibility for the churchyard. Funds currently held in the churchyard account will be transferred to St Mary's and will be ring-fenced for the Church Yard. Proposed Katie Lee, seconded Matt Pass, unanimous.

Ann thanked Caroline and Brian for all of their work and assistance to the Churchyard.

8. **Treasurer's Report:**

2021 accounts: In advance of the meeting, Perry had sent draft accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

There was a deficit of £2.3K, slightly less than anticipated and, in line with F&P recommendation, it was agreed that this should be met from the donations fund: using it to close the gap in a difficult year would be in line with the wishes of the many people who had made small donations in general support of the church.

It had been a muted year financially, with many events and activities cancelled. Income was only £11K and expenditure £13K. However, we had received substantial legacies: £55.5K from the Berners-Lees, £25K from Peter Harrop and £0.5K from Dorothy Jones.

Fund balances at 31/12/21 were:

	£K
Donations fund	19.1
Legacy fund	96.7

Tower fund	4.1
Total	119.9

The meeting approved the accounts, subject to examination by Paul Edelin (completed and accounts signed on 25 January 2022).

2022 budget: The 2022 budget showed breakeven. Perry advised that £17K income might be optimistic, and it might be difficult to contain expenditure at £17K, but he did not believe we should budget for a deficit, which becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. If good reasons have to be advanced for spending in excess of budget, the discipline is stronger. The meeting approved the budget

9. **Safeguarding:** Nothing to report.

10. **Other Reports:**

10.1 **Rector's Report:** Ann reported:

- New curate will be ordained 26th June 2022.
- Legacy Spending
 - Still waiting on Church Environmental Assessment.
 - Parish Architect visited the Church before Christmas and proposed a number of options for the replacement of the dividing doors (see email attached).
 - Hugh referred to estimates recently received from BC Shepherd & Sons, who tune and service the organ. It was proposed that up to £15K, being the remaining balance of the Finzi legacy, be invested in repairs and deep maintenance that was long overdue. This was approved. The work would put the organ out of action for some weeks, and Hugh would negotiate with Shepherds a timetable that would avoid major festivals and events.

10.2 **Churchwardens' Reports:**

- Greg reported that the Boiler will be inspected on 25th January 2022.
- Sarah and Ginny reported that the church has arranged for a paid cleaner for the whole church (3 hours per week), which would replace the need for the Saturday morning cleaning rota.
 - Cleaner to be paid the London Living Wage.

10.3 **Parish Warden's Report:**

- Holiday at home will be 1st week of August.

11. **Any Other Business:** None discussed

12. **Volunteer for coffee and date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, 22nd March at St Mary's. Matt and Katie agreed to prepare coffee and biscuits

13. **Dates of Future Meetings:**

2022

Tuesday, 22nd March

ACM, Sunday, 22nd May (after 10 am service)