

**ST MARY RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN
MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
Tuesday 10 March 2020
7.30pm in the Church Hall**

**PLEASE NOTE: This meeting was held before the Coronavirus Lockdown was in place
PRESENT:**

Rachel Wigley (Churchwarden) in the chair
Stuart Wigley (Hon Treasurer), Ronnie Todd (Hon Secretary)

Susan Allender, Anne Blakeley, Simon Bull, Daphne Harrison (LLM), Barry Sharp, Bennet Smith,
Sarah Stott

1 Passage of Scripture and Prayers

The meeting began with prayer.

2 Apologies

Alison Bull; Margaret Nicholas, Charlotte Rakhit, Andrew Swidzinski; Ali Wakefield; Sarah Way

3 Approval of Minutes dated 28 January 2020

The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true copy by Rachel Wigley.

4 Finance

The Treasurer gave everyone present a copy of the Financial Review and Financial Statements and reported as follows:

The total income appears better than last year.

Voluntary income is slightly higher than 2018 but there had been a significant contribution from three legacies, £4k of which is restricted.

The balance of the Tesco grant has been calculated to include the cost of labour of those from the church for landscaping improvements.

Funerals - The fees are a little higher than last year.

Church Activities - These are less than last year.

As from next year contributions to the Diocese will include a percentage of income from funeral fees and legacies.

Parish Share is the same as for last year, £48,878, but will be reviewed over the year.

Utility Bills are similar to last year

Church Hall had expenditure of £6,270

Charitable collections are lower but one off nominated charities have tended to take the collection at the end of the service so it therefore doesn't go through the church accounts.

Net income is higher which is encouraging. The availability for electronic payments will be mentioned at the APCM.

Lunch Club income is down and not covering expenses.

The Diocese are introducing a sequestration account to offset additional costs against fees during the interregnum.

The Accounts were put forward for approval in advance of the APCM:

Proposed: Barry Sharp

Seconded: Simon Bull

PCC all content.

5 Church Fabric

Pendulum Arrester - Diane and Robert have submitted the application for a faculty. We wait to hear.

We have a legacy with a specific request to clean the tiles behind the altar.

We need new lights in the Chancel, which could also be redecorated at the same time.

Churchwardens will ask Diane to look into the costs.

It is hoped the front door will be painted this year. Bennet will look into the possibility of a work party.

6 Safeguarding

Susan Allender, Safeguarding Officer, reported that the training for Sunday Club Leaders is in hand. The safeguarding audit this year will be by self-assessment rather than as per last year when it had to be submitted to the Safeguarding Department at the Diocese.

Susan had had a meeting with the Safeguarding Officer at St Mary Kippington to try and match ways of looking at things, which was helpful.

Prior to the meeting, Susan had sent round a message from the Diocese reminding everyone to have due regard and abide by what they recommend, which was self-explanatory. All present were content.

The Safeguarding notice is to remain in the pew sheet.

7 Events

12/4 - Easter Day - Mark and Sarah Stott have offered to lead the walk which will start from church. We need to find volunteers to cook breakfast.

2/5 - Spring Fun Quiz and Games

8/5 - VE Day Service and lunch - Daphne will lead the service at 11am followed by lunch in the church hall. Rachel has already liaised with Riverhead Parish Council who will provide bunting. The Secretary will liaise with them re food.

Riverhead PC are allegedly moving the memorial stone nearer to the flag outside the Village Hall to make it easier when names are being read out during the Armistice Day service. Rachel will also be liaising with Dunton Green Parish Council and will copy Anne in on the message.

Estonian Visit - The Diocese were happy that the Estonian visit was a success.

Dementia Café - This is being looked into for the future.

8 Outreach and Mission

Dunton Green Initiative - Another meeting took place between Charlie Ingram (the Bessels Green Pastor), Judy Collins (Faithworks), Phil James (CAP - Christians Against Poverty), Daphne Harrison and Rachel Wigley (St Mary's Church, Riverhead with Dunton Green).

Faithworks Education in Full is working well.

Faithworks and St Mary's are holding a Saturday prayer morning for anyone wishing to attend, which is being advertised in the pew sheet.

They will meet again in six months.

Church Publicity - Sarah Stott informed the meeting that the D of E student, Mia Fanti, investigating our on-line media presence is doing well. She has been looking at other church websites and comparing them to ours. Apparently Youth Work is mentioned on other church websites where it isn't on ours. Sarah is meeting with her again on Friday and will ask if she would be happy to come to a PCC meeting to give us a short report of her findings.

Church Website - It was pointed out that there appear to be problems with our website links as Martin's name still comes up on the church gmail address. Churchwardens to mention it to Robert.

Church Branding - Bennet Smith offered to look into church branding.

9 Three Parish Review/Interregnum

On 12/3 interviews for the team rector position will take place. If all goes well and a suitable candidate is agreed upon, an appointment will be offered. We should then be able to start advertising for St Mary's and St Luke's.

10 Deanery Synod Briefing

There has been no Deanery Synod meeting since our last PCC meeting.

The Secretary again reminded those present that we need to find someone to replace Anne and join up with Margaret Nicholas.

11 Church Services

Due to the Covid-19 virus, the PCC were asked to vote on the option to have only wafers and no wine at Holy Communion.

Votes for: - 9

Votes against: - 1

The Majority were content

The Secretary will ask Margaret Nicholas to put a note in the pew sheet for people requiring communion in their pews to let a churchwarden or sidesperson know before the start of the service.

Mothering Sunday 22/3 - Family Communion

Palm Sunday service starting in the Square - 5/4

Compline Services Monday 6/4 to Wednesday 9/4 - 8.00pm

Maundy Thursday 10/4 - Passover Supper & Stripping of the Altar - 7.30pm

Good Friday 11/4 - Services in hand

Easter Day 12/4 - Easter morning walk 6.00am, plus 8.00am and 9.30am services

12 Sunday Club/Teenagers

Ai Wakefield had sent an email message to the Secretary as she was unable to attend the meeting.

The Secretary read the message to the meeting:

"Re item 12 - I've reached out to parents of older children to make them aware of three churches activities and also re our suggestion to hold catch ups in Malabar but had little response. I spoke to Daphne about this last Friday and to Hattie/Diane on Sunday and my feeling is that we may be trying to fix something that isn't broken. Last Sunday we had 14 year olds through to 2 year olds, with the older children leading the younger children and they were all really engaged so am wondering if we just go with the original plan to ensure that any activity has appropriate levels so that if teenagers attend they are engaged!"

13 Matters Arising

Prayer Ministry - Daphne Harrison reported that a meeting had taken place between Anne Blakeley, Sue Perry, Sufian Al-Qasem and Daphne. Various suggestions and ideas were discussed, one being a letterbox for confidential requests, plus a book for people to write down their prayer requests. It will be publicised once in place. The prayer board in the Lady Chapel will remain.

Bennet suggested a new Lectern be made for the prayer book with a post box beneath. Food for thought!

Daphne is happy with the progress so far.

14 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

17 Date of Next Meeting

APCM - 19 April 2020