

## PARISH OF NEWPORT PAGNELL

### Summary of the Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

<b>Present:</b>	Rev Nick Evans (chair), John Fowler, Stephen Isherwood, Marigold Krause, Beth Mackay, Jennifer Mazzone, Kimonie Nicholls, Dick Smith, Jeremy Stacy, Lynda Evans, Julie Eldridge Olwen Smith and Bill Watson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Chris Boddington, Mervyn Evans, Karen Goff, Pat Parker and Pat Hudson
<b>Minutes:</b>	Olwen Smith

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> 2018** were unanimously agreed.

#### **Matters Arising**

Update on Welcome Directory. The first session in our progression to becoming a faith community that will provide a genuine welcome and appropriate support for people leaving prison is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am at St Luke's with an alternative on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 11am at the Rectory.

**Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>** were noted

**Finance report** - Financial statements to the end of April 2018 were circulated before the meeting; the treasurer provided an opportunity for questions but there were none.

He reported that the Finance Committee is proposing a Stewardship Campaign to start in September combined with the introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme will not replace the other forms of giving currently practised but for those people who are able to Gift Aid the scheme has some benefits. Participants make a resolution to join and pay monthly by direct debit. The church can then claim the Gift Aid on a monthly rather than annual basis. The other advantage is that people giving by this method will be issued with reusable plastic tokens to use at the offertory. Hopefully this will encourage visitors to contribute and avoid the uncertainty that can result from the current situation. The scheme should be introduced with a series of structured sermons and will take three months to implement, therefore it could be in operation in January 2019. A resolution to join the Parish Giving Scheme was needed and was passed with 1 abstention.

**Wardens' reports** – The Rector thanked Stephen Isherwood for his work as warden over the last 2 years. The new wardens will be inducted on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 at Christ the Cornerstone.

Kimonie Nicholls had sent out a list of dates of services and events outside of the regular service pattern for information. Bill reported that the organ at St Luke's had now been repaired.

**Fabric Committee** – A report on the lighting in the Chancel at SSPP is still awaited. The South Porch now needs clearing of the items stored there and then decorated.

Contractors will finish at 3 Castle Meadow by May 26<sup>th</sup>, there is some carpet to be laid and an energy certificate to be obtained, but the Fabric Committee are preparing information to enable the property to be advertised for a tenant in early June'

The Organ committee met on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on May 25<sup>th</sup>. From that meeting they hope to bring a proposal to the next PCC meeting.

The Fabric Committee met with an architect on May 15<sup>th</sup> and are awaiting his report and some ideas on the way forward.

**Organists and other Contractors and Employees** - The PCC agreed that the contracts of organists and other contractors and employees of the parish should be reviewed in line with the practises of the C of E.

**House for Duty Update** - The advertisement for this post is still in the Church Times but has had little effect so far. There are many similar advertisements so it was suggested that it should be rewritten slightly to reflect the recent refurbishment.

**Time and Talents** – As the financial aspects of Stewardship will not happen until the Autumn, the PCC agreed an immediate focus on time and talents as many areas of the service in the churches are in dire need of extra support.

**Any other business:**

- Bearing in mind the success of the last one, It was agreed the PCC should have another Away Day in early October.
- As the regular pattern of worship sometimes varies, it was agreed that a list of key events would be put in the belfry to enable the Bell Ringers to be aware when there are changes which affect there ringing.
- A proposal was put forward that after the Father's Day Community Service, all future combined services should be held at 10.30am. This was approved with 1 abstention.

**Dates of next meetings:**

<b>SC</b>	June 14 <sup>th</sup> 2018
<b>PCC</b>	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2018