

St Michael's, Aughton
Parochial Church Council Meeting
Church 7.30pm Thursday, 22nd July 2021
Minutes

Item 1 Reverend Andrew Housley opened the meeting in prayer.

Item 2 Apologies for absence were received from Bill Gilpin, Lorna O'Brien, Janice Sheel and Graham Williams. There were 16 attendees.

Item 3 Minutes of the last meeting on Thursday, 20th May 2021, were accepted with one change. Andrea Connelly said under item 11, Any Other Business, the handrail referred to is for outside the Church and not as stated. David Snape proposed, and Andrea Connelly seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously.

Item 4 Matters Arising. There were none.

Item 5 Treasurer's Report. Brian DeVonald circulated Appendix 1 which described the current financial state of St Michael's.

Item 6 Health & Safety and Fabric Report. Peter Fogden circulated Appendix 2 and described required work on the Churchyard Entrance Gates and the Bell Tower. The exterior of the Hall needs repainting and he asked PCC to approve a quotation for £1,140 from Darren's Decorators who previously did the internal decoration in the Hall early in 2020. Peter Fogden proposed, and Brian DeVonald seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously.

Item 7 Church Services. Andrew discussed the following arrangements which were debated and agreed by PCC members:

- Alcohol gel will continue to be provided on entry to the Church.
- Face masks will be required when arriving in Church but can be removed when sitting in the pews where social distancing will be maintained.
- No hymns will be sung until a review of arrangements at the end of August.
- An outside service will be held on the first Sunday in September jointly with Bickerstaffe.

Standing Committee will continue to review arrangements. and these will be discussed at the next PCC meeting in September.

Item 8 Friends of St Michael's. Ann Barnes said there was nothing to report.

Item 9 Safeguarding. Anthony Bearon said there was nothing to report.

Item 10 Any Other Business. Margaret Ellams asked if PCC would agree to allow a bench to be positioned in the Churchyard grounds in memory of Rene Bulmer. Margaret Ellams proposed, and Denis O'Brien seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously. There will be no cost to PCC for this bench.

Andrew said he is increasingly working with other Churches in our Deanery cluster on initiatives including outreach for young families. These Churches include St Michael's, Christchurch, St Thomas Lydiate, St Cuthbert's Halsall and St James Westhead.

Item 11 Dates of Future Meetings. It was agreed to hold the next PCC meeting on Tuesday, 7th September at 7.30pm. The venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

Item 12 Closing Grace. The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace.

Minutes subject to the approval of PCC at the next meeting.