

**PCC Meeting St Faith's
Minutes
6th November 2024**

Present: Anne Robinson, Stephen Creasey, Mo Wakley, John Dietsch, Yvonne Mullins, Nigel Titley, John White, Ann White, Gail Dowdle

1) Open with Prayer

Yvonne opened in prayer.

2) Apologies

Linda Church, Jackie Brown.

3) Approval of minutes 23rd September 2024

Agreed as a true record

4) Matters arising

The whole of the PCC needs to do the first part of the Safeguarding course (Basic awareness). Still Nigel and Stephen to go. **Action Nigel.**

Anne will submit an article to The Pump about the bell rehanging which Nigel will help with. Made a start on this. Ongoing. **Action Nigel and Anne.**

Send details of new chair feet to John/Anne. John has sourced these and we will look at fitting them. If they work then we'll order enough for the remainder of the chairs. **Action Nigel**

The "White Line" delivery of teas should revert to a tea party at the Village Hall. Ongoing. Awaiting response from Churches Together. **Action Anne.**

Speak to Mav about church clock maintenance. Ongoing. **Action Nigel**

The flag needs replacing. Carol Simpson has created a new flag from two old ones. Discharged. **Action Stephen Creasey.**

The Quinquennial needs to be done. Stephen to contact Alan Frost and book it in. Completed. Waiting for the report. **Action Stephen.**

The grass around the new drainage ditch hasn't come up. It was suggested that we reseed it and put weedkiller onto the pebbles. Anne to get a group together to do this. Discharged. **Action Anne.**

We need to notify the Pump of the Church near You link. Richard will revamp his article and send to the Pump. Ongoing. **Action Richard.**

Bring and share lunch will be set up at 10.00am and we will use paper plates. Need to chase them down. Need to discuss whether to have it again as the numbers were a bit low. Decided to repeat it after the next United service (1st December). Discharged. **Action Yvonne.**

Richard to check if hall is available on the 1st December. Action **Richard.**

The garden bins need putting out. Could be part of the locking up rota. Anne will make up a notice for the tower door and John will update the rota. Discharged. **Action Anne.**

We need to get the fire extinguishers checked. Need inspecting. **Action John White.**

Updating the gas meter to a smart meter. Ann is chasing this. Came on the 18th October and they couldn't do. Ongoing. **Action Ann.**

5) Correspondence

None

6) Church Maintenance

(a) Heating

Working

(b) Security

Working

(c) Bells

Form a sub-committee to consider way forward for the bells. Awaiting Pump article. Ongoing. **Action Nigel.**

(d) AV system (including internet)

Need to re-establish the sub group as there are a number of items that need looking at. First meeting has taken place. Ongoing. **Action Richard.**

(e) Other

We need to do something about the pigeons roosting on the tower. Need to speak to DAC. We have spoken to Alan Frost and have now received a reply stating that we don't need permission. We also now have a list of contractors who would be able to do this. Ongoing. **Action Stephen**

7) Mission and Development

We have had three forest churches. We really need some more to get a critical mass going. We should be keeping the accident book up to date (there was an accident involving a collapsing bench).

Thanks to Jane for the In Memoriam service which went very well.

8) Special Services

Remembrance Sunday 10th November (Linda).

Carol service 15th December at 6pm. Val will provide the mulled wine.

Christingle service 10th December in church.

Carols at the Billet 16th December.

School carol service 19th December at 6pm.

Crib Service 24th December at 4pm (Linda + others)

Midnight service 24th December 23.00

Christmas morning 9.30 25th December

Plough Sunday 29th December 11.00 at Val's

Covenant service at the Free Church 5th January

Week of Christian Unity 15th - 22nd January

9) Ministry team

Nothing specific. Jane will be away in New Zealand in January and Yvonne is booked for jury duty.

10) Churchwarden's business

Linda Bartlett has made a stole for Jane and would like to donate her practice piece to the church. We will find a place to put it, possibly in the fellowship corner.

11) Deanery Synod

Nothing until next year.

12) Shared responsibility

(a) Churches Together

No meeting since last PCC. Next meeting will be in January.

(b) Songs and Rhymes

Definitely closing at the end of the year. Some discussion about where the toys and equipment will be going. We could probably use the clip together mats in the church.

(c) School

SIAMS inspection soon.

13)Safeguarding

Nothing reported

14)Financial Matters

(a) General Fund

£9079.40 VAT refund. This has been moved to the CCLA account for ease of access.

We are about £10k short on the share although some of that is still to come from giving. Ultimately we'll be about £6000 short but Ann hasn't had time to send out an appeal in the Pump.

The PGS scheme is working, although not completely. About 70 – 80% have transferred to the PGS scheme.

Salvation Army will be the Christmas charity.

(b) Aviva

Standing at about £50,000.

15)AOB

It may be worth talking to the Food Bank to come and collect food rather than taking it to them.

John D has emptied the silt traps.

It might be worth looking at putting a safety rope on the tower staircase. Stephen will talk to Alan Frost about how this might be done. **Action Stephen**

We have mice in the church and have caught one. The traps have been reset.

Mo has got a quote for the carpet but it is £359.56 including fitting. We are awaiting another quote.

16)Future Dates

PCC party 17th December 7pm at the Rectory Rooms

PCC meeting January 15th 7.45pm TBA

PCC meeting March 12th 10am

APCM meeting May 14th 7.45pm Church

PCC meeting July 9th 7.45pm Church

PCC meeting September 10th 7.45pm TBA

PCC meeting November 12th 7.45pm TBA

17)Close in prayer

Ann closed in prayer.