

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 14th November 2018 at 8pm

Present: K Bell, A Grace, R Masters, M Smith, G Otter, D Rowley, B Hammond, J Valpy  
Apologies: L Dodd

KB welcomed everyone and began with a Bible reading (Colossians 3:12-15), prayer and reflection.  
KB chaired the meeting in PB's absence.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 18.9.18 had previously been approved by email and displayed in church and on website.  
KB signed a copy.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

No news on CAREC (project to provide a home and support for a Syrian refugee family in Cricklade).  
GO to follow up current progress. **Action - GO**

3. Chair's report

KB confirmed that PB will be off until the end of November. She is in touch with Area Dean, Christopher Bryan, who is very supportive and also liaising with Shirley Danby on a regular basis. The usual service pattern is continuing, including Christmas services. Rotas are complete for November and December, with visiting clergy taking some services. The new Bishop of Bristol, Bishop Vivienne Faull, will be visiting Upper Thames Group on January 6th, with all four churches encouraged to meet at St Sampson's for the 10am service where she will be preaching. Plans for this service still to take shape.

KB will advertise in the newsheet. **Action - KB**

Christingle service on 16th December at 4pm. JV to advertise at school. **Action - JV**

St Sampson's Carol Service has moved to a Saturday this year to prevent so many clashes with other Cricklade events and will be on Saturday 15th December at 6.30pm.

4. Finance (report previously circulated)

Current balances:

Main account: £ 14,778

No2 account: £ 25,513 broken down as follows:

Vicar's discretionary fund:	£ 752
Organ fund:	£ 3,820
Fabric:	£ 7,786
Regeneration (includes roof):	£ 7,659
Children's Educational charity:	£ 4,125
Funeral Donation:	£ 1,078

Finances are under control and within budget. Parochial fees for 2018 and fuel costs still to pay, but money is there to pay for them. All monies in the No. 2 account are ringfenced (itemised above). AG to clarify best use of organ fund money now. **Action - AG**

AG and KB have given short Parish Giving Scheme presentations at most services. 4pm presentation this week. There is good take-up so far.

Fabric fund money has gone down considerably, but there have been a lot of repairs in a short space of time.

Some donations have been received for the Regeneration fund and there will an article in December's Chronicle and Ripples explaining future plans for roof repairs. This will hopefully pave the way for future

fundraising and also give locals the opportunity to contribute through the Parish Giving Scheme 'Friends and Family' option.

AG still working on 2019 budget. PCC expressed thanks to AG.

#### 5. Fabric (report previously circulated)

We are using less oil following installation of new burner, timer and pump on the heating. The whole system is now working more effectively.

Paint colour agreed for railings around boiler room steps, work likely for January.

BH attended recent Town Council meeting where it was agreed that the large tree at the main church entrance should be 'balanced' and would pursue this with the County Council tree expert.

Lady Chapel windows being repaired on 26th Nov. Tower Cross erected 15th Nov with renovations to the base complete.

Temporary patch repairs to roof complete, but full repair is now vital.

Porch lights to be repaired imminently.

£600 insurance received for stolen brass cross and paid into main account.

There are still some outstanding issues from the Quinquennial report - these will be addressed next year.

Application for Temporary Faculty to remove back pews in process, BH to chase up. **Action - BH**

PCC expressed thanks to BH.

#### 6. Church Building Regeneration

No further action at present.

#### 7. Deanery Synod

Minutes of recent DS circulated. PCC had been invited to send comments on the North Wilts Mission Area to last night's Chapter meeting, but Mission Area not discussed in the end. JV to clarify our involvement with Shirley Danby. **Action - JV**

#### 8. Together We Are Stronger

Church social event planned for Saturday 2nd March in the Town Hall. Not for fundraising purposes, but a fun event for all ages. More details to follow in the New Year.

#### 9. Youth and Children's

Numbers at Vibe have been very low indeed. S Club also currently has less children attending overall.

Monday night Youth Group is not able to happen as regularly because there are currently less leaders.

PCC expressed concern about these situations and suggest reviewing at next meeting.

#### 10. Safeguarding

Different levels of safeguarding training are available on Bristol Diocese website and all PCC members agreed to access and complete the basic level before next meeting on 9th Jan.

#### 11. Prayer

No action at present.

#### 12. Jenner Hall

BH attended last meeting. No issues.

#### 13. Correspondence

Ron Atkinson has retired from his role as Concert Booking Manager after 18 years. JV to send letter of thanks and small gift. **Action - JV**

#### 14. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 9th January 2019, 8pm in the Red Lion

Date for APCM 2019 to be confirmed - **Action PB/JV**