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St Michael's Church Wandsworth Common

PCC Meeting Wednesday 13 November 2024 – 6.00pm at the Vicarage.

Present:

Revd Tif Ewins (Chair), (TE)	Lisa Smellie (LS)
James Cunningham (JC)	Tom Holmer (TH)
Ebenezer Appiagyei (EA)	Mark Horley (MH)
Mike Bankole (MB)	Andrew Davies (AD)

Apologies: Lara Haggart (LH)

1. Welcome and open in prayer – TE

TE opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies and approval of previous minutes – TE

LH had previously sent her apologies

Minutes have been circulated however A.D. hadn't incorporated recent update. A.D. to update minutes and circulate immediately after meeting for approval.

Action AD

TH/TE had looked at four policies. TE asked to circulate these for approved first before sending the others. TH circulate to PCC.

Action TH

3. Treasurer's Report – JC

JC had previously circulated a report.

JC noted there are two months to go before the end of the year and Year to date there is £1,906 deficit, which is better than budget which was for the a deficit of £19,761.

We are ahead of budget based on 2 big projects not included.

On income we are £49,609 ahead on budget. JC noted we had received a grants of £17,274

Costs at £178,777 are £31,000 ahead of budget.

We are ahead of budget with other repairs and maintenance.

Mission and evangelism, charitable giving is behind budget and JC noted that at Christmas there will be a big spend occurring.

Carols on the common cost to go under mission evangelism.

Salaries are slightly over budget.

JC noted that we have £100,000 cash in the bank so we are ahead of what we need for reserves.

JC mentioned that notice has been given to just helpers.

Decorating will cost circa £18-£20,000. JC noted it would be good if we could break-even. JC mentioned that the recent concert was great however it was subsidised to the level of approximately £1500.

MH asked how we could get more people to the concert. TH suggested that the choir need to promote and market it more and this responsibility should be handed over to the choir.

JC pointed out that it was good that the choir goes to Wandsworth prison.

JC noted that utilities would be monitored against the same period last year.

It was noted that electricity has increased and gas has decreased.

JC asked if there are any questions -

MH asked should we not use the surplus amount of cash in reserves. JC mentioned that £100,000 is a reasonable amount to have. MH asked if we should reduce reserves next year. JC suggested not as there are other projects coming.

TE gave thanks for the parish support fund. JC suggested we need to give them due publicity.

TE gave thanks to JC for the Financial Report.

4. Building renovation update -ST

ST provided the following update:

West wall (Insurance) is complete.

Wall to the left of the window is wet so there may be damp patches coming through.

The Parquet flooring is partly repaired. Decorators (Adam and Joe) have been invited back to paint the counter.

Freestanding unit with fridge/cupboards was delivered 11 December.

Works to the pantry will be carried out on 23rd to 24th November.

SD thinks old counter is sellable otherwise we should dispose of it. TE wants it out ASAP

Front of church works – paintwork to panel back is restored. Checker board has been cleaned.

Works will cost £10,000 to clean it all, so it is on hold for now.

Adam and Joe have suggested we do not need to remove the brown paint to the apse, better to clean it.

TE mentioned the banners of Saint Michael have been removed along with the brackets and there is no intention to reinstate them.

North porch – needs full faculty. ST need architect to draw up the works.

All windows on southside - These are in a dreadful state and there is a quote from Paxton in the region of £140,000 to repair. Adam and Joe could be interested in restoring them. ST mentioned that the work should be done next summer and we are waiting for Adam and Joe to quote.

Windows are made from good quality Wood. We are happy that Sarah gets a quote from Adam and Joe however it was noted there would be a large amount of scaffolding. JC suggested at that given there are scaffolding in place should we look at painting. ST said she would discuss it.

5. Update on post of Ministry Support Person

TE mentioned that the current candidate was interviewed in September. Feedback was not overwhelming. TE/TH met the candidate – TE suggested he joined the congregation for two months and he has been for the last six weeks and enjoys it.

TE mentioned that there was a new issue. One of his referees was named in the Makin report who did not report Smythe and in fact backed him.

i. Messy Church for 2025

TE wants to start messy church in spring 2025. And ideally needs an employee who can help with messy church rather than someone like the candidate who is an ordained person. EA asked how his past employment affected him. LS suggested we may have problems communicating this with the congregation and perhaps we should move on from this idea. PE agreed we should pause. TE will speak to the candidate and have a pastoral conversation. TE asked if she should look for a messy church employee. TH

suggested we shouldn't be too hasty. LS asked if there's any news on an ordinal. TE mentioned later next year.

6. Coming up:

a. Sleep over

Children sleepover on the 29th of November

b. Preaching Workshop

TH,EA,MB hosting preaching workshop

c. Christmas 2024

Christmas Carols in partnership with Battersea welcomes refugees on the 15th of December. Three charities are required and we need a third one. JC suggested ourselves, sparkle plus one other? TE suggested that one third should be ministry one third sparkle one third Battersea refugees.

TE asked if we were happy with the split - All approved.

JC commented the brass band is booked. TE is looking at hiring lights and a PA. CP Estate Agents declined to sponsor the carols on the common.

JC asked if we have an organist. TE is working on this for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

d. Solar and Battery Community Meeting?

If we are looking to be an eco-church, we can be advocates and influencers in housing. ST & TE have been to community group meetings. TE mentioned she met with Southfield team and suggested we should invite them over to an event to learn about the solar and batteries. TE mentioned it is important that we host it but keep clear a line of involvement (not endorsing any products).

MH asked if they would talk about heat pumps. TE said no as they aren't really suitable for London homes. MH suggested heat pumps could sit on flat roofs.

TE suggested we may be able to get someone from octopus TE also mentioned there is good data on solar/batteries for analysing spend versus saving.

ST mentioned they are looking to create 'grids'. And TE mentioned that they're looking to create houses as power stations. It was agreed that we were happy to host the event.

MH keen to get them back at some point to discuss heat pumps.

e. Glasses for HMP Wandsworth?

TE asked if we can do a collection for money to get reading glasses for Wandsworth prisoners. All happy with this. TE mentioned gift bags to Wandsworth prisoners. And mentioned that she is working with Lucinda in the choir.

7. Safeguarding update

ST to send emails with regards to outstanding DBS.

Action ST

8. AOB

MB mentioned an event around employment which is to take place at John archer school. MB to circulate details

9. End in prayer

Actions

Date	Action	Responsibility	By When
13.11.24	Update and recirculate minutes	AD	ASAP
13.11.24	Circulate first 4 policies	TH	ASAP
13.11.24	Send outstanding DBS forms	ST	ASAP