

Parish Church of St Luke – Holmes Chapel (Church Hulme)

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council

held in Church

Monday 7th March 2022, 7.30pm

		Actions
	Present: Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Alastair Cragg, Janet Chettle (Secretary), William Hall (Treasurer), Rachel Copley, Val Cragg, Alison Dale, Tim Fryer, Yvonne Janvier, Trevor Jenkins, Wendy MacDonald, Fiona Pullé, Alan Rickards, Barbara Smith, Steve Smith.	
1.	Welcome and Opening – Rob Welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Article 9 from the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England. 9. Of Original or Birth-Sin Prayers were said with an invitation to members to lead the prayers.	
2.	Apologies for absence – Jayne Weaver, Paula Lavin, Stephen Haigh, John Oram. It was mentioned that PCC member Ray Davies had passed away recently his contribution to the PCC was noted.	
3.	Chairman's report – This set out some challenging goals. These were discussed. Now is the time for better fellowship which has been absent for a while due to obvious reasons. There is a meeting coming up for the Social Committee which will be chance to arrange events for both fellowship and friendship. A range of suggestions were made including the Parish weekend; however, it was noted that the last one did not attract enough people. Other suggestions were men's and women's events and a parish picnic. It is also hoped to hold the music festival again in the future as this is a good community event. Rob's letter in the annual report could discuss the options above. The questionnaire to gain feedback on the pattern/style of services will be sent out this week to those on the email list and there will also be paper copies available in church.	
4.	Minutes of meeting on Monday 10th January 2022 – these had been circulated and were adopted by those present. Two members who were not able to attend the last meeting abstained. Proposed by Val Cragg and seconded by Steve Smith. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.	
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda). A thanks was expressed to all those who helped with the Knitted	

	<p>Bible Exhibition which had been a great success. It had raised £500 of which £250 had been sent to St George's Hartlepool and £250 went toward the lighting appeal. We will be able to ask for this again in the future. It has also proved to be a good introduction to the schools as Rob is doing an assembly at Holmes Chapel Primary school.</p> <p>The Jubilee Beacon is being arranged. It was suggested that we do something in church before the Beacon is lit. There will be a Churches Together event at the leisure centre. It was mentioned that there will be a life size model of the Queen inside church.</p>	
6.	<p>Churchwarden's report – This had been circulated with the agenda. It was commented on that we have chosen a picture of the wooden dove which sits on the top of the chandelier to go on the new glass doors in the cathedral.</p>	
7.	<p>Financial Matters – A report had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that £1000 had been collected for the DEC Ukraine appeal.</p> <p>Two questions were asked,</p> <p>a) Why the white envelope amount is going down. This was due to large donations in 2021.</p> <p>b) The Vicarage council tax – we had to pay for both properties which is why 2021 is larger.</p>	
8.	<p>Lighting update – Further work on the faculty submission for the lighting project is required. We are still on target for submission by the end of March The current quote is £33,000.</p>	Alastair
9.	<p>Safeguarding- DBS checks are now required every 3 years rather than 5 years previously. There is a need to check that these are all up to date</p>	Lee
10.	<p>COVID-19 Restrictions –</p> <p>This needs to be a regular item to ensure we are in line with regulations. However, at the moment there is no need alter our current practice.</p> <p>While restrictions are getting less stringent, we are still encouraging mask wearing in Church, however it is personal choice.</p> <p>The taking of Communion wine was discussed. It is expected that this will be mentioned in the questionnaire. We can consider the shared cup or individual glasses.</p> <p>While the bishop's position has not changed regarding the use of individual cups, if we decide on this option we would not be followed up with discipline.</p>	
11.	<p>Annual Church Meeting-</p> <p>The electoral roll notice is up in the porch. A draft will be available from 18th April.</p> <p>Janet asked for all reports to be with her by 7th April to enable her to collate these ready for the ACM.</p>	
12.	<p>Any other Business –</p> <p>a) Deanery Synod.</p>	

	Tim attended this meeting with Rob as William and Barbara were unable to go. A report on this meeting is attached to the minutes.	
13.	<p>Future PCC Meetings (normally 7.30pm 2nd Monday in the month – the venue will be confirmed when the agenda is sent out)</p> <p>Annual Church meeting Sunday 8th May 2022. Time and venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>9th May 2022, 11th July 2022 12th September 2022 14th November 2022 9th January 2023 13th March 2023 Annual Church Meeting Sunday 7th May 2023</p>	
14.	<p>Close of Meeting – there being no further business Rob closed the meeting with Prayer. The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	