

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

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council

held on Zoom

Monday 10th January 2022, 7.30pm

		Actions
	<p>Present: Canon Rob McLaren (Vicar and Chairman), Alastair Cragg, Jayne Weaver, Janet Chettle (Secretary), William Hall (Treasurer), Val Cragg, Alison Dale, Tim Fryer, Stephen Haigh, Lee Hardy, Yvonne Janvier, Trevor Jenkins, John Oram, Fiona Pullé, Alan Rickards, Barbara Smith, Steve Smith.</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome and Opening – Rob Welcomed everyone and set the context by focusing on Articles 7 & 8 from the 39 Articles of Religion of the Church of England.</p> <p>7.Of the Old Testament 8.Of the Three Creeds</p> <p>Prayers were said with an invitation to members to lead the prayers.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for absence – Peter Cotton, Paula Lavin, Wendy Macdonald, Ray Davies</p>	
3.	<p>Chairman’s report – Following a meeting of the Prayer Ministry Team it was decided to expand the members. Two people have been added to the list they are Val Cragg and Val Fryer. However, there is still a need to look for other members. The PMT is led by Tim Fryer and members work together as a pair. The meeting renewed the understanding of what the Prayer Ministry is. It is a chance to share prayer needs with the PMT to pray for these needs.</p> <p>A questionnaire is being developed to gain feedback on the pattern/style of services. This will be ready for the next PCC meeting.</p> <p>“Living in Love and Faith” has been cancelled as it is hard to do on Zoom.</p> <p>There was a question asked about how Rob is finding it to manage his time with being Rural Dean. It is challenging but is only for 6 months.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of meeting on Monday 8th November 2021 – these had been circulated and were adopted by those present. Two members who were not able to attend the last meeting abstained. Proposed and Seconded by Alan Rickards and Val Cragg. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman in due course.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed at the last meeting to send some money to the church in Argentina. William and Rob will action this.</p> <p>A question was asked if people could support this church individually. Rob will share the whatsapp link.</p> <p>An update on the laptop was given by Tim Fryer. Expression Media were unable to come, as on the day arranged there was a funeral in church. An HDMI lead was required as this would give better quality. Val and Tim Fryer have donated a laptop with an HDMI adapter. This is now working well, and others will be trained to use it.</p>	William Rob
6.	<p>Churchwardens report – This had been circulated with the agenda There was only one item that was commented on and this was that the CD player had been replaced. However, the old one is now working so there is a spare.</p>	
7.	<p>Financial Matters – A report had been circulated with the agenda which given the deficit last year offered some good news. The appeal is now up by £500.</p> <p>There has been a gift of £20K to update the fixtures and fittings in the Church Hall. The Hall Committee are working on what are the priorities to spend this on.</p> <p>The way in which the money from the sale of the old vicarage can be used was discussed. It cannot be used for running costs. Members of the PCC were invited to suggest ideas for how this could be spent to Rob, Jayne, Alastair, or William.</p>	PCC members
8.	<p>Lighting update – Before Christmas more information was obtained from the contracting company, in line with what the DC require. This now needs to be sent into the faculty including the responses to the questions.</p> <p>The aim is to have this installed over the summer.</p> <p>It was noted that the costs will have gone up due the increased cost of raw materials.</p> <p>The vicarage money could potentially be used for this.</p>	Alastair
9.	<p>Safeguarding- The safeguarding officer, Paula Lavin has resigned from this post. Paula was thanked for her service.</p> <p>There is a need to find someone else to undertake this role.</p> <p>Lee Hardy offered to take this on in the interim due to his experience of safeguarding. However, a permanent replacement is needed.</p>	
10.	<p>COVID-19 Restrictions – All services at Christmas were managed successfully.</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>	
11.	<p>Any other Business –</p> <p>a) The plans for the Knitted Bible project in church between 28th January and 4th February were discussed. The times were agreed. Currently during the week in daytime, Holmes Chapel Primary school and Hermitage Primary school are attending. Rob has asked Terra Nova School if they would like to come</p>	

	<p>on the Friday, but they have yet to confirm.</p> <p>The following opening hours were agreed for the public:- Saturday 29th 10am – 4pm Sunday 30th 12pm – 4pm Monday 31st – February 3rd each evening 6pm – 8pm Helpers will be required. Fiona will send a rota to the comms team for them to send out through email asking for volunteers. We are not being charged for this exhibition but any donations to the church providing the exhibits would be gratefully appreciated. A plate will be available in church for donations.</p> <p>b) Barnabus- Alison asked if we were still supporting Barnabus with men’s clothing as she has some to donate. William confirmed that yes this was still needed. Alison will deliver her donations to William</p> <p>c) Churches Together- Alison Dale has offered to be another representative</p> <p>d) Platinum Jubilee - We have been approached by the Parish Council asking if the church would be supportive of having a Beacon for the Platinum Jubilee. We have responded saying that yes, we are supportive of this. However, we are waiting for the details from the Parish Council.</p>	Fiona
<p>12.</p>	<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>7th March 2022 – the venue will be confirmed with the agenda Annual Church meeting Sunday 8th May 2022 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>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Close of Meeting – there being no further business Rob closed the meeting with everyone saying the Grace together. The meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	