

St Peter's Church PCC meeting

28 November 2023 7:00pm – 8:20pm

Minutes

Present: Mo Atkinson, Ian Birt, Kate Blake, Lance Burgess, Michael Burlison, Helen Camm, Jan Edwards, Alan Garrow (chair), Steve Gibbin, David Hipkin, Sian Lockwood, Felicity Moss, Karin Shaw, Roy Taylor and Ruth Thompson-Vear.

Apologies: Chris Clayton, Jan Edwards, Hannah Beck, Isabella Blake, Catherine Medford

1. **Welcome and opening prayer**

Alan welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Bible reflection**

Roy led a reflection on Hope and read from Revelation.

3. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received and were noted.

4. **Acceptance of the minutes of September's meeting**

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 26 September 2023 were unanimously approved.

5. **Matters arising**

John Longstaff reported that the Choir stall lights were still unsatisfactory and further adjustments needed to be made.

6. **Safeguarding**

Annual Review of policies and procedures

The Parish Safeguarding policies and procedures were tabled and Alan reassured the meeting that all the requirements were being met. Karin had been using her experience in these matters to address some issues. The PCC endorsed this document.

7. **Chris's Ministry.** Alan presented an extensive resume of Chris's role and duties in his Ministry at St Peters, initially as a Deacon and Curate and working up to

his present role as Assistant Vicar. The contribution he has made in all areas of his role has been invaluable. Finance to support his Ministry has been mostly gifted. It would be beneficial to his family if he could stay until July 2025. Alan outlined the gap his departure will leave in many areas. He also pointed out the value of Karin and Steve in our ministry and how fortunate we are to have such a strong and supportive team.

8. Inclusive Church

Away Day outcomes and decisions.

Ian Birt suggested a permanent information Board be displayed in the Church regarding our policies on our wider vision for Inclusion. This is to go on the agenda for the January meeting. The PCC reviewed the presented document and agreed it was an accurate account and gave permission to proceed with proposed actions.

9. Environment action group update

Stewart Davies presented his paper and outlined the proposals

- To apply for EcoChurch registration
- To complete a survey on Electricity usage
- Nomination of Mike Davies to take on the role of Parish Environment Officer

The PCC approved the three proposals outlined in the document.

10. Finance

David tabled his report and outlined our current financial position and reported a healthy surplus. The projected year end figure is predicting as a surplus of £16K. The Budget for 2024 is showing a year end deficit of £162K due to factors as stated in his report. Alan thanked David for his hard work on the accounts.

11. Fabric

Sian reported the following

- The new AV system had been installed.
- The roof has been patched up successfully.

- We are going to look at the leading on the roof in January and will talk to the church architect. This may be a big expense for the church.
- It was brought to the attention of the meeting that our Caretaker and maintenance staff greatly contribute to the good order of the church.

12. Charitable donations for 2023

As outlined in David's report.

'Mission Possible' to go onto the next PCC agenda in January as the Charity has now been taken over.

The PCC agreed to support the charities in the same proportions and amounts as last year.

13. Occasional Preachers course – endorsement of candidate

Roy Taylor has shown interest in going on this course. The PCC agreed that it would support his application. Alan thanked Roy for his contribution to the life of St Peter's.

14. Acceptance of minutes of the Standing committee,

The standing committee minutes for October and November were tabled and accepted.

15. AOB

There was no other business

A short review of the meeting took place

The meeting concluded with The Grace at 8.20pm.

The next meeting is 30 January 2024.