

Parish of Wareham PCC

Minutes of meeting held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 20th March 2024

Present: Team Rector the Reverend Canon Simon Everett **SE**, (Chair), the Reverend Neil Kelly **NK**, the Reverend Deborah Swann **DS**, Mike Quinlan **MQ**, Priscilla Spurling **PS**, Sue Bartholomew **SB**, Nick Burden **NB**, Leslie Selby **LS**, Rebecca Green **RG**, Jon Moulton **JM**, Peter Jennings **PJ**, Tony Tew **TT**, Barbara Wells **BW**, Debs Barclay **DB** (Secretary)

“Statement of Purpose” – “We are a group of Trustees who, together with the Clergy, oversee the life of Wareham Parish to ensure that we are focused on what Jesus Christ is calling us to do. In all that we do, we aim to seek God’s will, work well with one another, reflect our values, and take positive action for the future.”

PCC Chairperson: The Reverend Canon Simon Everett

Opening Prayers: Reverend Neil Kelly or Reverend Deborah Swann

- 1. Apologies for absence: Margaret Harris, Ginny Collings, Simon Lathwell, Mark Lapper**
- 2. Principals of the early church an Acts reading – to be led by the Reverend Deborah Swann – small discussions to take place, then time for prayer.**
A reading from Acts Chapter Acts 4: 32 – 37 was typed out and distributed to the PCC Trustees, this was read out. Questions below the reading were discussed in small groups.
- 3. PCC Minutes: PCC Minutes: 31st January 2024 - All Agreed this was true account of the meeting.**
Matters arising:
 - Paul Harrison taking the Diptych to London – *Mike and Hilary G had taken it to Amy Brennan from Heirlooms to look at as she worked at Dukes Auctioneers as a valuer. Amy said that the two panels were in a poor condition and could not be repaired and their value would depend on their age. She suggested that we contact Mark Yuan-Richards from Woolley & Wallis in Salisbury. Mike received an email back saying that at this time he is very busy putting a catalogue for the next Auction but that once he's done that he will respond. Hillary G could take them to Woolley & Wallis for inspection.*
 - Shaftesbury Tales paper – PCC approval July 2024 – Lady St Mary church – further details to follow.
- 4. Administration and Correspondence:**
PCC meeting dates for next year.
APCM – Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7pm
Wednesday 29th May 2024 – 7pm
 - Not Just Sundaes Limited – Not Just Sundaes Limited would like to submit to The Aldhelm Mission Fund Application Form B – the project is titled “Food, Fun and Friends”.
An update was given that the Application Form B was not sent due to unforeseen issues in the Café and the Trustees felt that it should be put on hold at this time.
 - Possible Easter Egg Hunt at Sandford Primary School. If this is to go ahead insurance cover will be needed. *The PCC of Wareham agreed to this.*
 - *Reports due in for Celebrating 2023, Annual Reports into Debs by 5th April 2024 please.*
 - *Fairer Share leaflet (covered under Finance)*
- 5. Team Rectors update: (The Reverend Canon Simon Everett)**
 - Simon’s retirement. There will be a United Parish service in Lady St Mary church followed by a bring and share lunch in the Parish Hall.

- There is a lot going on around the parish next week. If you read the monthly newsletter, you will know that we have a lot of services. During Holy week it is good to have services in which we can really gauge with what went on that week in Jerusalem, so there are daily services at 9:00am in Lady St Mary church using the Book of Common Prayer. We follow the Gospel readings parts of the passion narrative which are beautiful. These will be held from Monday to Wednesday. We would hope to have one on Thursday but most of the clergy are going to Salisbury Cathedral. In the past Hugh Maddox has stepped in but not being in the best of health currently, he is not able to take this service. There will be an evening service in Lady St Mary on Maundy Thursday, with the stripping of the altars in readiness for Good Friday.
- On Good Friday there will be a Walk of Witness which will start at 11:00am from St Martin on the walls where we will be joined by other churches in Wareham. There will be hymns and readings depicted at different points in the town, finishing at Wareham Quay with hot cross buns in the Parish Hall. Afterwards as we do not have the three-hour service anymore, we have the final hour from 2pm – 3pm. This will consist of 3 reflections on the crucifixion in different forms of art. So just something a little bit different this year. Hopefully a lot of people will come along to Easter day, not forgetting the clocks will have gone forward the night before.
- At 6.30am British summer time we will meet down on the opposite side of the quay and have a Dawn service. Usual services will then be held in the different churches, but the following week because of Easter day being on the 5th Sunday we are moving the United service on to the first Sunday of April. It will be a Family communion still, but it will be for all the Parish for the young and old alike to join in. There will be an 8:00am service as well for those who value and prefer something a little bit quieter.
- After Easter the Bishops say that we should take a break, so I'm taking my break immediately after and then after this Deborah and Neil will be taking the following week. Please note that there will be cover for both weeks.
- Some gentlemen who attend the Men's breakfast would have heard my talk about life at sea, 'Worse things happen at sea'. Several people said that they would like to hear this, so I am proposing to do another talk for all to hear accompanied by a lunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday the 28th April. I will do something slightly different, not the same as the one at the breakfast. This will be a fundraiser so hopefully we will be able to raise some money for the Parish.

SE asked if there are any questions.

6. Team Vicar's update: (The Reverend's Neil Kelly and Deborah Swann)

- ***New garage door has been fitted at the Vicarage.***
- ***We would like to thank everyone for the Licensing service which was wonderful, and we felt very welcomed, and we would like to thank all who helped with the organisation.***
- ***It has been a very busy time and a different time trying to make one job with two part time positions.***
- ***During the first few months we have spent our time meeting people and have participated in many meetings to see how things work in this Parish.***
- ***Our main goals have been to focus on people and worship.***
- ***We have met lots of different Teams and committees and community groups and taken Weddings, Schools' collective worship, Sunday and mid-week services and Care homes services. We have also been to NJS, different church communities and Going deeper.***
- ***After the induction period we plan to meet with the home groups and toddler groups.***

7. Finance:

- Treasurers Report – ***This was distributed to the PCC members prior to the meeting – there were no questions.***
- Summary of End of year Accounts 2023 – ***The End of year accounts were sent to all the members prior to the meeting and were ratified for adopting at the APCM - A thank you to Debs for all her hard work.***
- Budget 2024 update – ***This needs to be updated now that the 2023 accounts have been closed.***
- Finance Committee Report – ***This committee has not met and no report issued.***
- ***SE shared with the members about the new share system – As a Parish we are not able to claim a grant for our churches – PCC Fees from weddings and funerals reduce the share figure. PCC all agreed to go ahead with the share request.***

- Non-Profit Growth – *There was an update in Mark Lapper’s report.*
- Parish Fund Raising
- *God’s Outlaw film show 22nd and 23rd March 2024*
- *Martin Taylor Jazz Guitarist concert 25th May 2024*
- *Juan Martin Guitarist concert 31st May 2024*
- *Carlos Bonell concert 1st June 2024*
- *Canon Simon Everett’s talk and Sunday lunch 28th April 2024*
- *Lottery licence needed for a Grand Raffle*

8. Safeguarding:

- Safeguarding courses are now online.
- New members to do basic training, and all Trustees need to be DBS checked.
- Leadership Review – *Code of safe working practices copied to all PCC members and to all in the Parish who are DBS checked.*
- *Leadership Training courses available – PSO training to take place on the 5th June 2024*

9. Fabric Update:

Report from Fabric Officer to the PCC Secretary for distribution to the PCC prior to the meeting.

- Discussion and proposal and motion of new AV Screen and Audio, sent out prior to the meeting – *New big TV screens would be the preferred option if the existing projector screen were to become faulty as a new drop-down screen would be extremely expensive.*
The PCC were asked to approve the following motion: ‘The PCC agree to the proposal entitled ‘Replacement of Projector and Screen at LSM’ to replace the AV drop-down screen and Projector in the Chancel of Lady St Mary’s Church with four TV screens fixed to the walls of the Nave at an estimated cost of £6,924 inclusive of VAT.’. – Proposer Hilary G and seconded by Sue B - 1 abstention
- For discussion Trial Pits at SMOW – *Trial Pits need to be excavated inside and outside the church to allow the proposals for new heating to go forward at a cost of £6,274 + VAT.*
Proposer Becky G seconded by Nick B. All agreed.
- For discussion Quinquennial repairs at St Nicholas and St Martin-on-the Walls - 3 quotations were received– *J Spiller and Sons were the cheapest. The total costs including architect’s fees were as follows: St Martin on the Walls church, Wareham £18,465.33 + VAT.*
St Nicholas church, Arne £15,500.33 + VAT. Scaffolding is a substantial part of the cost of these works.
A proposal to accept these quotations and carry out these works was Proposed by Becky G and Seconded by Les Selby and All Agreed
- *Mike Q reported that the Holy Communion Silverware should arrive soon.*

10. LSM Re-ordering and new Parish Hall

- Report to be submitted to the PCC Secretary for distribution to the PCC prior to the meeting.
- *Preapplication planning has been sent by the Architect to Dorset Council who expect to issue their report by 8th April 2024.*

11. Parish Hall

- Report from Parish Hall Manager to be submitted prior to the meeting!
- *This committee has not met.*

12. Committees

- To include any matters arising from the last PCC minutes dated 31st January 2024

***Congregational Church Committee updates to be emailed to the PCC Secretary for distribution to the PCC prior to the meeting**

- Church Committees
- Children and Youth committee

- Mission committee – *Permission to send Malcolm and Yanet Taylor £1000 from the Michael Smith legacy as proposed in the minutes of their meeting – PCC Trustees All Agreed*
- Environmental updates
- Standing committee
- Finance committee – *No report.*

13. Questions for the Churchwardens:

- Any questions can be addressed to the Churchwardens.
- *The Piano in Lady St Mary church needs some restoration work – Maurice Turner has been looking into this and will be obtaining a quote to carry out this work.*

14. Deanery Synod Update:

- *Wednesday 13th March next meeting in the Parish Hall, Wareham. Overview of the meeting, Jonathan Triffitt spoke about the new Diocesan vision which will be developing and rolled out to the Parishes. DS reported that there were a lot of positives, there are 5 priorities, Partnerships, local justice, climate Action, finance, try and be creative. We need to look at what is already happening and what Mission initiatives are going on locally, thinking of pioneer and creative ways. The Rural Dean finished off the meeting with – Making Jesus Known. DS to make a report on this for the May newsletter.*

15. Schools Update: Reports to be sent prior to the meeting.

- Report from Sandford St Martin’s CE VA Primary School – *DS said the headteacher had reported the school had secured additional funding for SEND.*
Report from Stoborough CE VA Primary School (Canon Simon Everett) – *A copy of the Stoborough Scoop was sent out prior to the meeting. Stoborough Primary School are now part of the Coastal Partnership – the staff feel better supported by the system and have resources to draw from. Dorset Council resources are now becoming depleted as the Government wants schools to join a Multi Academy Trust. The Diocese will still need to approve Foundation Governors as this is still part because of the Trust Deed. On Monday afternoon Stoborough Primary school will be holding a service in church.*
- Report from Wareham St Mary Primary School

16. A.O.B.

A.O.B. please forward to the PCC Secretary 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, we thank you that you have called us to be your body here on earth, worshipping you and working for your kingdom. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we might love you, love one another and love our neighbours, and share the good news of Jesus. Help us as the PCC to order the life of Wareham around your mission and ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting:

APCM Wednesday 24th April 2024 – 7pm

Signed.....Chairdate