

PCC meeting

Friday 13 December 2024

Lydford House Westleigh 3.00pm

Minutes

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1. Worship/Prayer

2. Preliminaries:

- a. Present: Rev Chris Painter (Rector), Julie Grigg (Churchwarden), Sue Boyd, Roger Levick
- b. Apologies - Ansell, Catherine Bellew (PCC congratulate Catherine on arrival of baby Rose)
- c. [Minutes 11oct24](#)
- d. Matters arising (if not on agenda) - None

3. Safeguarding

- a. Any reports of concern [SA] None
- b. Safeguarding matters None

4. Growing the church:

- a. Discipleship - Nurture (homegroups, prayer & teaching)
 - i. Westleigh home group - report [CP]
Recent meeting postponed due to the storm
 - ii. Bibles in church - CP is making the opportunity for people to donate to funds and add names and events to bibles, via paper and online.
Action CP
- b. Worship

- i. Dates:
 - Sunday 10nov - Act of Remembrance - Went well and well attended.
 - Sunday 22 December 3.30pm - Carols by candlelight
 - Julie concerned that readers were drawn from the wider community.
 - A number of people to be asked to read.
 - Christmas Day 9.30am - Family Communion
 - 11.30pm Christmas Eve @W
- ii. Common Communion cup - how's it working?
 - Needs to be better signposted. **Action CP**
- c. Pastoral - None recorded.
- d. CYF (e.g. young people, schools, uniformed orgs)
 - i. CYF workshop 19oct24 - report CP/JG
 - JG to request new toy bags to be created and stocked, for handing to families. **Action JG**
 - ii. Sunday 19 Jan25 - Christingle/family service, with light breakfast (rolls) at 9am
- e. Mission & outreach
 - i. Charity support - next year?
 - Harbour changing the approach. PCC agreed that a new charity should be found. Approach congregation for ideas, but charity should be small and focussed locally. Ask Stefan and Esther if they know of any who'd appreciate the support. **Action All**
- f. Communication (eg Website etc) None
- g. Social & support groups (eg Friends, mens & ladies groups etc):
 - Feb - soup & puddings (JG to ask EM)
 - May - spring concert,
 - June - summer garden party at Pilhead Farm (bi-annual event)
 - Sept - DHCT - 'Teddies off the Tower'
 - Dec - concert

5. Being church

- a. Mission Community (Drawing together)
- b. Deanery/diocese - next Synod 03apr25 (see [deanery website](#))
 - i. +M enthronement on YouTube
 - ii. visit deanery 09may25 - social event DID.

V keen to be invited to other events, esp. PMs (Regatta day 03aug25)

- iii. opp to invite ArchD to Westleigh for Harvest and/or 'Teddies off the Tower'

c. Ecumenical (inter-faith)

6. Resource

- a. Ministry/people - James Moore, curate [CP]
- b. buildings.

7. Church administration

- a. Finance - increasing income - Fri 08nov24 - meeting with diocesan advisor on how to make it easier for people to donate:

- i. Mark has signed us up to the [PGS](#) - this is most effective for taxpayers
- ii. He is also suggesting that we should invest in contactless giving, plus WiFi
- iii. This last option would allow people to make donation directly.

The intention is to make it easier for people to give, and not to wring more money from generous givers

b. Business

- i. Churchyard - only paperwork required is Monument forms. Other info is held in Register (legal) dbase (pastoral). MCA will maintain e versions. (paper revisions)
- ii. APCM Sun 18may25W 10.30

c. Fabric -

- i. Working group met and identified priority work on QQ - [notes here](#).
- ii. Westleigh Church hall - We have taken the first steps and consulted on disposal. See the [memo](#) here. The current situation cannot continue as it gives us the worst of both worlds; we have liability

and responsibility for the building (including the cost of maintenance) but we derive no benefit.

8. AOB (urgent matters, notified at least 24 hrs in advance)
9. DNM (Date of next meeting) scheduled for 14feb25 (Lydford House), 11apr25