

St Botolph's Church, Colchester

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 10th May, 2023

In the choir vestry at 2.30 p.m.

Present were:- David Poppleton (Chairman), William Jolliffe, Beau Mackay, Pauline Palmer, Jackie Haylett, Chris Kidd-Stanton, Pat French David Branson and Colin Nicholson

1. The Chairman opened the meeting reading a verse and chorus from 'The Servant King'.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Ann Levy and Gill Poppleton.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved, and signed.

4. Matters arising The meeting approved the addition of Chris and Roy Kidd-Stanton to the Chalice rota.

5. Correspondence The Chairman gave details of the Visitation service being held at St Botolph's on 7th June and made an appeal for assistance with catering on the day. BBC Songs of Praise is to be recorded in Colchester on Saturday 10th June. Location of first choice being the Castle Park, with a wet weather option at St. Botolph's. Due to the logistics of setting up the decision of location will be made from weather forecasts on Thursday 8th June. The BBC team had a meeting at St. Botolph's on 5th May

6. Safeguarding . The PCC now has several members who have completed the Basic and Foundation modules of the Safeguarding training.

7. APCM/AGM Follow-up Since the APCM/AGM Ann Levy has offered to act as the Deanery Synod Rep. The PCC approved this and Ann will replace David P. who was put forward at the AGM.

8. Reports

a. Finance

The financial summary and forecast as at the end of April 2023 was presented to the meeting and in answer to a query from David B. Beau explained that the reason for extreme fluctuations in heat and lighting cost was due to money from support grants being paid to us this year whilst being earned last year.

b. Fabric

Heating is turned off for the summer months. A toilet seat has been replaced. There will be some expenditure due to failed sump pump pipework in the Church boiler house.

c. Worship

The worship group are to invite Nicky Philips to join them as in previous years. Chris K-S. said that the group would put together a list of charitable requests for the PCC to select those for our Red Bucket collections after Harvest this year.

d. Bookings

Nothing to report.

9. Rev. Chris Smith Installation The Chairman reported that the draft service was with the Bishop Roger for approval and that PCC members would be invited to attend. Also, whilst the service was Installation to Christ Church, Rev. Chris would be taking up duties at both Churches simultaneously, with the first Sunday service being at St. Botolph's on Sunday 18th June.

10. A.O.B The PCC approved a £50.00 donation towards a retirement collection for Roger Ennals, the Lay chairperson of the Deanery Synod.

The PCC discussed The content of work that could be taken on by Emily Gooch the P.A. at Christ Church, and it was felt that we should be paying towards the general duties as the Vicar's PA, plus possibly producing the copy for the Sunday service sheets and possible helping with maintenance of the Church Website.

Chris K-S. gave a vote of thanks to Gill and David P. for their part in keeping things together since August 2020, this was carried unanimously.

11. Date of next Meeting, Wednesday, 21st June at 2.30 p.m. in the choir vestry.

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting with the sharing of The Grace.