

## Minutes of Church Committee Meeting

Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

Apologies: JP, JM

Present: Fr RM, DC, GR, RP, EG, CD, MH

Prayers: Fr RM opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Minutes of last meeting & Matters arising  
 Accepted as correct- proposed CD seconded RP.  
 Cheese and wine deferred to April after Easter (9/4/23)  
 J M willing to take on bookings from Linda Roberts. Noted that thanks were due to Linda for the work she has done. However, we need an ad hoc deputy to cover holidays etc. DC to discuss further with J M.  
 Faculty has been submitted for "Thanks to Donors" plaque.
2. Mission & Outreach:
  - a. Invitation Sunday : Invitations have been printed and distributed
  - b. 'Community Fridge' : Grant awarded (£3000 in first year and £1000 in second year) and waiting for Neighbourly to approve our application and assign supermarket collection slots.
  - c. Christmas Services : Leaflet available in time for invitation Sunday.
  - d. LYCiG Follow-up meetings: for LYCiG local on line group meetings to develop a plan to grow the church. Open to all. Tues Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.
  - e. Advent Bible Study – started; led by MH, on- line.
  - f. 'Faith, Hope, Love' Course 2023 Diocesan course, about faith hope and love. Will be run in Parish Church for whole Elwy MA in Lent 2023
3. Future Events:
  - a. 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Coffee Morning raising money for Church Funds.
  - b. Sunday after Christmas – 1<sup>st</sup> January : normal service at 9.30am, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
  - c. CH to purchase 7ft Christmas tree from Abbey Farm.
4. Finance Report  
 GR presented his analysis of our financial position; approved and accepted.  
 There is a small projected deficit of 1-2K at year end.  
  
 The C.i.W. are giving money to each Diocese to help post-pandemic recovery. Our diocese has decided to give Mission Areas extra cash through the Share rebate scheme. So instead of getting 4% as normal we will receive 12%; we will actually receive 12% of what we paid in 2022 (12% of £27k).  
  
 The last quarter parish share is yet to be paid.  
 There is no increase in DD for gas and electric (EDF).  
 Discussion re catering costs. There has been confusion and inconsistencies in coding between "catering", "refreshments after services" and "coffee money" so it is planned to meet to decide how to code. GR has disentangled these costs and is satisfied that a profit is being made.  
 Approx £7000 'Retention' is still to be paid to Grosvenor Construction; due when the reordering project is finally signed off.
5. Church Hire – Bookings Clerk see Matters arising, item 1.

6. Church Committee Minutes Publication – agreed that these should be put on the church’s web page. They will be administered by Fr RM without names; and initials on instead of names.
  
7. A.O.B. (*any items for this must be notified to Fr. Rex as Chair beforehand*)  
Fr Rex reported that:
  - Bishop’s Advent message – copies to go out on Sunday. 2023 is 1450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Asaph so celebration of same and advise us to reflect more.
  - Clergy to take an extra week off.
  - Fr RM to put link to advent message on web page.
  
8. Date of next CC meeting: 26.1.23

Approved:

Signature...Fr RM..... date...26.1.23.....