

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of PCC Meeting of Monday September 19th 2022 at 7.00pm in Church

Present: Amiel Osmaston AO, Amanda Fogg AF, Jane Maycock JM, Andrew Sherwin AS, John & Julie Lanham JL, Jim Bloomer, Les Spring, Fiona Dowle, Sue Wymer SW, Elaine Baldry EB, Michael Jackson MJ, Michael Fieldhouse, June Donnelly, Alan Hill, Steve Bell SB

1. **Opening Prayer** – on the day of the Queen's Funeral: this church is a place of remembrance and hope
2. **Apologies** - Helen Hoyle, Janice & John Tindale (JT)
3. **Approval of Minutes** of PCC meeting on 18/07/22 approved unanimously
4. **Matters Arising:** none
5. **Treasurer's Report** – the report was welcomed and the treasurer thanked for his clear report; suggestion to name the Strategic Mission Fund where surplus funds are kept for mission; unanimous agreement to increase Parish Offer by 5% in 2023; query for JT to check notes of meetings on 24/3/22 and 10/5/22 to ensure they are in agreement; need to start planning for when gas supply contract needs to be renewed in June 2023
Action: JT
6. **Working Parties and Worship Questionnaire** – all the Working Parties have nominated leader (see attached sheet); after a discussion it was agreed to circulate the worship questionnaire to those who attend church and to seek the views of the wider community at a different time and in a different way.
Action: SB
7. **SHAPE course proposal** – proposal to run SHAPE course in January 2023 agreed unanimously.
Action: AO, JM
8. **Confirmation candidates** – opportunity for adult confirmation to be advertised Action: AO
9. **Commissioning of Sue Wymer as Chaplain in Education** and approval of Steve Bell to be re-licensed as a Reader approved unanimously
10. **Safeguarding** – AF highlighted that all PCC members now have DBS and some need to attend Safeguarding courses and tell AF when this has been completed. Action: All
11. **Hiring St Mary's** – JL thanked for his paper; suggestions for amendments made; need to use main church building wisely in the winter bearing in mind financial and environmental costs of heating the building.
Action: JL
12. **Updates from Committees** - pastoral care committee to develop a bereavement card and invite the recently bereaved to the service on 30th October Action: MF and JM
13. **Community and Youth update** – Helen Hoyle was not in attendance having had a Covid contact notify her. Her report was not available at the meeting but reads:
 - (i) Success of Summer Hols Club - John & Janice T can feed back on this event.
 - (ii) First meeting this coming Friday 23rd at 09.30 to 10.30 for our 'Friday Brunch Drop-in' ALL welcome.
 - (iii) Light Church Event Mon 31st Oct with Allithwaite Primary School... Gillian (Head) and

Rachel at school on board and a few from St. Mary's shown interest in helping...hopefully more will like to help...planning meeting to be confirmed.

(iv) Priory Day 2022 - Tues 27th Sept almost there...127 Y5&6 children from all CofE Primary Schools signed up + 17 teachers + 35 leaders & helpers...

(v) Weekly involvement at Cartmel Priory School started this term and plans to develop further

(vi) Friday Eve Youth starts back Friday 23rd September.

14. **Any Other Business:** School's Xmas production dates shared;

Lakes Gospel Choir Concert profits to be shared between Choir and Julius and Dora Ministries;
quotes for varnishing church doors Action: JL

Food allergy labelling Action: SB

Emerging poverty in Parish – ideas shared; JT to contact school, Harvest auction in aid of Food Bank;

Keeping Vestries tidy – thanks to EB for taking the initiative

Notice Board timings addition to be made by Arthur Baldry – thanks.

15. The meeting ended with us saying the words of the Grace together

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st November 7.30pm MLH or Church (tbc)