

Church of St Nicholas Remenham

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd November 2018 in Remenham Parish Hall

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

John Laing, Churchwarden

Nigel Gray,

Anthony West,

Sarah West.

Sue Laing

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

- 1) **Apologies:** Hugh Whitfield

- 2) **Minutes of last meeting held on 11th October 2018.** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Acceptance proposed by John Laing and seconded by Charlotte Every.

- 3) **Matters Arising** John Laing confirmed that the completion of the work had been reported to the DAC. It is on the website and a paper copy was handed to the Secretary.

- 4) **Finance Report** Nigel Gray reported that the income from January to October 31st 2018 was significantly less than the same period last year (~£10,000). There were a number of reasons but mainly due to the facts that less donations were received in 2018 and there were less weddings and funerals this year although Charlotte will check the actual number. Funds raised were greater and a 'grant' of about £3000 is expected in the near future. The Hall Fund has decreased due to the work carried out on the wall. The Fabric Fund is also reduced as the Church building work was paid from this.
Weddings and Funerals: In future, Julie will be asked to invoice for weddings and Tomlins will sort monies due for funerals.
Fund Raising: Sue Laing introduced the ideas that she and Charlotte had regarding fundraising in the parish. Their notes/proposals are attached to these minutes. A 'Friends' fundraising could be launched in the Spring. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

Father Jeremy reported that there is a small amount of money available from the Deanery to purchase a card machine and to spend on Mission. He will ascertain how this might be accessed.

John Laing demonstrated a card machine that could be used for collections or donations but it was realised that it would take some time before the community became used to the system.

- 5) **Parish Hall** The Hall committee are planning a Letters evening on January 12th and the Quiz evening on October 26th.
- 6) **Thoughts from the Rector** Father Jeremy said that his first few weeks had been extremely busy with the new responsibility of two Churches but he felt that he had been warmly welcomed and help was there if he needed it. He looks forward to having some more time after the busy Christmas period to spend time in his parish and getting to know his parishioners. Charlotte thanked Father Jeremy and said that Remenham felt very positive about its new Rector.
- 7) **Churchyard clean-up** This was discussed and the date of March 16th at 10am was decided.
- 8) **Food Collection** Charlotte suggested that people attending the Patronal Festival on Dec 9th should bring store cupboard items to Church to go to the Nomad Food Bank.
- 9) **Any other business** The Carol Service was discussed briefly as Sarah is due to have an operation which Anthony said might affect their attendance. Good wishes to Sarah for a speedy recovery were expressed and there were offers of help with the mulled wine if it was needed.

Dates:

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| Patronal festival | Sunday 9 th December (Holy Communion followed by drinks in Church) |
| Carol Service | Sunday 16 th December 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall |
| Christmas Eve | 9.00pm Candlelit Holy Communion |
| Christmas Day | 11.15am Children's Service with Holy Communion (45mins) |
| Churchyard Clean-up | Saturday 16 th March 2019 |

Future PCC Meetings 2019

February 28th, April 14th (APCM) May 23rd, July 25th & Sept 26th.