**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 21st November 2019 in Remenham Parish Hall**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

John Laing, Churchwarden

Sue Laing

Hugh Whitfield

Anthony West

Sarah West

Paul Sermon

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

1. **Apologies:** Nigel Gray.
2. **Minutes of last meeting held on 12th September 2019.** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting Father Jeremy signed the minutes and also signed the amended minutes of the July meeting.
3. **Matters Arising** All items on the agenda.
4. **Finance Report** As Nigel was not present he had left the report with Father Jeremy. Fees appear much higher in 2019 because fees are now recorded gross and appear under ‘other expenses’. The Quiz Night receipts are not included but when they are, the fundraising amount will be lifted to prior levels. Income over expenses shows a deficit. £7500 has been transferred from the Hall Fund to keep the General Fund in credit. The Hall Fund is healthy.
5. **Parish Hall** Thanks were expressed to Pat Sly, Liz Cope and Barry Rosier for all their hard work with the Parish Hall.Sue Laing reported thatthree new volunteers had been welcomed onto the Committee: Lena Dewesselow, Jackie Ronald and Jeanette Brown. The Quiz night was a great success and the next event will be a sponsored walk in April. It was suggested that the hall is ideal for wakes, christening parties and children’s parties.
6. **Safeguarding Requirements** The Rector explained that the Diocese expects all members of the PCC to undergo safeguarding training. Members should complete C0 (online) and members of the PCC are in the process of undertaking this. The Secretary will forward the link again.
7. **Patronal Service (8th Dec)** Archdeacon Judy French will preach at this Holy Communion service. The Rector is inviting everyone who has had a wedding, a family funeral or a baptism in the last year to come to the service. Wine and nibbles will be provided after the service. Food will be collected and donated to NOMAD food Bank in Henley.
8. **Any other business** Father Jeremy informed the PCC that the Parish Office is in the process of updating its equipment and IT systems. Work is in progress.

Future Dates: 8th Dec Patronal Service

15th Dec Carol Service (4pm)

24th Dec Christmas Eve service (9pm)

25th Dec Christmas Day (11.15 Children’s service)

4th April 2020 Sponsored Walk from the Church

**Next PCC meeting: to be decided ? March 5th?**