**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

 **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 16th May 2019 in Remenham Parish Hall**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

Nigel Gray

Sue Laing

Paul Sermon

Hugh Whitfield

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

**Apologies:** John Laing, Anthony West & Sarah West.

1. **Minutes of last meeting held on 7th March 2019.** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Acceptance proposed by Father Jeremy and seconded by Charlotte Every. Father Jeremy signed the minutes.
2. **Matters Arising** Thanks were expressed to everyone who helped with the churchyard clean-up. Special thanks were given to Nigel who arranged for the debris to be removed.
3. **Finance Report** Nigel Gray presented the accounts and these were discussed. Various differences in amounts between last year and this year were mainly due to the varying times of monies being paid in and some advance payments.
4. Parish Giving Scheme Sue Laing and Charlotte Every have attended meetings about this idea and Sue Laing described the progress made so far. This scheme is the focus at the present time.
5. Legacy giving This idea has not advanced yet.

The idea of asking a parishioner to take over the responsibility for the gift aid envelopes was discussed. Despite the fact that other parishes have a separate Gift Aid Secretary, Nigel was unsure that it would be helpful as all Gift Aid has to be combined with the accounts.

Father Jeremy has approached a speaker from the Generous Giving section of the Diocese of Oxford to come and possibly talk to the Church congregation and maybe meet the PCC.

 **4. Matters Arising** All matters on the agenda.

1. **Parish Hall** The Chelsea Garden evening was successful. It was noted that the hall and garden look lovely and provide opportunities for an enjoyable experience for those renting the hall.
2. **Any other business** Father Jeremy suggested he meet John Merkel who will be taking over as Chairman of the Parish Council while John Halsall who is Leader of the Conservatives is expected to become Leader of Wokingham Borough Council.

**Future dates: Queen Anne’s Concert Thursday 13th June**

**PCC meeting Thursday 25th July**

**Remenham Fayre Sunday September 1st**

 **Harvest Supper Friday October 18th**