**Church of St Nicholas Remenham**

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 25th July 2019 in Remenham Parish Hall**

Present

Father Jeremy Tayler (Chair)

Charlotte Every, Churchwarden

Nigel Gray Treasurer

John Laing, Churchwarden

Sue Laing

Paul Sermon (8.39pm)

Mandy Sermon, Secretary

**Prayers**

1. **Apologies:** Hugh Whitfield, Anthony West & Sarah West, Paul Sermon arriving later.
2. **Minutes of last meeting held on 16th May 2019.** The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. All agreed. Father Jeremy signed the minutes.
3. **Matters Arising** All items on the agenda
4. **Finance Report** Computer problems preventedNigel Gray from printing out the accounts. He reported that the situation was fairly healthy at the end of June. Balance on the general account was ~£10,000. This was helped by £5,300 from HMRC and charges for weddings etc. The hall account balance was £26,000.

Nigel also said that he really needed to know when weddings and funerals took place so that he can check that the payments had been made.

Donations come in steadily but in the autumn there will be further discussion on Parish and Legacy Giving. The Good Plate is on order.

1. **Parish Hall** There are two areas of concern. The hall needs a new secretary and there are a number of committee members who are resigning. It is important to have someone responsible for maintenance. There are usually only 3 meetings a year. It was suggested that an article was placed in the newsletter due in the autumn.
2. **Safeguarding Requirements** The Rector reported that the Diocese requires that Remenham PCC should have systems in place following the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. All PC members should undergo safeguarding training and be DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) checked. Most training can be undertaken online. The Rector will send links to this.
3. **Any other business** The Rector followed up on a previous discussion about inviting those who had had baptisms, weddings and funerals at Remenham and St Marys back for special services. It was felt that the services should be separate for each Church. All Souls Day could be an opportunity in Henley for those who have had funerals. For Remenham Church it was suggested that a suitable Sunday service be chosen and be adapted to welcome back those who were married or baptised there. A suggestion was to use the Patronal Service for this.
4. Future dates:

**Rewind teas Sunday 17th August**

**Remenham Fayre Sunday 1st September**

**PCC meeting Thursday 12th September**

**Harvest Supper Friday 18th October**

**Quiz Night Saturday 26th October**

**Carol Service Sunday 15th December (4pm)**

**Archdeacon Judy French preaching at Remenham on Sunday 8th December**