

St Margaret's Church – Crick
 Minutes of the Meeting of the PCC
 Wednesday 22th May 2024, 7.30pm, The Old School.

	Attendance: Rev Jo, John Rogers, Lyn Johnson, Kent Polley, Dave Milne
1.	Opening Prayers: Rev Jo read from 1 Samuel 17:6. This was followed with a prayer
2.	Apologies: Zona Dipple, Andrew Hutley, Ian Jones, Gemma Drakeford, Jacqueline Smith, Hazel Gault
3.	Minutes from 20/03/24: Agreed
4.	Matters Arising not on the agenda: None
5.	Actions from 20/03/24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Assheton is a potential new architect and Kent is waiting for final confirmation. • We do need a Faculty to address the wifi and CCTV installations The PCC will ask Andrew Hutley to follow this up. There has been some further vandalism to the exterior of the church and we need to consider whether there should also be external cameras • Discussion about DBS checks for bellringers left to next meeting. • Organising the worship band for baptisms will be difficult so it will not be offered. • The pilgrimage dinner worked well with the arrival of Rev. Charlie Nobbs. Thank you to Ray and Carole Smith for hosting him. • FOSM has now ordered the replacement cabinet for the side gate.
6.	Curate's Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Jo is loving the role. • Rev Graeme is enjoying his sabbatical. • There is a funeral and several baptisms on the horizon. The three baptisms will all be 'stand-alone'. • Rev Jo has been conducting Holy Communions by extension and Rev Alison Twigg officiated at the main service of HC. • Rev Jo is stepping down as manager of the Old School because of her increased commitments. She led a period of considerable positive change for the Old School. Thank you Rev Jo.
7.	Children's ministry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane, Katherine and Katie are now involved with Shine and Barbara is developing into her role really well. The team, including Zona and John, work very well together. • School assemblies are still being supported by Ray Smith et al. and the school is very appreciative. • A Year 6 visit was hosted by the church as part of their Christianity module. The children heard about baptism, priests, bishops, communion, prayer. They asked amazing and sensible questions. The school and children really enjoyed it and would like to make it an annual event.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev Jo intends to make a bid for the Gen2 funds to support further growth in our children's work. 					
8.	Churchwardens' Report: 1. <u>March/April/May services</u>					
	Month	Date	Service	Adults	Children	Comments
	March	6	HC midweek	8		
		10	HC	22		
		13	HC midweek	10		
		18	Funeral	126		
		20	HC midweek	8		
		24	SOP	39	2	
		27	HC midweek	9		
		28	M Thursday	30		Evening
		29	G Friday	14		
		31	Easter	35		
	April	3	HC midweek	8		
		7	Informal	17		
		10	HC midweek	10		
		14	HC	22	3	
		17	HC midweek	11		
		21	Shine	18	6	
		24	HC midweek	10		
		28	SOP	35		
	May	1	HC midweek	6		
		5	Informal	22		
		8	HC midweek	8		
	1. <u>Archdeacon's Inspection</u> The Archdeacon's Inspection took place on Saturday 16 th March. The inspection is being done on behalf of the Archdeacon by Chris Banks, Deanery Synod Secretary.					
	2. <u>Fabric sub-committee</u>					

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	<p>Has not met; However, Category A repairs completed to stained glass window. £125.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boden and Ward replied to contact but awaiting meeting with new architect. Meeting 20th May with William Assheton as the likely candidate to become our church architect. William is based in Elkington. We hope to use him for quinquennial points.• Repairs to the cracks to the lead on the nave roof were completed 21st April 2024 as per the quote from Simon Elbrow in Nov 2022 for £823 ex VAT <p>Nave ceiling plaster fall: Approval given and scaffolding due to go up soon. Cost of works and scaffolding is £2,650 ex VAT already agreed by PCC. More plaster has fallen in the meanwhile.</p> <p>Previous Chancel ceiling: Work completed, and invoices paid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor repairs internally to the East Window completed on 9th May to fill the gap between the two lower panels with darjened putty to prevent weather ingress – priority A as per quinquennial. <p>3. <u>CCTV</u></p> <p>Faculty required. This is the next step.</p> <p>The churchwardens met on the 8th May. Discussion of roles within Benefice if funding could be found. Benefice walk on 16th June. Christian Aid week – from 12th May.</p> <p>John, Kent and Andrew</p>
9.	<p>Safeguarding: CONCERNS and ALLEGATIONS: Thankfully we have had no recent reported concerns or allegations, since the last PCC meeting</p> <p>PARISH DASHBOARD: We are currently at Level Three 100% on the Dashboard, with two Reviews & Reports needing updating: - Review List of Church Activities before the 23/05/24. Currently we now only have one activity listed i.e. Little Saints, the English Speaking course being suspended. Should the Home Group now be listed and also Bell Ringing? Review List of Non-Church Activities before 24/05/24. Currently we have no activities listed.</p> <p>TRAINING & DBS CHECKS: Currently the following training courses are yet to be completed:- Church Wardens: Leadership Training. (one still outstanding) Tower Captain: DBS Check together with the necessary Safeguarding Courses.</p>

	<p>SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS: In addition to the normal details on the audio before service notices. We have now added a small Safeguarding notice, together with contact details on the North door by the server. To be a constant reminder of the need for Safeguarding Awareness and loving concern in our Church family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JR will speak to NH re DBS
10	<p>Little Saints: All is well with Little Saints. We've had a couple of Mums return who we haven't seen for a term or two, so that's been positive. We have two Crick families looking at having their daughters Baptised in the Summer, plus another family from Houlton. "Humbug" the sheep (puppet!) will be joining Shine and Little Saints soon and we're hoping he will bring even more smiles!</p>
11	<p>Deanery Synod: The synod met on 14th May at St Andrew's Church, Old. Chris Banks was re-elected lay chair. There was an excellent presentation by Canon Dr Peter Brotherton on the diocese plans to achieve zero net carbon by 2030. He shared some very depressing climate and environmental facts. His recommendation was that churches did 'something' as soon as possible rather than finding reasons to delay action. Should St Margaret's consider becoming an Eco church? Victoria Kellet introduced herself. She is the new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Her message was to contact the office for help and support and they will do all they can. LJ explained about the need to apply for eco status and encouraged the PCC to consider this further.</p>
12	<p>Fabric Sub Committee: Repairs to the ceiling have nearly been completed. We are not expecting a material increase in costs, despite the additional plaster fall.</p>
13	<p>Treasurer's update – including Parish Share: Parish Share is paid up to date. All direct debits are now being removed from Santander to CAF bank. It is a slow but steady process.</p>
14	<p>Stewardship update: Planned giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person has joined the Parish Giving Scheme and one has left since the last report. • We have 33 members on the Parish Giving Scheme and 3 people who pay by standing order direct to St Margaret's. The Gift Aid on the latter is claimed annually. • 14 members on the Parish Giving Scheme have agreed to annual inflation increases.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on a rolling 12-month period the revised average monthly and annual totals, assuming no other changes, are now £3,026/month/£36,315/year. • Our Parish Share for 2024 is £32,239.65 • The Gift Aid reclaim for 2023-24 has been done and we have received a rebate from HMRC of £2,418.53 <p>Card reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our card reader has been live from the beginning of September 2021. • In 2021 there were 172 transactions totalling £1,290. Average of £7.50. • In 2022 there were 254 transactions totalling £1,688. Average of £6.64. • In 2023 there were 371 transactions totalling £3,574. Average of £9.63. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Sunday and Wednesday offerings there were 207 transactions totalling £1,625. Average of £7.85 ○ For fundraising events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mothering Sunday teas 23 transactions totalling £592 ▪ Coronation weekend BBQ 45 transactions totalling £326 ▪ Scarecrow weekend BBQ and teas 85 transactions totalling £830 ▪ Harvest supper 11 transactions totalling £201 • In 2024 to end of April there were 41 transactions totalling £322. Average of £7.85. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For fundraising events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mothering Sunday teas 12 transactions totalling £335
15	AOB:
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16	Dates of next meetings: 17/07/24, 25/09/24, 27/11/24
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Meeting closed at 8.20pm with a prayer