

## ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PCC

Minutes of the Budget meeting of the Smarden PCC held on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in  
Charter Hall

**Present:** Alex Bienfait (Chair), Catherine Wilson, Tom Hay, Edward Demery, Ewa Loffstadt, Tony Lush, Mike Barkway, Ruth Papworth, Vivienne Rose

Item		Action
1	The meeting opened in prayer.	
2	Apologies for absence John Lowings  Correction to previous 4 <sup>th</sup> September meeting on :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Lush to be added to apologies for previous meeting on 4th September meeting.</li> <li>• Church notice board - Marcus Palmer is awaiting feedback from the PCC before a mockup can be made. PCC needs to meet Marcus in church to discuss this .</li> </ul>	Office          PCC
3	Fees for weddings and funerals  Agreed as follows:- Organist       £75 Heating        £50 Choir           £150 Bells           £250 (Tim Munt subsequently indicated that they request £210) Verger         £20	
4	Salaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase to staff salaries – confidential item</li> </ul>	
5	Magazine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased in advertising costs agreed at 3%. Proposed Tony Lush, seconded by Mike Barkway. Agreed unanimously.</li> </ul>	
6	Budget for 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget was discussed. Mike Barkway queried if there was a briefing paper provided by the Diocese to support their budget proposals for 2018 especially given that that was estimated at a 4% increase.</li> </ul>	
7	Date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship meeting – Alex reported that he had further communication with Liz Mullins, Diocesan Stewardship Officer, following her visit on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. The dates that she previously provided as she can she no longer can be present and so has opted for a further set of dates:-               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>○ 11th February</li> <li>○ 27<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Liz Mullins assistant, Charlotte, could be available for 4<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	

	<p>There was a preference by the PCC for the 4<sup>th</sup> March, failing that, they would go with the 11<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p>a) Events</p> <p>Alex table a series of events being proposed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Zion Light party</li><li>○ 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Sri Lankan evening – Alex and Stephanie speaking about their experiences on their trip.</li><li>○ Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Parish coppicing day – organized by Alex in the forest, Pluckley.</li><li>○ Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Catherine proposing to take a group of young people from the parish to a Diocesan youth event</li><li>○ Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 – Epiphany party</li></ul>	
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The meeting closed with prayers at 9pm