

St Michael Smarden PCC

Minutes of virtual Zoom meeting of the PCC held on 28th September 2020 at 7pm

Present: Tom Hay(Chair), Alex Bienfait, Tony Lush, Mike Barkway, Edward Demery, Stu Tucker, Vivienne Rose, Tanya Ling, Ewa Loffstadt.

Item		Action
1	The meeting opened in prayer.	
2	Apologies for absence None	
3	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th July 2020 The minutes were adopted as a true record and virtually signed by Tom Hay. Office to amend item 7 from Tony Richter to Tony Lush and Womens Guild to St Michaels Guild.	Office
4	Matters Arising from meeting on 13th July 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 4 – Ropes and Clips – thank you to Stu for all the research he has done. This needs to be looked at when the church is fully open. Action To be further discussed at the churchwardens meeting. • Legacy policy – now completed and uploaded onto various pages on the church website. Action - Tony Lush to draft an article for the magazine highlighting the updated legacy policy and a donation appeal. • Biddenden star is now down from the Smarden tower and will be brought by Alex back to All Saints, Biddenden. • Home Communion set was purchased by St Michaels Guild in full (Tony Lush had offered to pay for 50%) . Many thanks to St Michaels Guild and thank you to Tony Lush for his kind offer. 	AB/TH/ED TL
5	Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewa has asked to place an article in the Parish magazine about the stewardship campaign, thanking everyone for donations and to let people know that donations were made to Christian Aid and the local foodbank Action Ewa to draft an article and send to Tony for review and then send to the Parish magazine. • Brass cleaning – Vivienne asked if people should enter the vestry? Alex is happy for people to go into the vestry taking all the Covid precautions. Vivienne was Advised to do this 72 hours before or after a service. People can scan the QR code when coming into the church or write it in the book. 	EL/TL
6	Covid 19 impact update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment and information documents were circulated to the PCC before the meeting for review. Alex would like to thank Tom and is very grateful for all the time spent on this work. Action Office/AB print the RA and place in the church. RA has been completed and no questions raised by the PCC. PCC approve and endorse the actions that have been taken from the RA. • Ongoing services in church and Zoom – up to beginning of September up to 60 devices logging into our services. With various guests attending and there is still more scope and opportunity to use this tool. • Breakfast Church and layed services are working well on Zoom. Active Church on Zoom is the least successful . The ability for young people to engage on Zoom is very hard and not suitable. Active Church cannot hold face-to- face services due to social bubbles. Very hard to do in the current environment. • Bethersden, High Halden & Woodchurch have a new incumbent appointment shortly and we are hoping to continue our Zoom collaboration. 	Office/AB

	suspend this rule. The PCC propose to hold an extraordinary meeting prior to the Vestry to pass the resolution. Action Office to add this suspension to the APCM agenda.	Office
15	Events and fundraising update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewa has suggested a St. Michael calendar 2021 as a fundraiser. Ewa has already received an offer of sponsorship to partly fund the initial purchase of the calendars. PCC have agreed to print 200 calendars with the approx cost of £800-1000. Action Ewa to proceed and update the PCC accordingly. 	EL
	Date of the next meetings:- Budget meeting on Zoom on 12 th October at 7.30pm and the APCM on Wednesday on 14 th October at charter hall at 7.30 for 8pm start.	

The meeting closed with prayers at 9.40pm