

St Michael Smarden PCC

Minutes of virtual Zoom meeting of the PCC held on Monday 19th April 2021 at 6pm

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

Item		Action
1	The meeting opened in prayer.	
2	Apologies for absence None	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd March 2021 and actions arising The minutes were adopted as a true record and virtually signed by Tom Hay.	
5	Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Smarden APCM date on 16th June 2021 has been previously suggested but Ewa cannot make that date and it is essential for her to attend the meeting. Action Tom and Edward to discuss new date at churchwardens meeting tomorrow. Need to amend the date in the magazine and to update Tony when they can. Where the meeting is to be held is tbc. • A St. Michael theArchangel church facebook page has been suggested by Ewa Action Ewa will look into this. 	<p>TH/ED</p> <p>EL</p>
6	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office received a phone call today from our Area Dean Rev'd Chris Hodgkins to check how both Smarden and Biddenden PCCs are doing during the interregnum and to see if there are any concerns etc. Office has relayed this to Smarden PCC. 	
7	Interregnum update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchwardens are seeking to engage with the Archdeacon and Diocesan House to ascertain as to is happening to the benefice vacancy. No update as yet as the Archdeacon has been on holiday and is awaiting the Deanerys view on this question. • On a day-to-day basis, churchwardens and office are managing with various new jobs such as interment of ashes, banns only being read, etc. Services are being managed by the various local rectors who are being co-ordinated by churchwardens • Service planning meeting this coming Wednesday which will look at services over the summer. Plan to carry on as we have been by having one service each Sunday in each church. There is still a strong attendance in church even after Easter Sunday which is always popular. People are also still attending on Zoom as well. Tom cannot make every Sunday to set up the Zoom call so going forward, the PCC agreed in principle to look at quotes for pricing on purchasing correct set up for ongoing Zoom services. As an example. Tenterden benefice spent approx £10K for their setup. Action Tom to look into this further. 	TH
8	Nave Altar update Alex still to create the statement of need. Action Office to speak with Alex on this.	Office
9	Active Church update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stu and Ewa confirmed that the children attending the Active Church services are not getting enough from the Zoom call. It is not very child friendly. Going back to church with Active Church without a rector/leader could be a struggle. Mike suggested possibly leaving Active Church until September when they could regroup. Active Church has been very successful when lots of time and energy is 	

	put into it. Could we ask one of the local vicars Jeanette Kennett to assist with future Active Church services? Thank you to Stu and the AC team for all their work. The PCC confirmed their full support of Active Church.	
10	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewa sent a report to the PCC before the meeting. • Due to the legacy and donation of approx £20K the accounts look very healthy for this year. We cannot always rely on these sort of donations so fundraising becomes more important. Possibly to look at subscription for Zoom services? It was also suggested that it doesn't always have to be the PCC members to run fundraising events. • Annual 2020 finance report for the APCM report is being reviewed by Stephen Crowe. 	
11	Magazine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscriptions are slowly dropping which is impacting on advertising but still holding its own and making money. 	
13	H&S Tony asked if we could now re-open up the back of the church? This was done to assist social distancing initially. PCC agreed to open up the church and put hand sanitiser near the book shelves.	
14	Churchwardens report PCC would like to thank Marcus and Brian for putting the notice boards up and to those who contributed towards funding them.	
15	Events and fundraising update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Tree Festival – Vivienne has confirmed that the 10-12 December have been requested by the committee. The PCC agree to these dates. All in favour. • Ewa has offered her help on the committee as well. 	
	Date of the next meeting:- PCC meeting on Zoom in May – date tbc, APCM date to be agreed	

The meeting closed with prayers at 8.05pm