

The Parish Church of St Margaret, Rainham
Parochial Church Council

Full meeting of the PCC on Thursday 11 January 2024
19:00 in Church



Present: Heather Baker (HB); Lorna Dyer (LD); Janet Garnons-Williams (JGW); Nick Grief (NG); Felicity Holton (FH); Revd Jonathan Jennings (JPJ); Davina O'Brien (DOB); David Ormiston (DO); Linda Randall (LR); Revd Nathan Ward (NW) - Chair; Terry Whittaker (TW)

In Attendance: Jo Whittaker (JW) – Secretary

PCC MINUTES

Item	Details	Action
1.	Welcome and Opening Prayer:	
	The meeting started with a short service of compline.	
2.	Apologies:	
	These were received from Hollie Allen (HA); Nigel Barfoot (NB); Philip Holdcroft (PH); Charley Holden (CH); Owen Smith (OS); and Sam Holden (SH).	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting on 13 December 2023 and Matters Arising:	
	JGW proposed and TW seconded the proposal that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting – all in agreement.	
i.	<u>Graveyard Trees (3.i)</u> – TW would write to the churchyard maintenance team after the winter once they were fully operational again.	TW
	<u>Letter to Medway Council (3.i)</u> – DO was gathering the relevant information and documents required.	DO
ii.	Additional quote for concept design for lighting/sound/AV (3.ii) – no further quotes had been received despite chasing. It was agreed to go ahead based on what we had.	NW
4.	Safeguarding Update:	
	There were no new matters to report. NW reported that LR had tendered her resignation as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) with effect from the APCM in April 2024. Thanks were given for all LR's hard work to date and for the notice given. It was noted that it was PCC responsibility for finding a new PSO.	All
5.	Finance Committee Update:	
	TW reported that the Finance Committee were working hard on the year-end figures, and all was as expected for December. The MCA loan had been repaid.	
i.	<u>Parish Share and Fuse outstanding payments</u> – the Diocese had been written to explaining we were withholding part of the Parish Share in lieu of monies owed for the Fuse events, as agreed previously by PCC. A response had not yet been received.	
6.	Fundraising Review:	
	<u>Follow up on previously circulated report</u> - NW was meeting with Liz O'Hanlon the following day and would report at the next PCC.	NW
7.	Discussion: What makes St Margaret's 'good' and Sunday Services	
	There was a full and frank discussion (bullet points to be circulated to PCC) which culminated in the proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to turn the 6:30 into a service of compline with immediate effect, - discussions to continue within the staff team, - the 10:30 be used as a time to listen, - a paper be put together by NW with a proposed way forward to be considered at the next PCC. 	NW
8.	Dates of Next Meetings:	
	To be confirmed and circulated in due course.	JW
9.	Closing Prayer:	
	The meeting was drawn to a close at 21:36 with compline and prayer.	