

## PCC Minutes - Holy & Undivided Trinity Lambley

May 12, 2021

Present:	Rev Mic Johnson - Chairman	
	Chris Hodson	David Chambers
	Phillip Cox – Church warden	Frances Newsham - Secretary
	Jane Williams	Eleanor Wilson - Treasurer
Apologies:	None	

ITEM		ACTION
	Rev Mic read Psalm 148 and opened in prayer.	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> – none.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> were accepted with 1 amendment noted before the meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters arising</b> from last full PCC meeting prior to APCM and brief meeting re church re-opening – none as minutes were not available.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b> from brief meeting after APCM – none.	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Items for discussion</b></p> <p><b>5.1 New service structure</b> – copies distributed prior to meeting. Rev Mic went through his rationale for making some changes to services at Lambley. The intention is to start the new service format from September.</p> <p>1) Addition of informal prayer meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month – to be held in church with view to raising the profile of prayer in the parish. Also to provide opportunity for prayer for specific needs and individuals as needed.</p> <p>2) Changing the title of Morning Prayer to Morning Praise to allow flexibility in what is provided on these Sundays, which will include the formal morning prayer service depending on choice of the Reader leading the service.</p> <p>3) 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays (only 3 per year) this is to be a joint benefice service all together in alternate churches. The intention is to try and strengthen the connection between the 2 parishes which fall under Rev Mic’s care. There has previously been an understanding that on 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday congregation from Lambley would attend the service provided for the Villages group of churches; however in reality only a small core from Lambley had attended elsewhere.</p> <p>4) Rev Mic and Jane and Nicky are reviewing Junior Church provision and are considering Messy Church as a possible format for the future.</p> <p>5) Rev Mic plans to resume weekday communion on the mornings of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10.00 am.</p> <p>6) Organist John is planning to resume after 21<sup>st</sup> June provided that regulations allow.</p>	

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	<p><b>5.2 Benefice Mission Statement</b> – copies of this and the diocese’ 7 streams of work circulated prior to the meeting. Mic suggested <b>Worshipping God, Sharing his word, Serving his world</b>. There was some discussion as to what these 7 streams meant in relation to Lambley Church and parish. Mic will do more work on this in the weeks ahead and bring it to the PCC in due course.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Priest in charge</b></p> <p><b>6.1</b> Since last full PCC meeting Rev Mic has done a course on the new Marriage Regulations. Registers and marriage certificates are no longer to be completed. The couple will eventually get an A4 document that will be signed by them in Registrar’s ink on the day, then by the Vicar, and then sent off immediately to the Registrar. The couple have 21 days, once they have been advised that the registrar’s work is completed, to collect their copy by appointment with the Registrar. Any copy on the church systems must be deleted once we are advised that the registration process is complete.</p> <p><b>6.2</b> Rev Mic has also participated in a Living in Love and Faith study day. Rev Mic is currently doing further reading and will advise the PCC in due course of his plans to provide relevant sessions/training to the PCC and congregation.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> Rev Mic will be doing a sponsored walk around both parish boundaries in order to raise money for both churches on 10<sup>th</sup> July. He would be happy to have company for any part of the walk.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> Rev Mic asked whether anyone is aware of an official record of any spaces that may have been previously reserved in the churchyard for burials or interment of ashes. PCC members are not aware of the existence of such a record. The churchyard is closed for burials; however, the interment of ashes is still possible.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Ministry and Pastoral Care</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Junior Church</b></p> <p>Mother’s Day flowers were distributed to Junior Church mothers. A Zoom activity service was also held to celebrate Mother’s Day.</p> <p>It is hoped that some sort of afternoon activity can be arranged in the garden of Lambley Rectory after 17<sup>th</sup> May – games and tea. This will probably happen at quite short notice. Rev. Mic plans to reconnect with Junior Church.</p> <p><b>7.2 Magazine</b></p> <p>Opinion about a church magazine was divided. A number of people felt that a Parish magazine is outdated and no longer realistic. Others felt that a magazine is very important and gets contact from the church into every home, whereas the parish council newsletter does not go to every house. Rev Mic is not in a position to do what would be required. No one on the PCC felt able to take on the task – and it was noted that the previous editor and</p>	

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	<p>people that were involved in the magazine production were not actually active members of the church. The main function of the church was to collect revenue from advertising and to pay for publication.</p> <p>Jane Williams is happy to put information forward for the Parish Council to include in their newsletter and also to post information on “It’s a Lambley Thing” Facebook pages.</p> <p><b>Frances Newsham proposed that “the Lambley Church PCC is no longer in a position to produce a Church Magazine.” Seconded by Chris Hodson. Vote unanimously in favour.</b></p> <p>After further discussion it was agreed that funds currently held by the church from advertising revenue could, at the agreement of advertisers, potentially be offered to those that organise the Parish Council newsletter in order to support its ongoing provision. This would be on the understanding that there would be periodic contributions of relevant information from the church. It would be particularly helpful if the Parish Council newsletter could be delivered to every house in the parish.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Church Business</b></p> <p><b>8.1 Fabric</b></p> <p>David Chambers tabled the Quinquennial Report from the Diocesan Architect. The report states that the church is well cared for and generally in very good shape. Rev Mic and PPC members thanked David Chambers for his work in this respect.</p> <p>The architect categorised the major recommendations as follows:-  <b>A – urgent within 2 years, B - necessary within 2-5 years, C – minor to be done when practical, R desired when possible.</b></p> <p><b>David Chambers proposed that the architect is asked to prepare specification for going out to tender for all the work in categories A and B.</b> The current guesstimate is approximately <b>£30K</b>. The work is mainly to the upper levels of the tower and once scaffolding is put up it would be more economical to get all the work done at once as this would save the expense of paying for scaffolding again on another occasion. Tenders would be necessary in order to make application for any grants. It will probably be necessary to make a funding appeal to the whole parish. NB this is likely to raise further discussion about the lighting of the church tower which came up again last year. <b>Proposal seconded by Chris Hodson, and agreed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Section C</b> refers to maintenance of the closed churchyard which is the responsibility of Gedling Borough Council (GBC). There is specific mention of 2 trees which are likely to cause problems in the future and also to the state of the path edges and steps to the small gate at the bottom of the church drive</p> <p><b>Action - Rev Mic to send scanned copy of relevant pages of the report to PCC Secretary so that letter can be sent to remind GBC of their responsibilities in this respect.</b></p> <p><b>Section R</b> - the architect suggested that the carpet in the chancel is not fit for</p>	<p><b>Rev Mic FAN</b></p>

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<p>purpose and presents a trip hazard. Therefore it should be removed to expose the floor beneath and if necessary a suitable surface provided to make it safe. <b>PCC agreed that the carpet should be lifted and the state of the floor beneath it explored.</b></p> <p><b>8.2 Finance</b> <b>Treasurer</b> reported that there is £7K in the current account. £2880 has been put aside as this is past magazine income. There is £12K in the fabric account. There is £12K in savings which are being eaten into to make payments to the diocese towards Lambley Parish Share - how long could/should we continue to take £1K a month out of savings to pay the Parish Share?</p> <p><b>Issues – 1)</b> How to fund necessary building repairs? <b>2)</b> How to raise enough money to support ongoing ministry of the church in Lambley? <b>3)</b> How to cover the cost of an organist at £32 per service? PCC discussed stopping some of the things that we are currently paying for.....</p> <p><b>Eleanor Wilson proposed that we stop paying for a cleaner. Seconded by Jane Williams and agreed unanimously. Action ?????? Who is going to tell people that when they do flowers or clean the brass they need to dust around the relevant areas????</b></p> <p><b>Eleanor Wilson proposed that the organist should be reduced to Communion Services only i.e. twice a month. Seconded by Jane Williams and agreed unanimously. Action - Rev Mic to speak to the organist about reduction once the new service pattern begins in September.</b></p> <p><b>Church Notice Board</b> – at a meeting some time ago Jane Williams had undertaken to identify suitable replacement for very old and deteriorated notice board. Despite current financial situation it is felt necessary to improve appearance and functionality of notice board as it reflects on the church as a whole. It will cost £745 + VAT for a lockable, modern board comparable to the current one in size. It will need fitting. Rev Mic recommended purchasing the notice board and PCC agreed unanimously. Wording for the upper section “Welcome to Holy Trinity Church” was agreed. <b>Action – Jane Williams to place an order.</b></p> <p><b>8.4 Correspondence</b> – none received by Rev Mic or PCC Secretary.</p> <p><b>8.5 Other business notified to the Chairman before the meeting.</b> <b>1)</b> From May 17<sup>th</sup> the Coronavirus rules change – however numbers in church remain the same as do wearing of masks and no congregational singing indoors. <b>2)</b> Chris Hodson has an update to give on Safeguarding and offered to prepare a paper for the next meeting. <b>3)</b> We have been advised that we must explore whether there are any</p>	<p>Rev Mic</p> <p>JW</p>
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	<p>monuments within the church or the churchyard relating to Colonialism and Slavery. If any such are discovered then a decision must be made regarding suitable action.</p> <p><b>4)</b> Eleanor enquired who is responsible for ordering candles, wafers and wine for Holy Trinity. At present time Eleanor purchases these for All Hallows and could easily purchase these for Holy Trinity as well which would be economical and practical. <b>David Chambers proposed that Eleanor should make purchase communion wafers, candles and suitable wine for Holy Trinity in future. Frances seconded. Agreed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>5)</b> Rev Mic asked if the PCC were happy to approve the transfer of Frances Newsham’s license as a Reader to Lambley and Gedling. This was agreed.  <b>Action</b> – Frances and Rev Mic to deal with relevant paperwork.          NB It is intended to formally present both Readers with their licenses at a service in church before long.</p>	<p><b>Rev Mic FAN</b></p>
	Meeting was closed in prayer by sharing The Grace.	
	<b>Date of next PCC meeting: - 9<sup>th</sup> June in church at 7.30pm.</b>	