

Minutes of the PCC Meeting
Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.30pm
St Gregory's Church, Dawlish

		Action
1	<p>Meeting began 7.30pm Opening Prayers led by PAL In attendance: L Cronin (Chair), L Halse, R Sulch, P Jones, N Twibill (secretary), J Smith, C Slade, G Brown, R Smith, K Chambers, W Halse, PA Leigh, & A Fuller. Apologies: J Workman, A Lunn, M Burden & L Chambers Minutes of last meeting: Agreed & Signed. Matters Arising None</p>	
2	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>1. Churchwardens Report – RS Reverend Linda Cronin was licensed by Bishop Jackie Searle in February. Parish Administrator, Sabrina, left in March. There are currently no plans to replace her. Ceri Lee will now be the author of our Newsletter, and it will be published fortnightly rather than weekly. A “communications” team has been formed to ensure a church presence on Facebook, Twitter (X), etc. The Church Diary is also available (view only) on the Church website. We are facing serious future maintenance issues, which will involve considerable expense. The Diocese and our Fabric Group are aware and involved. Future maintenance will require efforts to fund raise and apply for grants wherever we can. 3 major issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent repairs to our Tower corner Pinnacles within next 18 months • Repairs to Upper Narthex & all Nave windows and stonework in the next 2 or 3 years. • Ongoing & continual roof, gutter & drain maintenance. <p>The annual review of St Gregs Church Inventory has been completed. Our APCM will be on Sunday 12th May after the 10am Service</p> <p>2. Treasurer’s report – PJ Accounts circulated prior to the meeting. All agreed to accept.</p> <p>Church Safe Problems to open or close it. Guardian Security came to assess it, and we await their final recommendation but a few points from his visit;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the door has dropped and is catching at 3 points on the bottom of the door. • Fit a tiny shim, but this is unlikely to be possible (size, weight and design) • It may be possible able to grind the bottom of the door but it could take several hours of extremely dusty work. They have offered to try this for £360. But it will only be a temporary fix. <p>If we decide to replace the safe there are 2 immediate problems, getting it out (due to size and weight) and finding someone to take it (scrapyards are no longer interested). Whether we try to repair it or remove it, the costs could be considerably more than a new safe or the value of our contents.</p>	

	<p>Piano Tuning – PCC Decision required The recent Choral Society concert in the Church, they arranged for the piano to be tuned before the concert and sent the bill to the PCC. £200 hire charges covered the cost of heat and light with about £10 to spare, unfortunately when piano tuning was added, we made a £60 loss. proposed that we amend our fees so that if the piano is tuned specifically for an event then the bill is passed on to the hirer. Prop CS, Sec GB Agreed by all.</p> <p>Local Elections The public elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner take place in the Church on May 2nd.</p> <p>Budget When we originally set the 2024 PCC Budget it was set with a deficit of £25,000. Since then we have heard that the 2024 Common Fund is less than for 2023 and Sabrina has resigned. Adjusting for these changes still leaves us with a large deficit budget.</p> <p>Fabric & Roof The pinnacles on the Church Tower are weather-worn and becoming in danger of falling. We are taking advice on repairs and likely timescales but an initial guideline cost of around £90k-£100k has been provided. A quote for window and stonework repairs of around £30k West Access have asked that we allow them more time for their twice-yearly roof inspections and maintenance, and they have been asked to quote for repairs they have identified. The Architect is coming to look on 23.4.24 to see if quote in region of £100,000 we have been given. realistic.</p> <p>3. St George’s Report – PAL Worship is well attended. Welcomed Linda on Sunday 3rd March, and Meditation on Good Friday. Several of our members have had serious health issues, and our prayers are especially with Mike Burden, churchwarden, On 8th March we said farewell to Derek King. Drop Ins at the Church Room and Eat & Enlightenment meals in the Castle pub continue monthly. The Warmer Space lunches have halted until the autumn. ‘Celebrating St. George’s Day’ (23rd April) with Open Afternoon 2-4pm. The source of the water leak has still not been identified, but otherwise the church is in good repair. Both our churchwardens stood down at our Annual Meeting held on Sunday 14th April</p>	
3	<p>Safety and Security.</p> <p>a. Safeguarding – WH Introduce Tess Hickson as new safeguarding officer. As TH will not serve on PCC WH to remain as managing officer. Responding to safeguarding concerns document Agree to policy prop RS Sec SC</p> <p>There have been no Safeguarding issues to date.</p> <p>Still some PCC members to complete the relevant training;</p>	

	<p>Foundations 1, Domestic Abuse 4</p> <p>There is still an action to review Safeguarding checks and training with groups within the Church.</p> <p>Safeguarding Action Plan – circulated before meeting. Urgent need for some need to complete training which new PCC members will also need. This can be completed online or there will be opportunity at church for those who don't have internet access.</p> <p>TH will become additional DBS evidence checker. This will include St Paul's Starcross. All agreed to approve the Action Plan. Prop RH Sec JS</p> <p>Church Activities List Little Greg's Mums and Toddlers group. Meets weekly during term time on Tuesdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am All agreed that list is correct.</p> <p>b. Health & Safety – CS The kitchen floor has been replaced and is now safe and flat! All the church first aid kits have been checked and updated. The tiles are still an ongoing process but there were a lot of loose ones and the worst have been fixed.</p>	
4	<p>Mission</p> <p>a. Kid's Swapshop – CS Swap shop is continuing to be popular and there are a few newbies as well. Easter break till 16th April and will also be holding an extra day on Saturday 27th April from 11am till 1pm 2 Helpers from St Agatha's coming along.</p> <p>Little Greg's - CS Numbers attending varies between 7 and 14, we get to know our 'regulars' and their grandparents/carers and they enjoy the activities we offer. Doreen's been well since Christmas, and both Maggie and Janet have had to miss sessions while caring for family members, Joan Mead has been stepping in to help. Linda has also been and they are delighted when she brings her guitar and leads the singing. One Little Gregs family came to plant the Easter Garden on Good Friday</p> <p>b. Men's Breakfast – RS 20 coming regularly. £100 given to 3 charities; organ fund, Community transport & local Scouts. Want to give to different charities over the year. £300 currently in the fund ready for distribution.</p> <p>c. Mothers' Union – PAL Our February was AGM, when we decided to change to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at least for the rest of this year. In March we invited our new Rector to join us and introduce herself. During Lent three joined in the MU study course on zoom, "True Freedom". In April our speaker will be Heather Sayle, the MU Diocesan President. Mary Sumner Day, Friday 9th August, when we will be hosting members from all over</p>	

	<p>the Diocese to celebrate our founder's day. The service will be held in St. Mary's Hall .</p> <p>d. Pudding Club – LC Pudding Club ladies continue to enjoy good fellowship and mutual loving support at their monthly meetings and through the WhatsApp group. For the next two months we will not be meeting in church as the upper narthex is unavailable</p> <p>“A” Group (Lunch Club) – SC Here have been no A Group meetings at St Gregory's this term. Hopefully, they will be resumed in May and July, before the school holidays.</p>	
5	<p>External Reports</p> <p>a. Deanery Synod Report – no meeting</p> <p>b. CTDD The World Day of Prayer on the 1st March was held at St Agatha's and the Good Friday Walk of Witness on the 29th, and both attracted 60 or more from almost all the churches in town. . The next major CTDD event will be the Carnival service in August, and then we look forward to Remembrance Day and our part in the Switch On of the Christmas Lights on 22nd/23rd November.</p> <p>c. ROC – Mark Jones & Hope Church have issued a statement. He will leave Hope Church and continue his Mission work in the community along with his wife Jo.</p> <p>d. DCMC Forum – Meeting to be arranged.</p>	
6.	<p>Projects</p> <p>a. Eco church – KC Maintain church activity at Bronze level. A lot of work to progress to silver. Inspection of Swift boxes due in May.</p>	
7.	<p>Future Events</p> <p>Charities Days on the Lawn – April – Oct but still on Sundays! No volunteers to take it on so we will not participate. Benefice Service St Mary's Hall, 10.30am 30.6.24 followed by lunch/ BBQ Comm Choir £30 session during summer were felt to be too expensive by organiser! Essence Course delayed until Autumn</p> <p>Request from IB for 2 organ recitals & choir concert to raise money for organ/fabric fund and local charity. All agreed to go ahead.</p>	
8.	<p>Items for consideration/AOB (to be notified to Chair at least 24 hours before meeting)</p> <p>Request for approval by PCC for Steve Cronin to License as Lay Minister at St Gregory's – prop SC Sec GB. Agreed by all Bring & Share Lunch to be reinstated. It was agreed that the first one would be after the APCM, then regularly on the 1st Sunday. All agreed.</p> <p>. Little Greg's DH stepping down as leader after 20 years and ill health. Suggested that Maggie Farley formally take on leading with other helpers who have been working with the group. Prop GB Sec JS. All agreed subject to DBS & safeguarding completion.</p>	

	26.4.24 request from ROC to use the upper Narthex 6–9pm. It was suggested that they use South side door to avoid coming through Music group practice. No charge to be made. All agreed.	
9.	Items for future discussion Discussion about Prayer – discuss at next meeting. Lead opening prayers next meeting AF	
10.	Meeting closed 8.35pm	

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APCM - Sunday 12th May 11.30am