***The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford***

**Wednesday 26th March 2025 – 7.45pm start, at All Saints Church**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Jonathan Boardman (JB), James Allen (JA), Mike Worthing (MW), James Gilbert (JG), Tamsin Gilbert (TG), Chrystal Poon (CP), John Scoble (JS), Nick Weldon (NW), Catherine Mentzel (CMe), Vicki Tinkler (VT), Bryan Eccles (BE), Caroline Manders (CMa), Neil Rowe (NR) (arrived 7:55pm) Pamela Carter (PC) (left at 8:25pm)**

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.****2.****3.4.****5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and prayer: NW** Psalm 40 **Apologies for absence :** Danni Grady, Sue and Hugh Lawton**Conflicts of interest** : none**Minutes of the meeting of 26th Feb 2025 :** approved**Matters arising not already included in this agenda:** Confirmation was given of the appointment of Miss Lindsay Priddle as the new Headteacher of Marcham Primary School. There will be plans made to mark the retirement of Mrs Viv Hutchinson. |
| **6.** | **St Luke’s Update*** Pamela Carter-Moore (PC) gave an update of well attended services including 2 baptisms and a funeral.
* Request has been made for a new keyboard, amplifier and carry bag. A quote was presented of around £1640 +extras for a Yamaha Digital Piano. Discussion was had about getting 3 quotes and suggestions were made to review what equipment may already be available in both churches. JS asked for clarification of finances from collections for this particular project.
* NR asked where a new, expensive piano is best kept?
* PC requested a written report to review the plans going forward for St Luke’s. NW confirmed that the plan continued to provide gospel ministry to the villages of Garford and Marcham. It was agreed that further discussion was needed beyond this meeting.
* PC explained how wider commitments for her and Carolyn Whiting have led them both to decide to step back from the running of the St Luke’s team with immediate effect. NW gave a vote of thanks for all the hard work that had taken place over the past 6 years.
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| **7.**  | **Wardens and PCC elections at the upcoming APCM: NW** * NR has been Church Warden for 7 years (1 year longer than expected ) He will stand down but continue on the PCC.
* Alison Lyndon has agreed to stand for election as new Church Warden while CP will continue for another year.
* Danni Grady and Sue Lawton have come to the end of their term of office (3 years)
* NW asked that PCC members inform him or a Church Warden if they no longer wish to continue.
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| **8.** | **Mission Committee – update** (see accompanying paper) **JG*** A reminder that a review of the Mission Committee was initiated 20 months ago. The group has met several times and a paper was circulated to PCC members in Nov’24. The proposal was made to have a central pot of money based on a rough guide of 10% of pledged annual church giving.
* Ripple (formally Send A Cow) and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) are currently being supported. It is hoped to have the flexibility to give small grants to short term mission work too. A third mission partner is being explored.
* There will be a service to explain the work of mission partners, possibly in June.
* JB registered his concerns about the financial accountability of the Mission Committee and the support of international partners.
* Approval was gained by all members present except JB. This paper will be reviewed later in the year.
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| **9.** | **All Saints Reordering Project Phase 2 update: NR/NW*** A slow process in gaining approval from DAC. A meeting will take place with David Tyler on 28th April ’25 ( Vice Chair of DAC and Archdeacon)
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| **10.** | **Fabric Update: NR (Incl. any health and safety matters****Incl. 3 phase electricity upgrade to AS + grant application)*** Poor electrical supply to All Saints. A 3 phase up grade is needed. A competitive quote (£6000+VAT) from Southern Electric has been given and a grant is possibly available from the diocese. An overhead option is allowed and a decision is awaited. A Faculty will be required.
* A few tiles will be replaced on the roof soon.
* Painting of the church stairwell will be completed soon.
* Sign board needs to be replaced in the churchyard- grant approved.
* Footpath north of the church needs to be improved. Grants being sort.
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| **11.** | **Curacy update: NW*** Prayers requested for a house for the new curate and his family within the parish.
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| **12.**  | **Financial update: JS/HL*** JS: Summarised Income and Expenditure data was presented. There was some discussion re Parish Share (some reduction due to NW’s additional role at Tubney and Fyfield churches)
* MML (Moldova) and Ripple shortfall due to payments being made in arrears.
* NW noted increased insurance fees. JS explained that payments are now being made on a monthly rather than yearly basis.
* Audited accounts and the Trustees Report need to be approved before the APCM (27th April) . Will be done at next PCC meeting in April (23rd)
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| **13.**  | **Safeguarding update: NW*** 3 ongoing safeguarding arrangements continue- no changes to those plans.
* NW clarified that PCC members would be informed immediately of any breech of any of these arrangements.
* MW checked if PCC members needed DBS clearance. TG confirmed that this was the case.
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| **14.** | **A.O.B.**  |
| **15.** | **Closing prayer** |

**Terms for AOB**:

Please could members of the PCC notify Nick or Tamsin of any such items **prior** to the meeting.

**APCM: Sunday 27th April after the 10.30am morning service**