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

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025 – 7.45pm start, at All Saints Church**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Rev Nick Weldon (NW) Hugh Lawton (HL) Sue Lawton(SL)**

**Caroline Manders (CM) Vicki Tinkler (VL) Chrystal Poon (CP)**

**Tim Jack (TJ) Neil Rowe (NR) John Scoble (JS)**

**James Allan (JA) Catherine Mentzel (CM) Danni Grady (DG)**

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3. 4.**  **5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and prayer: NW** John 20 v 19-23 **Apologies for absence –** Brian Eccles, Dave Lunn, Jonathan Boardman, James and Tamsin Gilbert.  **Conflicts of interest** - none  **Minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2025 –** confirmed as an accurate record.  **Matters arising** not already included in this agenda:  Campbell Paget now has permission to officiate.  Stone arch in the tower has previously been painted with masonry paint without sealer, now has alkaline degradation. Either need to clean all the paint off and leave the bare stone or clean some off and paint with the correct paint. Architect is coming on Monday to advise, then we will get a quote. |
| **6.** | **Wardens and PCC elections at the upcoming APCM: NW**  Sue Lawton will be standing again for PCC. Dave Lunn and Danni Grady will be stepping down. Neil Rowe is standing down as Warden but will remain on PCC. That will leave one space to fill. Phil Rowlandson will be joining the PCC when he comes as Curate in the summer. Ali Lyndon will stand for Church warden. |
| **7.** | **Accommodation for the Curate: NW**  Accommodation has been found, Phil and Heather looked at this today and they are happy. £1850 per month, diocese will pay 25%. NW is currently seeking clarity on council tax and water rates. Fyfield will contribute, but this will depend on how much work Phil does there. The Oxford Good Stewards trust have been approached and they will give us a grant, but currently we don’t know how much this will be. Dr South fund may be able to support administrative costs, and a staff member, which could offset the cost of this accommodation. Phil is fully stipendiary. |
| **8.** | **St Luke’s Update: NW**  Carolyn Whiting and Pamela Carter-Moore have stepped back from the running of St Luke’s. This has left a void that currently there doesn’t appear to be anyone to fill. General agreement in the PCC that we don’t have sufficient people from Marcham that can go to Garford to maintain the services and the current opening, it really needs to be someone from Garford. NW and HL are due to meet with Ben Skipp soon. |
| **9.** | **Financial papers for APCM: JS/HL**  Financial papers were reviewed. There has been an increase in giving over the last year, and significant building work has been completed. The papers were approved by the PCC. Thanks were expressed to John and Hugh for all their work. |
| **10.** | **Safeguarding update: NW**  3 ongoing agreements, reviewed on schedule. |
| **11.** | **A.O.B.**  None |
| **12.** | **Closing prayer – Tim Jack** |

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