

Present	Lucy Allen, John Gwyther, Caroline Owen, Francis Parkinson, Nick Powlesland, Simon Potter, Peter Robottom, Caroline Simpson, Hazel Trapnell, Stephanie Wren,
Chair	Jema Ball
In attendance	Siân Steel (Minutes)
Apologies	Sonia Home, Tony Hughes, Caroline Jowett-Ive, Anna Mayo, Al Meadows, Kate Pinfold, Brian Richardson, Jerry Sandford, Julie Summers, Edward Yates

Item	Notes
1.0	Opening reflection and Prayer
	Jema opened in prayer
2.0	Apologies
2.1	Apologies (see above).
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting
3.1	Peter Robottom proposed and Caroline Owen seconded that the minutes were a true and accurate record. This was agreed by all.
3.2	There were no matters arising from the PCC Minutes
3.3	Leadership Team Meeting Notes – Matters arising Hazel asked about the Social Graces diagram and Jema explained.
4.0	Resourcing Mission
4.1	Our People
	4.1.1 PCC There are 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod and 6 vacancies for PCC for the elections at the APCM (including 2 current PCC members who intend to stand for re-election to the PCC). Jema is in contact with some people who may be interested in standing, they would need to have been on the electoral roll for the last 6 months. Jema also let the PCC know that Kate Pinfold will be standing for election for Church Warden at the APCM, along with Caroline Jowett-Ive, which is great news.
4.2	Our Finances
	4.2.1 Caroline Owen talked through the accounts and the Treasurer's notes on the accounts that were pre-circulated to the PCC. Caroline confirmed that the QR code and the giving machine were all bringing in income. Caroline also confirmed that our contribution towards the salary of the ASMA Youth Worker was included in this budget. Jema thanked Caroline for all the work she does with the finances for St Mary's.
4.3	Our Buildings
	4.3.1 Sale of Property Owned by St Mary's Jema went through the paper that was enclosed with the agenda. Nick confirmed that there had a been a few viewings over the weekend showing signs of interest. Jema asked the PCC to keep praying for a sale. There was a time of prayer for the sale of the property and the Youth Minister role (see 6.5.1)
	4.3.2 EICR The PCC looked and discussed the approval of the Electrician company to execute the EICR. Siân and Peter recommended PWR as they were the cheapest but also knew the circuits as they installed most of them. Stephanie Wren proposed and Francis Parkinson seconded that PWR are employed for the EICR. All in favour.

	<p>4.3.3 Additional Memorial Bench for Churchyard A family have asked Jema if they can purchase a memorial bench in memory of their wife/mother for the churchyard. Jema informed the PCC that we would need an Archdeacons certificate. Peter Robottom proposed and Lucy Allen seconded that the PCC authorise the installation of an additional memorial bench beneath the magnolia in the Churchyard and the making of a List B application to the Diocese. All in favour.</p>
5.0	Hire Agreement
	<p>The Hire Agreement was looked at which was pre-circulated to the PCC. There was some discussion, however, with the change that it says “No smoking/vaping policy” The PCC unanimously approved the Hire Agreement with that amendment. Caroline Owen proposed and Hazel Trapnell seconded.</p> <p>The PCC thanked Rachel Sandford, for all she does with organising the bookings.</p>
6.0	Mission and ministry updates and decisions
6.1	Worship and Teaching
	<p>Simon informed the group that after Easter we will be starting a sermon series on the Holy Spirit. He also thanked the PCC members for their ideas for teaching going forward and quite a few ideas have been looked at incorporated during the year. PCC members shared some of their encouragements to Jema and Simon.</p>
6.2	Outreach and Evangelism
	<p>6.2.1 Jema highlighted Brian’s “Thought for the week” in the weekly email regarding Alpha and what a blessing it had been.</p> <p>6.2.2 The Easter Trail has been going very well and it has been great to have the school children here asking insightful questions.</p>
6.3	Connect and Support
	<p>Simon informed the PCC about the networking groups that are part of the Connect and Support system, which helps those in need. The volunteers are not only from the Connect and Support group but also other members of the congregation. Julie Summers is taking on the co-ordination of our ministry to those living in residential and nursing homes within the parish. Hazel Trapnell, Peter Robottom and Brian Richardson have been instrumental in this important ministry for many years, and there are a few other church members who help them. Julie is keen to try and expand this team in the months ahead.</p>
6.4	Stoke Bishop CE Primary School
	<p>Jema and Rachel are very encouraged by so many links with the school and again it has been wonderful to see the children come through the church and experience the Easter Trail.</p>
6.5	ASMA
	<p>6.5.1 There have been no applicants for the Youth Minister role, this seems to be a national problem. Please pray about how we move forward. Conversations are taking place with the other ASMA church leaders.</p>
6.6	Eco Church
	<p>There was nothing to report.</p>
6.7	Safeguarding
	<p>There was nothing to report. Caroline Owen informed the PCC that she would be on holiday for a month in April, if there any Safeguarding issues please pass onto the Diocese.</p>
7.0	Any Other Business
7.1	<p>There was no other business.</p>

Date of Next PCC Meeting – Wednesday 8 May at 7.30pm in Church

APCM is on 12 May at 11.45am following a 10am service.