



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 14th September 2024 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at Holy Trinity.

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Tom Allen, Anne Wall, Janice Barrett, Janine Dunnell, Anthony Bargioni, Janna Holder, Linda West

Apologies: Audrey Hardy, Sue Puttergill, Sam Barclay.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 19th September 2024 were approved.

Proposer Jez. Seconder Janna.

3. MATTERS ARISING

6 All actions are on-going for Sam's training, the risk assessment for the Pastoral Care team, and a session on Lasting Power of Attorney.

5.3 The recommendation is to cut down the two big trees, but leave the leylandii. We are waiting for a second quote that Sam is getting. For the tree in the corner, the recommendation is to raise the canopy over the lamppost, but not to do anything else.

8 Welcome slide for new attendees is still in progress (Janna). Welcome video still in progress (Jez).

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

Whisky Wednesday was held last night. It is progressing well, with good conversations. 9 to 10 attend.

The youth group met on Monday night, and want to meet more regularly. They are loving the Alpha course. Jez is assessing the new Youth Alpha videos to decide whether to continue with the current course or change to the new one. 4 of them have volunteered for Fun Food and Fireworks.

The 5:30pm Reflective Service is going well, but still needs to get to the target audience. The service needs a name.

ACTION: Jez to ask teenagers about a name and the timing of the service, and to design a banner with Janna to advertise to the wider community.

Families@3:30pm is not gaining as much momentum as the 9:15am Fun and Faith at the Baptist Church, though they are both aimed at the same families. More reflection is needed on how to land this service.

Remembrance Sunday service went well, with a good attendance and positive comments.

Jenny Tebboth is taking a break from December to the end of February.

The Carr family will be away from late January, missing the first 3 Sundays in February.

The December services are following the same pattern as last year, as the program works well, with one addition - Family Carols at 10am on Sunday 22 December.

The second Alpha group for 11 and 12 year olds is run at the Baptist Church and has 7 attending.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.1 Faculties

We are still waiting for the decision of the Chancellor. Janna has contacted the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) to chase.

5.2 Church

Minor repairs have been made. The screen has been lowered and the speaker mounts put in place. The rest of the work for the speakers will be done in the next week.

Tom has built a stage for the front which can be dismantled. It will hold a lot of weight.

The radiator in the Vestry has been fixed and comes on for a short time twice a day. The flat roof of the Vestry is a problem. It is felt and is coming apart. We will wait for the architect's drawings before making any decision.

The gutters of the Parish Church Hall have been cleared. This has been causing the damp inside the Hall as well as soil and debris in a narrow gap between the Hall and sheds on the neighbouring property. This debris has also been cleared. Repairs have also been made to the roof where tiles have slipped and the ridge tiles were not securely fastened.

5.3 Trees

Waiting for a second quote from a contact of Sam's.

ACTION: Sam to obtain more quotes.

5.4 Clearing the church shed and 5.5 Parish Church Hall shed

A skip will be ordered to remove the shed behind the Parish Church Hall as it has collapsed. There are a few chairs that can be moved back to the church. The tables, and some in the church, should be sold or given away.

ACTION: Tom to arrange skip and removal of shed and other items from the Boiler House and Gardening Shed.

6. SAFEGUARDING

There are no safeguarding referrals to report.

The Diocese has arranged a Zoom meeting for PSO's on Friday. Anne will attend.

Linda has completed her Leadership Safeguarding training for PTO's. The three points she raised are:

- Safeguarding notice in the toilet – already in place
- Photos of Safeguarding Officers on the notice – already in place
- A sign on the mirror in the toilet, stating 'You are responsible for safeguarding' – rejected by PCC.

There was a discussion on whether Safeguarding DBS checks and training are required for the 8 O'Clock Club. Anne will check with Tsungai Muchegwa.

7. FINANCE

7.1 2024 Actuals vs Budget

There was a discussion on the church finances, which are looking sound. And also a discussion on how to increase giving from the general public. These included how to make the church more welcoming and alive. Suggestions included having different section about the church's activities (similar to the Charity board), information on the church and our various QR codes, prayer stations.

ACTION: Janine to contact Richard Campbell so the card reader can be out permanently.

ACTION: Janna and Sarah Allen to discuss prayer stations.

ACTION: Jane Spoerry, Janine, Sarah and Janna to define sections and where to place them.

8. GIVING PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

Janelle Stevenson has put together a draft Giving page for our website. The PCC discussed who the target audience was for the website, and agreed it is primarily for the village and those who are not members of the church.

ACTION: Janine to ask Janelle to adjust the information for this target audience, and then give it to Jez to review in January 2025.

It was also agreed that there needs to be a general update of the website in 2025, to bring it up to date, but also to decide on static and dynamic sections. Where possible, Janelle will be asked to update the dynamic sections.

ACTION: Janna and Janine

9. AOB

None

Jez then left the meeting.

7.2 Update on Parish Share discussions

Janine met with Lawrence Tebboth after 6 months of waiting for a response from the Deanery about our challenge on why we are paying a stipend amount in our Parish Share. The Deanery has offered that we pay 0.4 of the House and Stipend, instead of the current 0.5. This was rejected a year ago. And they recommended that the 2025 Parish Share has Jez as a half-time vicar, which has also been rejected in earlier discussions.

Janine has written to Archdeacon Guy, explaining that there is deadlock with the Deanery and no change, and asking for his advice on how to progress the issue.

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Janna closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 16 January 2025 at 7:15pm at Janice Barrett's home.