

## **WRINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 in the Reading Room.

### **Present:**

Rector David Gent (Chair), Andrew Whiting (Churchwarden), Gabrielle Wilson (Churchwarden), Margaret Morris, Katy O'Connor, Deidre Taylor, Sarah Pearson, John Ledbury, Grenfell James, Fiona Densham, Mike Barnfield.

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**1.** The meeting opened with prayer led by Rector David Gent at 7.30pm.

### **2. Apologies:**

Revd Andrew Hemming, Linda Wood, David Marsh, Jane Watson.

### **3. Mission Aims and Risk Register:**

**a)** There was some discussion in small groups on two questions:-

i What is holding us back/stopping our growth as a church?

ii What should our long-term aims be?

**c)** After each group's comments had been shared with the meeting, five aims were agreed on:-

To bring in 25-30 younger families.

To value and cherish current people and resources.

To encourage the missing generation.

To establish financial wellbeing.

To encourage members/people to share in ministry and leadership of services.

**b)** Item 3 on the risk register on finance is to be reworded.

Item 1 to be extended to explain the risk; viz, there are not enough people to do the work needed.

It was agreed to adopt the register with these changes.

Sarah Pearson commented that existing measures in place may reduce the impact score.

#### **4. Minutes of the last Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 were agreed and signed.

#### **5. Matters Arising:**

None.

#### **6. Benefice Profile:**

This needs to be updated. A small group will help Rector David with the work involved. Recruitment will be taking place in the near future, due to Revd Andrew's retirement and also, hopefully, for a curate for the Benefice. We are on the short list.

#### **7. Financial Report for APCM:**

Gabrielle Wilson circulated a statement of the financial activities of the three churches for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

The statement was agreed unanimously.

#### **8. Annual Reports:**

These need to be done for all three churches in all areas and submitted to the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

All Saints application for a faculty to install a lavatory in the vestry, plus removal of the wooden vestry floor and replacement with a solid floor(with underfloor heating) was agreed.

#### **9. Preparations for APCM on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2025:**

Finance statements agreed as above.

#### **10. Diary for 2025:**

The details of this were noted.

#### **11. Safeguarding:**

- a) All the churches are aware of the action plan and are working on their safety in their own ways.
- b) Local issues are of more concern to us than national matters.
- c) Any other questions or concerns on safeguarding – none.

## **12. Rector's Report:**

Butcombe has a new service pattern.

The benefice has experienced considerable change recently and there is request for some stability. Rector David was able to confirm that he and Janet plan to stay for at least the next three years.

Wrighton Primary school has asked for help with reading the Easter story to the children at 1.15pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## **13. Correspondence:**

Revd Andrew had written to advise the council of Christ Church's need of a faculty to replace their sound system. It was stated that the church committee could agree this themselves and the PCC noted that this would be done.

## **14. Church Committee Reports:**

Reports from all three churches had been circulated. These were noted and there were no further comments from the Meeting.

## **15. Date of next Meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, venue tbc.

The meeting closed with The Grace at 9.20pm.