

St Mary's Sprotbrough Parochial Church Council

Minutes

Monday 13th September 2021.

7.30pm in Church. 8.20pm in the Chancel

The meeting opened with a prayer by Roland

1. Attendance

Present Revd Amanda Barraclough, Derek Barraclough, Betty Brockman, Hilary Downs, Ray Ekins, Lyn Hopson, Angela Hudson, James Inglis, Alison Lumby, Roland Lumby, Andrea Offord, Barbara Perry, Janet Scott, Anne Smith, Rachel Towers. 14

Visitors Dave Ludbrook CPW, Irene Heaton

Apologies Revd Robert Heaton, Heather Mears, Therese Paskell,

Absent Hilary Downs

2. Centenary Project Worker Presentation

Dave Ludbrook showed a video explaining the origin and work of the Centenary Project. See attached leaflet. He was asked how a CPW could be used by St Mary's, and explained that each role is unique to a parish as decided by a core group from the church, family workers to attract adults and children are being used in other parishes.

Dave was thanked. He and Irene left and the meeting moved to the Chancel.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 9th August 2021

Amanda made amendments to paragraph 7. " issues around human sexuality and marriage". "PCC are expected to be involved".

Proposed by Betty, seconded by Andrea. Approved unanimously.

4. Matter Arising none

5. Correspondence none

6. Baptism Request

A same sex female couple have asked to have their baby baptised.

Betty proposed agreement, Janet seconded, Agreed unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Report

Ray handed out a balance sheet of church funds on 1st September 2021 showing a transfer from Restricted to Designated Funds. He announced the retiming of Financial Reports to present them before Standing Committee meetings.

FAC Report

The group suggested 4 options for the Common Fund pledge.

After discussion PCC decided to pledge £43,000 which is between the 2021 reduced payment of £37,000 and the expected 2023 pledge of £49,000. Roland said that previous pledges made in faith had always been met.

Proposed by Roland, seconded by Betty, agreed unanimously.

8. Committee Reports

Church Hall and Stable Committee

Due to limited time, discussion of the full report was deferred to the next meeting.

Amanda said that expenditure for redecorating the Hall and Stable had not been approved by PCC and proposed a limit of £250 on expenditure by committees until the next PCC. Any issues before

this can be dealt with by the Standing Committee.
Amanda proposed, Derek seconded, Agreed unanimously.

9. Parish Weekend Away

Kevin and Anne will be invited to lead a weekend at St Mary's on the same dates as the planned Swanwick weekend. **Amanda**

10. Safeguarding

Janet said training is going to plan. Safeguarding Sunday is 3rd October.

11. Christmas Tree Festival

Andrea said that the organisers are herself, Roger Offord, Viv and Ian Jenkinson. The Festival will be a community event on the weekends of 27th November, 4th and 11th December. The church will be open on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm, there will be 12 trees in church and volunteers will be needed to steward. Stalls and drinks will be outside. There will be a raffle of hampers, food donations will be requested. Entertainment will be provided by the schools, the Harpham Dance School will be approached. **Andrea**

Money raised will be split between St Mary's and a local good cause, suggestions are welcome.

12. Consultation Questionnaire

The initial response was poor, the Sprotbrough Library will be contacted about putting the display and questionnaires there during their coffee morning and a month afterwards. **Derek**

The church will be open when Rachel is available to lock up on Mondays and Thursdays. **Rachel**

13. AOB none

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.15pm

.Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11th October 2021