

## **ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN, READING**

Minutes of Meeting 03/2022 of the PCC held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

### **Present**

David Howell (Chair)(Churchwarden) (DH), Wendy Howell (Asst Churchwarden) (WH), Joy Abel (Assistant Churchwarden), Bob Abel (BA), Mark Burton (MB), Felicity Chapman (FC), Susie Downer (SD), Irene Lindsay (IL), Noel Drury (ND), Richard Cunningham (RC), Roger Moore (RM) (PCC Secretary)

### **Opening Remarks, Welcome and Prayers**

DH opened the meeting with a reading from a book by Eddie Askew and shared news about members of the congregation.

### **Approval of Minutes 02/2022**

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by DH.

### **Actions and Matters Arising**

A policy/procedure for hire of the Church based on that for the Hall had been distributed to members and it was agreed to agree ex committee by email.

DH reported that the development of the revised baptism policy was ongoing.

### **Health and Safety.**

Nothing to report.

### **Safeguarding**

Nothing to report

### **Finance**

The PCC agreed unanimously the Finance Report.

The PCC agreed unanimously the Budget for 2022.

Post meeting note: Bill Harper had agreed to be the independent examiner for 2022 to be confirmed at the APCM.

### **Vacancy**

RM rehearsed the main elements of the meeting held at 2pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> March with the Associate Archdeacon. The two key issues were the reorganization of the benefice to address the issue of Caversham Park and the appointment of a new minister.

### Reorganization

During the discussion of the implications for Parish Share MB explained that currently a £1500 contribution attributed to Caversham Park was paid by the Deanery. However, If the parishes merged the Parish Share would be based on the standard formula used for all churches and there would be no additional impact.

The PCC resolved unanimously to recommend that the two parishes in the Benefice of St Barnabas with Caversham Park be merged to form a single parish.

### Minister

The issues associated with the appointment of an incumbent minister, or an interim minister were discussed. Recognizing the advice on lifting the suspension the PCC resolved unanimously to seek an incumbent vicar.

### Timescales and Profile Tasks

DH outlined the timescales in the document which had been sent to PCC members. He emphasised these dates needed to be met if a vicar was to be in place by the beginning of September. These were challenging. Following queries DH agreed to review the dates and re- issue the document.

DH explained that he had produced a skeleton draft profile based on Diocesan advice. PCC members volunteered to own sections of the Profile. This entailed managing the production of content. A target of the end of March was agreed for the production of the first draft. DH agreed to reissue the outline profile with the allocated owners.

The issue of consultation was raised and there was general agreement that wider public consultation whilst possibly beneficial was probably beyond the available resources.

DH requested advice on the production of a map for the profile and it was agreed that Arial 11, left justified, would be the type face used.

### **AOB**

IL remarked on the calendar she had produced for the monthly Read All About It newsletter. She sought views on its value. It was agreed to be a good thing and she was commended for her work.

### **Dates of Future Meetings:**

PCC: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr, 3<sup>rd</sup> April AGM