

**ST MARY MAGDALEN KNIGHTON**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**29 October 2024**

**Present:** Revd Adrian Jones (Chairman), Revd Cecilia Adjadje, Kate Adams, Amanda Beck, Beryl Bonfield, Michael Gasper, Tabitha Fogg and David Palmer,

**Apologies for absence** were received from Nigel Siesage, Sian Howard, Ida Stanyer

The meeting opened with prayer and reflection.

**24/47 MINSTER COMMUNITIES**

Michael Gasper and Adrian provided feedback from the Discernment Day led by the Diocese which they had attended. Attendees had been grouped at tables with or near to possible partners and as the morning progressed there was some optimism. However, after lunch the presenters provided a draft map showing groupings which bore little or no resemblance to the visits or discussions which St Mary's representatives had made in recent months. In these groupings St Mary's and St Guthlac's were part of a group extending to Scraftoft in the North East and parishes in between.

There was considerable surprise and disappointment expressed by many of those present and when asked to indicate their impressions, the majority, including ourselves and St Guthlac's, expressed their disappointment and concern.

Our concerns were registered, and a different draft map provided by the diocese was shared at the PCC, showing ourselves and St Guthlac's linked with 2 possible alternative groups, marked in Orange or Green on the draft map. After discussion over churchmanship, forms of worship, and practical issues of transport and basic practicality, it was agreed to invite representatives from the following churches to meet as an informal 'transition team' to discuss possible ways forward:

(35) Wigston Magna, (36) Oadby St Peter, (37) Oadby St Paul, (34) South Wigston, (16) St Deny, Evington, (25) St Andrew with St James Aylestone, (29) St Christopher, Leicester

(Numbers relate to the diocesan map)

It was agreed that Adrian would contact all these parishes at the same time.

**24/48 PLACE OF PEACE**

Discussion around the planting costs led to the following decision:

Tanya Willis's quotation to monitor the work by Garden Grafters and her quote for carrying out the planting were approved. Further information was required on the actual plants to be used. The Vicar would obtain this and advise the PCC.

It was also agreed that monitoring of the quotation and actual costs needed to be continued as work progressed.

#### 24/49 **PCC STANDING ORDERS**

Adrian provided a copy of Standing Orders based on the Church Representation Rules (2020) with additional points in red. It was unanimously agreed to adopt these rules with these amendments.

#### 24/50 **UPDATES**

- Quinquennial Report – this will be reported at the next meeting
- Parish Centre Management Committee – to be appointed
- Ramp – will be reported at the next PCC meeting
- Renewal of Giving – will be reported at the next PCC meeting

#### 24/51 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### 24/52 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES / GROUPS**

**Parish Centre Management:** The committee have agreed to set up an on-line booking system for the Parish Centre.

**Health and Safety** – Beryl had noted that this includes First Aid – the current named First Aiders are not active and need to be updated. Tabitha and Mick would train/retrain if necessary.

**Safeguarding** – This needs updating - Tabitha will update this for the next meeting and email them to PCC members.

24/52 **FUTURE MEETINGS:** 19<sup>th</sup> November, January 21<sup>st</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>

#### 24/53 **ROYAL PORTRAIT**

The church has acquired an official portrait of King Charles. It was agreed to hang this in the Narthex.

The meeting closed at 21.30.

Chairman