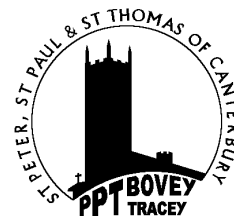


# PPT Parochial Church Council Agenda

## Thursday 19 September 2024,



**Present:** Graham Hamilton(GH) Dawn Hamilton (DH) Jack Knightly(JK) Tim Stephens(TS) Peter Chesterman (PC) Sharon Alexander(SA) Karen Chesterman(KC) Katie Law (KL) Mark Alexander(MA) Roy White(RW) Mike Limb(ML) Shirley Codner (SC) Roy Pitchford(RP) Michael Codner(MC) Steve Matheson(SM)

**1. Opening Prayer:** GH opened in prayer with a reading from 1 Kings 18.1-20.

**2. Apologies:** Jill Hosford(JH) Mathew Percy(MP)

**3. Declaration of conflicts of interest with any items on the agenda:** NONE

**4. Minutes of previous PCC meeting 18 July 2024** - All in favour, minutes approved. notes from Standing Committee 13 Sep 2024 accepted.

**5. Matters arising:** NONE

### **6. Safeguarding, Health & Safety Update:**

Nothing to report. All routine 3 yearly renewals are under way .

SC to produce a poster with pics of Safeguarding officer to keep wider congregation Informed. Safeguarding officer to be interviewed at all services (17 November 2024)

Fire extinguishers have been inspected and refilled as nec. Fire extinguisher for Pod on order. (now installed). A fire drill needs to be scheduled - at next United Service?

### **7. Vicar's report:**

**GH** reported that he is steadily working although energy levels not always good, he is encouraged by work in the parish, good numbers in both children's groups and youth work is flourishing. The Anna Chaplaincy is a valuable part of church work in the community with some new volunteers preparing for training.

Overall we are short of volunteers, and there will be an appeal for serving in October.

Graham reported on a spate of burglaries in local churches. JK has volunteered to refresh the website. Graham gave a summary of the wider situation in the Church of England and the attitude of the House of Bishops.

### **8. Aims & Agenda for Congregational Meeting 28 September-** see paper

Bishop Rod Thomas is able to attend. Graham outlined the basic plan, for presentations on the national situation (by Bishop Rod), the local impact and implications (by Graham), followed by questions. Graham will circulate a briefing paper to the congregation before the congregation, with financial comments from the treasurer.

#### **8.1. Decision on Ephesian Fund**

GH proposed the use of the Ephesians Fund to channel our giving to the Diocese. This is a national scheme, now established legally as a Charity, organised by CEEC, a legal charity and administered through Stewardship Services. All monies paid through the Ephesian Fund will be passed to the Diocese with clear restriction on its use. KL asked how we will know it is used appropriately, RP outlined that the accounts of Any charity can be viewed on line.

VOTE: To use the Ephesian fund. PROPOSED BY GH, SECONDED JK  
14 IN FAVOUR 1 AGAINST

## **9. Treasurer's Report:** Previously circulated.

RP. Points to note , we have several big projects to pay for imminently- the glassurch doors and the new lighting system, and we know that the Bell frame and tower works will need to be addressed within 2 -5 years.

SM asked how we plan to address the deficit in giving.

GH planning to preach a series on giving and serving from 1 Corinthians 11-14 in November, and to republish updated versions of the 'Serving & Giving" leaflet.

DH reminded us that pre Covid there were periodic meetings for new parishioners to outline 'how things work ' at PPT

GH suggested we look at the budget again in November and present our strategy to the Congregation, with a view to inspiring increased giving rather than planning to reduce spending. GH will also circulate information regarding the origins of the Common Fund.

## **10. Fabric matters:**

Glass doors : hopefully to be fitted during second half of October.

### **10.1. Garden Path light repair (£1600 + trenchwork £400)**

Proposed MC.Seconded PC: All in favour

SC to book electrician and builders for trench work.

### **10.2. Heating update: boiler service, under-pew heaters? blankets?**

Full tank of oil .Boiler service 25<sup>th</sup> sept.

We expect that we will not be able to replace oil boiler when this one is no longer Working so other options need to be investigated.

### **10.3. Bell tower frame inspection report**

Already circulated. Second inspection required with ground-penetrating radar. MC to investigate options

### **10.4. South Porch access:** handrail, cobbles

Safety issues around wet or icy surface, explore possibility of covering cobbled. SC proposed that the lower gates be locked (with bicycle chain) if cobbles slippery and congregation directed to take alternative route

### **10.5. Quinquennial work list update**

SC to merge working lists and highlight next most important tasks.

**11. Elections Review Group Survey (General Synod):** GH encouraged PCC members to complete the electronic survey on Parish governance from the Elections Review Group of General Synod.

**12. Dates for next meetings:** were agreed for 21 Nov ,23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025,20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, with APCM on Saturday10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **13. Closing Prayers**