

**A SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 29th JULY 2021 AT 7:30PM**

1. Opening Prayer

Jules Middleton opened the meeting with a thought and a prayer.

Jeremy Bamber congratulated Carole Darling for being accepted into ordination training.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were 22 PCC members in attendance, as well as three observers. There were two apologies for absence.

3. Minutes of Zoom Meeting 27th May 2021

The minutes of the PCC meeting on 27th May 2021 were approved.

4. Matters Arising

Felicity Leeson resigned from the PCC. No candidates were yet proposed for the vacant position.

It was reported that TRINITY ended its involvement in the 18/25 ministry due to lack of resource.

The diocesan loan was reported to be repaid.

5. Safeguarding

A review is underway to ensure all relevant people have up-to-date safeguarding training at the correct level for their role, and up-to-date DBS checks.

6. Standing Committee Decisions

Standing committee approval was ratified by the PCC for Augustine Tanner Ihm's expenses, a projector and screen for the youth ministry, and repairs to windows at Church End.

7. Finance

The current finances of TRINITY were discussed. The reduction in giving and increase in year-to-date deficit were reported to be ongoing. PCC membership of the finance team was discussed. A revised budget for mission giving was approved. The diocese have requested an increase in diocesan contribution over the next four years. Financial control procedures were discussed.

8. TRINITY

The churchwardens reported that operationally things were working as well as they can during the interregnum. The parish representatives reported that there was a day of interviews for the new rector on 19th July, and thanked all those who took part.

The strategy for emerging from lockdown was discussed and approved. Thanks were noted for all those who have been cleaning the churches to keep them open during the pandemic. The resumption of hiring buildings was discussed.

A proposal for a youth intern was approved. A proposal to hire a parttime barista for the Café was approved.

A proposal to allow the maintenance of the land around the South Malling notice board was approved. A proposal to form a group to maintain South Malling churchyard was approved.

The PCC supported Carol Taplin and Ros Toomey to be governors at Southover school, and Liz Kaye to be governor at South Malling school.

9. Buildings Report

The redecoration of the rectory and the outcome of the newly appointed architect's review of the church buildings were reported upon. The revised health and safety policy was approved.

10. Anti-Racism Statement of Purpose – Held Over to Next Meeting

This item was held over to the next meeting.

11. Mission Team – Including Recommendations

The PCC approved allocations for Lisa and Isaac Buyinza for their work in Uganda and Life in Abundance for their ministry in Africa. The Church Pastoral Aid Society and Tearfund were approved to receive Harvest giving.

12. General Data Protection Regulation

There were no breaches.

13. Defining Church Activities for Insurance Liability

The PCC approved a day retreat for TRINITY Women, a pub night, a cycle ride, a multi-day cycle ride, and participation in ride and stride for TRINITY Men, a trip to Sheffield Park for Monday Club, and kayaking and sailing for Youth.

14. Any Other Business

There will be an occasion to say goodbye in person to Steve and Amanda Daughtery in September.

A laptop and projector were approved for South Malling.

15. Confidential Minutes of Zoom Meeting 27th May 2021 and Other Matters

This is a confidential item.

16. Final Thoughts and Prayer

The meeting was closed in prayer.

17. Dates of Next Meetings

The next regular TRINITY PCC meeting will be on Thursday 30th September 2021.