

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

**1. Opening Prayer**

Ian Taplin opened the meeting with a thought and a prayer.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

There were 15 PCC members in attendance, as well as two observers. There were eight apologies for absence.

**3. Minutes of Zoom Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The minutes of the PCC meeting on 29th July 2021 were approved.

**4. Matters Arising**

Ros Toomey was elected to PCC.

**5. Safeguarding**

The review of safeguarding training records is ongoing.

**6. Anti-Racism Statement of Purpose**

Catriona Dejean reported on the progress of the Anti-Racism group and the Statement of Purpose that they have produced. The next steps for the group were discussed.

**7. Standing Committee Decisions**

Standing committee approval was ratified by the PCC for redecoration of the Rectory and hiring a bouncy castle for the family fun day.

**8. Finance**

The current finances of TRINITY were discussed. The reduction in giving and increase in year-to-date deficit were reported to be ongoing.

Future staffing of the finance team was discussed.

An application for paying in cards to allow cash to be paid in after Barclays closes its branch was approved.

The closure of the Santander bank account originally held by South Malling church was approved.

A nomination for the trustees for the James Lyle trust was approved.

**9. TRINITY**

The churchwardens reported that Anita Colpus will be licensed on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Recognising the online service's importance, the aim is to move from pre-recorded services to live services by the end of October.

**10. Buildings Report**

The following building projects were approved:

- South Malling heating project, replacement lamppost, and quinquennial;
- Southover roof repair, review of heating improvement plans, clearance of the gutters, light cages for the church hall.

The Health and Safety Policy and Emergency Plans were approved.

**11. General Data Protection Regulation**

There were no breaches.

**12. Defining Church Activities for Insurance Liability**

The PCC approved a multi-day cycle ride, the Men's away weekend, and a walking weekend for TRINITY Men, a trip to a garden centre with lunch for Monday Club.

### **13. Any Other Business**

The use of scythes in South Malling churchyard will be possible once the churchwardens have the completed risk assessment.

### **14. Confidential Minutes of Zoom Meeting 27th May 2021 and Other Matters**

This is a confidential item.

### **15. Final Thoughts and Prayer**

The meeting was closed in prayer.

### **16. Dates of Next Meetings**

The next regular TRINITY PCC meeting will be on Thursday 25th November 2021.