

## The United Benefice of St. Mary's, Goudhurst With Christ Church, Kilndown.

**MINUTES** of St. Mary's P.C.C. Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7.30.p.m. in the Church Room.

Present:           Rev. H. Nelson                               Mr D Lodge  
                      Mrs A.Pakenham-Walsh               Mrs K. Ogden  
                      Mrs C Lloyd  
                      Mrs A Williams  
                      Mrs J Dunstall                           Mr R Vinton

	<b>Action</b>
<p>1. <b><u>Prayers</u></b> Rev. Hugh opened the meeting with prayer.</p>	
<p>2. <b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> Apologies were received from Simon Taurins, James Wickham, Becky Addis, Barney Mayhew, Sue Donkin and Patrice Springett.</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>New Lay Minister Post</u></b> Four candidates were interviewed on 5<sup>th</sup> February by Hugh, Simon, Ali, Barney and Murray Wilkinson, the Diocesan Children and Youth Advisor. This interview panel recommend Caroline Turvey be appointed to the post and Hugh sort the approval of the P.C.C. for this appointment, on a standard contract. The P.C.C. were happy to approve Carline Turvey as our Lay Minister, and Hugh informed us that she could start on 24<sup>th</sup> April. A donor covers the cost of this post for a three-year period and Richard Vinton suggested that this fund should be given a separate name, to which the P.C.C. agreed. There will be a 2 – 3 month probation period, and Caroline will attend P.C.C. meetings.</p>	
<p>4. <b><u>Church Weekend Away</u></b> Hugh reported that Simon, Ali and Becky had been working on this idea, but due to not being able to secure the speakers they wanted, not being able to find someone to run the children and youth work, and the cost, they had decided to cancel this weekend and instead plan a single day. This day has been booked for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Ashburnham. A donor has kindly agreed to cover much of the cost of this day as well as coaches for the journeys.</p>	

<p>The plan is to make a minimum charge of £10 (£5 children)</p> <p>5. <b><u>Churchyard Wall</u></b> Hugh confirmed that the insurance company would not cover the cost of the repair of this wall unless it is rebuilt as it was. This really left us with no alternative but to agree. This work will not need a Faculty.</p> <p>6. <b><u>Church External Noticeboards</u></b> Ali had received two estimates for two noticeboards, one at each end of the churchyard. Boards in oak would cost a total of £3,200, and in aluminum £4,800. The majority of the P.C.C. present preferred the style of the aluminum board, but Richard suggested asking Richardson Edmondson to quote for timber boards, as he was a local man. This Ali will do. The Friends of St. Mary's are willing to pay half of the cost of the new boards, and the rest will be covered by a legacy. A Faculty will be needed for these boards.</p> <p>7. <b><u>A.P.C.M.</u></b> Jill notified the meeting that 4 members were due to retire or be re-elected, after serving a three-year term. They are Patrice Springett, Don Sargeant, Barney Mayhew and Jill Dunstall.</p> <p>8. <b><u>Future Dates</u></b></p> <p>Dates for St. Mary's P.C.C. meetings 2017</p> <p>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March A.P.C.M. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>Dates for Sept. Oct. and Nov. to be confirmed</p>	<p>A.W.</p>
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