

Holy Trinity Church Bradpole

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019

Present

Rev. Deb Smith (Chair)	Virginia Bowley (secretary)	
John Adams	John Preston	
Wendy Carnell	Celia Evans	
Peter Carnell	Mike Thomas	
Roy King	Dave Kelley	
Lyn Roe	Coral Hatton	

Prayers: The Revd. Deb Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies: The Revd. Janis Moore, Judith Baldwin, Martin Whiting, David Coe, Phil Doughty, Rosi Wilton, Wendy Smart

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd September 2019

The minutes were approved and signed and have been put on the display board in the south porch.

Matters arising

Faculty

The Revd. Deb Smith read out a Faculty application for Mr and Mrs Cuff to reserve two plots in the graveyard to be buried side by side. This was agreed by all and this will now be passed to Douglas Baldwin to process.

Sound system

Mike gave thanks to those who have assisted him in facilitating the installation of the sound system and in turn we re-iterated our very grateful thanks for all the work that Mike (and Chris) have done on this project. Mike has shown Alan how to operate the sound system for the music group, and he is willing to train a small number of other volunteers to help operate the sound system for the rest of the church. It was noted that it is imperative to limit the number of operatives to avoid the risk of damage to the expensive equipment.

The security system is also in place.

Lectern update

The new lectern has been delivered and the height adjustable mechanism was demonstrated on delivery as well as the light. Unfortunately, there have been initial problems with operating both, but the provider will visit the church to deal with the matter. The lectern will be kept near the altar when not in use. The Churchwardens will take responsibility for moving the lectern and adjusting the height until such time that other people can be shown how to do this.

Repair to the wall

A second quotation of £125.00/sq m has been received by Gales Building Conservation. As Jodie Leaf quoted £100/sq m we will use his services instead. We will have 16 metres repaired and all were in favour of the decision.

Church doors

Work is yet to start and John A will contact Jodie again to see when this can begin. It was agreed that we should get a quotation from Jodie Leaf for the outer door to be repaired as it is not closing efficiently.

Noticeboards

Work has been done on the noticeboards to make them more up to date and attractive and we give thanks to Wendy S and Wendy C for their work on this. Wendy sought approval to replace one of the noticeboards because it is no longer waterproof. All were in favour and Wendy C will purchase one. It is likely to be in the region of £200.00.

Wendy will talk further with the Churchwardens to discuss the final position of the photo display board with certain members of the church congregation and the Friends display board.

Deanery Synod

Peter explained that most of the 40 parishes in the Diocese would not be against paying £1,000 per annum for five years for an additional youth worker. However, it was noted that not all parishes would be able to achieve this and so more investigation will have to be undertaken before a final decision is made. The decision for HTB to pay further funds for this has been deferred.

Bell Tower

Peter would like the secretary to write on behalf of DCC to thank Jodie Leaf for the work he does on the bells before and after use and offer him a £50.00 Christmas gift token as a sign of our gratitude. All were in favour.

Kneelers

The Revd. Deb Smith informed the meeting that when the Archdeacon visited Bothenhampton church she agreed to the faux leather kneelers being removed, as it was thought they would be a fire risk and would emit noxious fumes if they caught fire. As the kneelers at HTB are of a different style with a material outer and stitched frontage it was agreed that to avoid the same fire risk, they could be dismantled and the designs sewn together to form a montage which would be used to decorate the church. In the first instance a notice will be read out asking for volunteers to undertake this project as well as the information being put in the weekly sheet. The dismantling will take place in the church and the innards will be taken to the waste disposal service. Once this has been completed a decision will be taken by the DCC as to what happens next with the resulting stitched designs. No kneelers can be given to a member of the congregation to keep in their home because of the potential fire risk. However, we will still keep a small number of kneelers for those who want to use them in church. Kneelers that are in very poor condition will be disposed of.

Reports

Rector's report

The Revd. Deb gave more detail on certain items of her report. Deb reported that it is taking time to become familiar with all 6 churches in the parish and that working as a team has been a challenge. Deb has promoted the idea of sharing information and good practice between the churches. In June

2020 the stipendiary curate, Helen Croud, will be ordained as Deacon and Lorna Johnson will be admitted into the priesthood.

Deb will provide us with details of the lay pioneer course that Martin Whiting and David Coe are attending at the moment.

Friends report

No questions were asked of the report produced by Martin.

Churchwardens

A report on the stained glass windows in the church has identified work that needs to be done to both restore and refurbish them, and the cost is likely to be in the region of £24,935. John A will contact the DAC to ask if they are in agreement to use Dan Humphries who supplied the report and a quotation. He was originally recommended by the architect who did work on the spire. If this is agreed a second quotation will not be required. If it is not agreed, John will ask the DAC for a recommendation for another craftsman. Once the work starts Dave will oversee the project.

It was agreed that the eagle lectern will be placed in three different positions for a period of time for us to make a decision on its final resting place at the next DCC meeting. The new lectern will be used instead.

Treasurers

No questions were asked of the Treasurer but thanks were given for Roy's ongoing work. Susan Solomon will begin 'shadowing' Roy in preparation for his retirement and her taking up the post.

Eco church

We discussed the possibility of having solar panels placed behind the shed. The Churchwardens will check with the DAC if this might be a possibility. Alan Bowley will be meeting with Roy to discuss utility providers. Again, sharing good practice between the churches should be promoted and this might be done by speaking at the PCC.

John P will be looking into the lighting in the church and he will report back at the next meeting.

Any other business

Daphne King requested £150.00 from the DCC to pay the drivers who transport people to the lunch club as a way of thanking them for their time and service rendered. All were in agreement.

Virginia requested provisional agreement that some of the funds raised from the Christmas Fayre are used to purchase a banner that can be displayed outside church in 2020 to advertise next year's Fayre. All were in agreement, and Virginia will supply a price at the next DCC meeting.

Dave informed the meeting that he has marked 92 items with 'smart water' to preserve their identity should they be removed from the church and its grounds.

Date of the next meeting

20th February 2020