

The Ecumenical Parish of Stantonbury

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Cross and Stable Church

Minutes of Officers Meeting 11 October 2018 10am at Gwen's 34 North Twelfth Street

Present: Bob Cross (Chair), Gill Grant, Gwen Green, Ken Brine, Beverley Zialor

Apologies from Paul Smith, Chris Pooley, Peter Green - delayed

Opening Prayers: Bob Cross

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of 9 August 2018. Agreed and signed.

Matters Arising: Daphne is being escorted to church on Sunday. Bishop's visit was successful. He seemed pleasantly surprised. Bob hopes to invite him and the Archdeacon for a future date in 2019. Paul Smith conducted a good Tree Cathedral Service held in the 20th year of such. The Interim Minister Interviews went well, as did open prayers before. The results of the interviews to be announced by the 21st October.

Comments from the Rector: no comments as the Rector was away.

Comments from Church Warden: We held a first congregational meeting regarding a review as preparation towards the Parish Review at a later date. Some 11 people attended with Alice Maynard as Chair. A list of dreams was drawn up with an attempt to begin to name and then activate some of these 'dreams' at the next meeting on 14 November.

Regarding Christmas. It was agreed to produce a leaflet, using the picture as in 2017. Details of the services not yet complete - viz the Signed Carol Service. Bob will write short invitation on the leaflet. Bob to ask Maggie and Adrian Prisk to help with the Family Carols on Christmas Eve at 6pm. We agreed to order some 40/50 copies of the Christmas booklet 'Follow that Star' for the various services/groups.

We offered Bob a few hymns for the following Sunday service with Rev John Robertson.

Finance: £800 in credit with £4,766 in the General Fund. This should mean we can give £14,000 in Quota this year. A possible idea of giving £225 from Church Funds to DEC Indonesia Tsunami Emergency Appeal PO Box 999 London EC3A 3AA was raised and Bob/Gill will activate this? Unsure if activated. Gill asked that two people should have the Church Safe keys: Bob plus one other. Thanks to Gill, collection counters and all contributors for ensuring the good state of church accounts

Safeguarding Rev Nicola Martyn-Beck is in charge of safeguarding for the SEP. Gill Grant continues as Cross and Stable safeguarding representative. A form is being circulated to be signed once folk have read the safeguarding data. Gill has asked that no one should work alone in the Cross and Stable building! Yet the cleaner works alone, as do those locking and unlocking the building for parties/events etc! Not to mention the window cleaner and Peter Green doing some DIY! A fire drill will take place after a Morning Worship Service declared Bob. Apparently e-mails should first be sent to oneself and then BCC (blind copies) sent to the list of committee members!

Stantonbury Parish News: No report.

Management Committee. We note that St Lawrence's Church lost a lot of lead from their roof. Also the hairdresser from Cross and Stable Charities Workshops suffered a break-in [the first in 30 years according to Ecclesiastical Insurance].

Any Other Business

- a) Ann Buchan (on the friends of Cross and Stable list) funeral will take place on November 5 at 2pm at the Crownhill Crematorium. Peter to officiate.
- b) A member has asked about being a Communion Steward. We said it would be better to become a Church Officer first. Bob to activate this.

Date of the next meeting: 9 January 2019. 10am at Gill's - 43 Pannier Place, Downs Barn. With thanks to our hosts - Peter/Gwen.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 11.50 am