***The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford***

**Wednesday 27th November 2024 – 7.45pm, at Marcham Centre**

**MINUTES**

Rev Nick Weldon (NW) Bryan Eccles (BE) Tamsin Gilbert (TG)

Danni Grady (DG) Tim Jack (TJ) Hugh Lawton (HL)

Sue Lawton (SL) Caroline Manders (CMa) Catherine Mentzel (CMe)

Chrystal Poon (CP) John Scoble (JS) Vicki Tinkler (VT)

Mike Worthing (MW) Neil Rowe (NR) 8pm Dave Lunn (DL) 8pm

Pamela Carter-Moore (PCM) – left after item 6

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3. 4.**  **5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and prayer: NW  Apologies for absence –** James Gilbert  **Conflicts of interest** - None  **Minutes of the meeting of 23rd Oct 2024 –** approved as an accurate record.  **Matters arising -** None |
| **6.** | **St Luke’s update: PCM**  Recent services: Harvest festival, Songs of Praise, Service of Light, Patronal service and dedication of the bell.  Christmas card to be delivered to Garford residents with Christmas services.  Concerns about Safeguarding representatives at St. Luke’s. NW advised that anyone taking a service will have had relevant training.  Thanks to Chris Webb, Neil Walker and Tim Meadows for maintenance of the churchyard. Downpipe requires replacing. Replacement lighting in progress, has been delayed by flooding, booked for installation by electrician 29/11/24.  Lights have been purchased for the carol service for the choir.  New keyboard will be needed in the new year. |
| **7.** | **Mission Committee update: NW**  Consideration needs to be given to funding mission. Document circulated just before the meeting so there was insufficient time for consideration, to be carried over to the next meeting. |
| **8.** | **Curacy update: NW**  Phil Rowlinson has accepted a curacy from mid 2025. We will need to pay 75% of his accommodation costs, this will be approximately £1300 – 1500 per month. We could apply to the Oxford Good Stewards Trust to ask for support with the accommodation costs.  General discussion on whether this is affordable. |
| **9.** | **All Saints Reordering Project progress update: NW**  Progressing well, on schedule to finish 10/12.  Estimate of extra £2300 to carpet tower room, stairs and office. This was approved. £1500 to replace mat in the porch – to investigate options further and discuss again.  Phase 2 – plans discussed, to be circulated. |
| **10.** | **Fabric Update: NR**  **Incl. any health and safety matters**  Porch – difficult to source required tiles. More were damaged than expected, new tiles are 14/12 backorder. Water has ingressed into the lights, new lights are needed.  Clock repair – ongoing.  Action list on Quinquennial being discussed with builders so they are planned in for next 2 years.  Medical Emergency during remembrance service. VT has put postcode on the info stand. The church wardens and NW are giving this further consideration.  Notice boards are going with the new development. We may need to consider some moveable notice boards. |
| **11.** | **Financial update: JS/HL**  Building for Community - £11,000 surplus to be carried forward to phase 2. This is without including the £50,000 pledged by the PCC. |
| **12.** | **Safeguarding update: NW**  Need to ensure our signage is correct.  3 ongoing cases which are being reviewed on schedule. |
| **13.** | **Fyfield and Tubney Parish partnership update: NW**  NW was licensed as interim associate priest in October. The service programme is being reviewed. |
| **14.** | **A.O.B.**  Christmas Charities – Open Doors and the Porch.  The Marcham small hall has been very noisy this evening, next time we need to book the large hall. |
| **15.** | **Closing prayer - SL** |

**PCC next meetings:** Wednesday 18th December at All Saints Church (Christmas social)

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at Marcham Centre