

**Parochial Church Council for the Parish of
St David with St Michael and All Angels Exeter**

Minutes for the PCC meeting for the parish of St David with St Michael and All Angels Exeter HELD BY ZOOM on **Wednesday 27 July 2022 7:30pm**. The meeting opened with prayer. Those present: **Nigel Guthrie (chair)**, Helena Walker (minutes), Glynis Harflett, Robert Mitchell, Sue Wilson, Clive Wilson, Maggie Draper, Dave Allin, Barbara Allin, Paula Lewis, Richard Parker, Laura Casimir, Ash Leighton Plom, Sarah Black, Jonathan Johns, Charlotte Townsend

1.	Apologies for absence: Belinda Speed-Andrews NG reported that Oliver Nicholson and Stephanie Aplin have resigned from the PCC. This meeting records thanks for their service and NG will write to them on behalf of the PCC.	
2.	Declarations of interest: there were none	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting on 19 May 2022 (circulated): Item 6 there was one abstention from the vote to co-opt JJ as parish treasurer. Item 9 St David's organ amended to show "...last <i>major</i> rebuild of the organ..."	
4.	Matters arising from the minutes Item 9 St David's organ - might RM agree to work on this item with NG? Yes.	
5.	Confidentiality: To agree any items that should not be contained in the public record - there were none identified	
6.	Update of parish matters to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archdeacon's meeting: The PCC will need to affirm the ministry of women in both churches. Also NG confirmed that St Michael's would not be given independent status. Thanks were given to all who attended the meeting. LC suggested that the resignations from St Michael's merit a meeting to consider the fall-out along with a review of the meeting. The St Michael's congregation will meet after the service on 21st August to discuss this, also job-roles that will need to be covered. Views were expressed about the tone of the meeting. Some felt that there are two issues here: women priests and pastoral breakdown. • Chalice bearers at St Michael's: Stephanie Aplin, Richard Parker, Tony Pugh, George Hexter and at St David's: Bill Pattinson, Shaun Smith, Hilary Elliott, Helena Walker, Ann Watts, Pete Francis, Cathy Knowles, Ian Cartwright, Charlotte Townsend - This list was agreed - with the removal of Stephanie Aplin who has resigned from the PCC and from St Michael's. • Covid arrangements: St Michael's take bread and wine at the altar; at St David's the chalice assistants stand next to the celebrant. Physical contact is permitted at the Peace. Seats will be retained at the back at St David's. • Graveyard mapping (email 14/07/2022 from Archdeacon circulated) - to seek approval to join the scheme and to elect two delegates to attend the meeting: Approval given (we were too late to attend the meeting). Since 	Nigel Guthrie

	<p>the PCC meeting an application has been sent to join the scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee expenditure agreed for projector up to £350 - to seek PCC approval: Agreed. The projector has arrived since the meeting and has been put to use. Also expenditure of £130 for repair of a broken window in the parish rooms at St David's. Agreed. • AV provision at St David's (DAC informal advice email circulated 02/07/2022 and as PDF 'DAC informal advice Exeter St David' prior to meeting): can the PCC take this proposal forwards? Agreed. • Fête review: A happy joint event which went well. The PCC need new gazebos and the social committee will be asked to raise funds for these. The dog-show was a great pull. • Parish Administrator: Deborah Leighton Plom will be resigning as she has been accepted for training for the priesthood. The PCC will need a further administrator to cover bookings and safeguarding. It was agreed to advertise in Roots & Shoots (MD and NG), also to put the word out in 'Christians together across Exeter' network (ALP). They will need to be self-employed as the PCC do not have a payroll. 	
7.	<p>Fabric reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St David's: projector - now replaced. The flat roof has been repaired (with the involvement of the architect and a roofer) but there is rainwater ingress in the parapets; a broken window has been repaired (see above); the churchyard mapping will go forward (see above); at the rear of the church, floor-tiles are lifting and are a trip-hazard (suspected to be due to the installation of the under-floor heating) so the subfloor may need work; wi-fi is now installed but is not yet accessible - this needs to be moved forward. GH offered a vote of thanks to DA for his continued work on the fabric of the building. • St Michael's - ladders, louvres, electricals, noticeboard: There are three quotes for the work on the ladder of which some are old and will need to be revisited - PL will do this. The standing committee was given authority to authorise work to £8100. Clarification will to be sought to see if the lower quote includes the steelwork (PL will do this). Further quotes will be needed for the repairs to the louvres. The steeplejack may be able to help with the ladders and louvres and stonework. The ladder is a priority for the inspection of other work. There are two quotes for the electrical work but RP will seek a third one, confirming at the same time the cable spec that will be used. JJ thanked RP for his work on this. The noticeboard needs repair and expenditure of £185 was agreed for a new wooden exterior frame and the 	<p>Dave Allin Richard Parker Stephanie Aplin</p>

	application of Perspex. RP will put this in hand.	
8.	<p>Treasurer's report to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance to committee members re: funding applications etc (circulated) • Digital payments <p>JJ: the impact of the rise in the cost of utilities will hit both churches hard. St Michael's has budgeted £7.5k expenditure on fuel but it is likely to be closer to £12k. At St David's it is likely to be close to £18k. The parish is looking into the Parish Buying Scheme. The PCC will also need to look at cutting energy. Solar panels are unlikely to help without batteries; a pellet boiler might help but its location might be difficult; there are also hybrid methods to be explored. The PCC will need to lower the thermostats in both churches a little and consider the provision of blankets and cushions for additional warmth in the winter. At St David's with the energy costs and the repairs the budget is just about sustainable; at St Michael's with the energy costs and the repairs there is the likelihood of financial insolvency. The St Michael's bank account now at £24k is likely to be swiftly depleted. The future for both churches ie a financial deficit needs to be addressed. Can the PCC agree to turn the thermostats down? Yes. St Michael's to 15 degrees C. St David's will be a little more difficult to judge as it has radiator thermostats but this matter will be addressed.</p> <p>Lettings - the PCC will need to increase the charges to cover the increased energy costs.</p> <p>Electronic payments - enquiries are being made about having a stand.</p> <p>Standing committee will discuss occasional giving with electronic payments.</p> <p>PL: there is £535 in the choral scholar fund and the intention is to advertise this vacancy in the autumn.</p> <p>GH suggested that the PCC might consider regular charitable donations to:</p> <p>Latin Link (a student member of the congregation is working for this charity in South America and this would help the charity to support her) £20 pcm for a year. Proposed GH, seconded ALP and agreed.</p> <p>Exeter Food-banks £20 pcm for a year. Proposed GH, seconded PL and agreed. The PCC will also encourage food-bank donations at St David's (St Michael's has an established food-bank donation point).</p> <p>Community Larder, St David's Friendship Café: might the PCC use monies from the Thursday Soup evenings to fund these to help support families through the summer holidays? Proposed GH, seconded by MD and agreed. JJ confirmed the PCC will need a resolution to change the nature of the soup evening fund to general funds to authorise the PCC to spend these funds on similar activities. This was agreed by the meeting. (The PCC continue to send weekly sandwiches etc to The Crescent.)</p>	Jonathan Johns

