

Dedham Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022

At 7.30 in the Duchy Barn

Present: Peter Wilson (PW), Vee Druitt (VD), John Reed (JR), Richard Hopkins (RH), Paul Brebner (PB), Akshay John (AJK), Sharon Sarson (SS), Gabbie Watson (GW), Liz Reed (LR), Helen Sims (HS).

Apologies: Received from Lynne al-Sad and Linda Redlich

1. Church Bells: With the help of David Druitt PW reported that they had managed to put one of the bells back together. PB volunteered to carry out a 3 monthly maintenance check.
2. Quinquennial Review: PW said that the Diocesan Survey had still not been delivered.
3. Organ Project: PW confirmed that the Faculty for the project had now been agreed.

JR stated that the income to date that had been banked was £171.7k with potential Gift Aid to claim of £42.4k, making an anticipated total of £214.1k. Further donations and a Grant of £2k were in the pipeline.

£2,548 been spent on reimbursing Nicholson's for work in Glasgow.

4. Church Guide: John Goldsborough had written a new Church Guide for visitors, and it is now ready for printing, and we are grateful to the DELT for covering the cost of this excellent new version.
5. Notice Boards: PB had volunteered to service these at the last meeting, and has carried out some initial work tidying up the content. PB will review the various Boards to ensure a good impact.
6. Flower Festival: HS gave an update on the progress made towards the 7th-9th Festival, which has a theme of "Creation". Money for sponsorship, column swags, and the brochure were all coming in, as well as ten already signed up to participate in Workshops. There was still a need for more welcoming stewards, and in the days coming up to the 7th, help with some preparation issues would be required. Promotion of the event was also in hand, and PB would look at the visuals in Church.

7. Service Rota: Rev.Merv has done a magnificent job of keeping the rota going, and he has prepared the next 3 months until the end of the year. Christmas Service arrangements are always difficult to arrange, but the plan is for Carols on Sunday 18th with 4 p.m. at Ardleigh, and 6 p.m. Dedham. On Christmas Eve a 5 o'clock Crib Service at Dedham and the Midnight Mass falls this year to Ardleigh. Christmas Day Service to be 10 a.m. At Dedham. There was some discussion regarding these arrangements and the Churchwarden's would discuss the Christmas Eve arrangements with Merv.
8. AOB:
- (a) Tower Tours: There were now only 2 Guides and PW agreed to approach the Friends as well as seeking to advertise on Chimes, etc.
 - (b) Christmas Fair: It was agreed that the Church would open to serve refreshments for the people attending the event run by the School parents.
 - (c) The Constable painting: PW would follow up with the Constable Trust to see if it could be returned to us on loan.
 - (d) Boiler Project: The new boiler was nearly ready, and was to be connected and tested on 29th September
 - (e) Chestnut Tree: Work on the tree, and the damaged wall would start on 17th October and take 8 weeks.
 - (f) Vicarage: The deep clean was completed for £340, with other rural parishes agreeing to contribute. Phillip and family were in need of some carpeting improvements. Other costs were being borne by the Diocese.

Date of Next Meeting : Tuesday 11th October at the Duchy Barn 7.30