

1. All members were present
2. Minutes of last meeting on 16 May were accepted as accurate
3. Under matters arising it was agreed that a donation of £1000 should now be sent as agreed previously to the charity in Guatemala (JR)
4. Safeguarding: We have still not been able to identify anyone who is prepared to take on the role of Safeguarding officer but will continue to search for a suitable person. In the meantime it was agreed that the two church wardens should be identified as the people to contact if a safeguarding concern needs to be raised: this should be advertised on the notice boards and via church chimes.
5. Financial report: John Reed reported that:
 - Giving is holding up well and we will meet our hard target parish share ; The “aspirational “target will be reviewed closer to the year end
 - A new energy contract has been agreed on a 3 year contract at 6.594pence per kwh —this is a substantial reduction from our current year cost and gives us stability for the future as well as being for Carbon neutral gas
 - The church insurance policy has been renewed with a slight increase of £400 per annum
 - The Parish magazine continues to be popular with users and advertisers and most invoices for the 23/24 year have been paid
 - The organ Appeal fund as at 30 June had raised £265k; some stage payments and storage costs have been paid which means the fund currently stands at £212k

The ctte thanked John for the work done particularly re the energy costs. There was discussion regarding the magazine and the fact that the paper was not recyclable; this was because of the cost was so much higher . It was agreed that we would again visit this issue together with the printing costs , and the In house diocese printers would be contacted. Liz Reed undertook to do this work

6. Missioner Update: John Saxon appointment confirmed. Details of arrival/service to be confirmed but expected early October
7. Organ Update: David Druitt has submitted written report; key points were;
 - Nicholson has visited church to do further calculations in the organ loft
 - Bishop and Son have provided their structural calculations for the original (existing)loft
 - Antony Watson had requested an additional stop to the new organ which PCC approved
 - Work is progressing well and more of our parts are now in Nicholson building thereby reducing our storage costs
 - The installation into Dedham church is planned for the period between September 2024 and easter 2025
 - Antony and Margaret plan to give presentations in the church on 28 August at 14.00 and 15.00
8. Fabric: Meeting held with Architect to clarify masonry work to be done and collaboration with window contractor; possible contractors to be identified by architect and specification provided for them. At this stage our best estimate for work on windows is £60/70k
9. Rota : Current rota working well; Matins continue to be well supported with some people returning to church
10. Pastoral: Ann Shaw has stepped down as first point of contact and Ruth ha agreed to do this; we need a better system for providing lifts to church and suggested we have a coordinator and pool of people willing to provide this service

11. Cemetery: We receive a number of enquiries for burial from different sources; we maintain the policy that people must live within the parish or be on the electoral role of the church. PCC endorsed this and agreed it is important not to create any precedents: PCC also confirmed policy that no plots can be reserved
12. Whitmore Baker tomb: WE have a request for remediation work to be done to this tomb from a member of the family: PCC approved this request
13. Book of Remembrance: We have lots of requests for a memorial of some kind to be placed in the church or cemetery to commemorate the life of a particular person. It had been suggested that we keep a Book of Remembrance, but some concerns were raised. We agreed that Vee and John would investigate further And report back to the next meeting
14. Eco Church; It was agreed that we should produce an article for the magazine stating our policy and what we are attempting to do in the cemetery and surrounding areas—PW to organise with Sara
15. Children and family Worker: the PCC are all encouraged by the growth in children coming to the morning service and want to ensure we give full support to Louise to build on what has already been achieved; PCC agreed we would;
 - Have a removable barrier around the children's area --Sharon
 - Look into the cost of relocating the font to the area near the red safe—Paul/Peter/Fabric Ctte
 - Discuss with Phillip our desire for a children and family worker and if he supports to approach DELT for help in financing such a position—Vee/Peter
- 16.AOB—None
17. 26 September—Phillip to be invited to present paper on Baptism