

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ARDLEIGH

The minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting, held on Friday 28th February 2025 at Highfield, Fox Street, Ardleigh, CO7 7PN.

Those present : Susan Carne (church warden)
 Richard Culley
 Rosemary Kleingeld (Clerk)

Apologies for absence : Phillip Young

Susan opened the meeting, with a prayer, at 11.40 am

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (24th January 2025) were signed as a correct record.
2. Conflict of interest. There were none.
3. Matters Arising.
Bell Service on Sunday 6th April. Phillip has written a service which John and Merv will be sharing. When the bells are ringing "loose" in the church it will be close for 'maintenance work'
Keys for Locking and Unlocking Church. James Blyth now has his own, two more sets are required for Yvonne and Anne.
4. Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting. This will take place on Sunday 18th May at 10.45 following the Communion Service.
Rosemary reported that Electoral Rolls Forms are coming in and will give a full and up to date list to the church warden on completion.
Accounts. Up to date expenditure on the bells is required. The next PCC meeting will look at the parish share.
Reports. Deb has these and will print them off for us, which will be available for the meeting should there be any questions.
5. Worship Team. Lead Alison and Susan
Friday 4th April - End of Term Service Ardleigh School. To be held in the church
Susan to ask Pat is she is happy to be in charge of catering. Volunteers will be needed to steward and to help Pat. Rosemary will get a supply of wrapped biscuits.
V E Day Service - we should ask for special intercessions from who ever will be praying them that day. Also should make sure Phillip is aware (as an Australian they have different days)
The Wednesday Afternoon Book Club are now looking at The Sermon on the Mount.
6. Communications Team. Lead Susan and Rosemary
Korban. 16th March will be washing up Sunday. Anything round the sink.
Future dates are : 20th July; 21st September and 23rd November.
7. Hospitality Team. Lead Pat and Rosemary
Good Friday - 18th April Harwich Deanery Choir at 6.00 pm. We will need help with stewardship and catering.
Strawberry Tea. Saturday 5th July. This will be arranged by Pat and Rita. Rosemary is to arrange meeting with Susan and a band.
Ride and Stride. Saturday 13th September. Susan suggested we lay on the "Biker's Special".
8. Families and Young People Team. Lead Caroline
Friday 11th April. Bake Along Day for primary school age in the church
Thursday 3rd April. Easter Workshop in the school

9. Building and Maintenance Team. Lead Martin
Martin's report is to follow.
Susan is going to order blue cushions for the cafe chairs. This will be financed by Friends of Ardleigh Church.
The chairs were sold to Kingsland Church for £600.00
10. Any Other Business
Paul Molyneux has taken on the ewe trees as a five year project. He will be bringing them down in size, not taking them out. We are very grateful to him for offering this.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1.00pm