

ST PETER'S CHURCH Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm
In the Parish Rooms, Field Broughton
MINUTES

Present: Rev J Brewster, Mr J Hibbert, Mr B Crossley, Mr G Ensor, Mr J Houston, Mrs L Shrapnel, Mrs B Hibbert, Mrs S Dean

Welcome and Prayers

Rev J Brewster opened the meeting with prayer.

1. **Apologies.** Mr A Sykes
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 13th September and 19th November 2022**
The Minutes of the meetings on 13th September and 19th November were approved unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising/Actions not covered later in Agenda**
 - i) Legacy of Miss E M Pine. This is still in hands of Church Commissioners. This issue is that Lindale parish is now responsibility of Field Broughton. The donation must be seen to be being used for the benefit of Lindale parish
 - ii) Mr G Ensor (Treasurer) has written to Mr M Hill at Grange with a donation of £100 towards the office costs. Mr M Hill has thanked the PCC.
4. **Incumbents Report**
 - i) A meeting has been arranged for 4th February at High Newton to look at how parishes in new Benefice can move forward to a Mission Community. The meeting will look at joint activities that could be arranged and how they can be organised. Parish Offers will have to come from Mission Communities by 2024.

Mr J Hibbert requested that PCC's have some form of confirmation that new Benefice is going ahead as proposed prior to this meeting.

The Rev J Brewster explained that the proposal goes first to the Mission & Pastoral Committee if approved to the patrons and then to the PCCs to formally approve it.

Rev J Brewster explained that the Diocese is subsidising stipendiary clergy but the funding will run out in 3 years and unless churches grow to fulfil the Parish Offer the number of clergy will fall. Mr J Hibbert reminded the meeting that the Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance had agreed to this subsidisation in recognition of the damage caused by the poor response of the Diocese in the past over the need for the Team reorganisation, recognising that higher clergy numbers would be required to restore the *status quo ante* in terms of congregation sizes.

Action:- Rev J Brewster to invite Rev V Ross to the February meeting to confirm the Benefice is going ahead.

Cartmel have accepted the proposal that they have a 0.5 clergy post. Mr J Hibbert requested confirmation that Cartmel pay proportionally towards the cost of the clergy post going forward so that contribution isn't eroded by inflation

Action:- Rev J Brewster to clarify.

ii) **Confirmation Course.** Rev J Brewster and Rev J Maycock are starting a confirmation course this Sunday at Flookburgh for the Benefice parishes. The first 3 monthly sessions will be on Exploring the Bible and a further 3 sessions will be preparation for confirmation.

- iii) **God For All Roadshows** are taking place to refresh the God For All strategy, there is one at St Thomas's Kendal on 23rd January.
- iv) A member of the clergy has expressed concern over the videoing of their services.
Action:- Rev J Brewster meeting with them to discuss.

5. Churchwardens Report/Actions

Christmas services went well and also the Carol singing. The Christingle for Lindale school was cancelled due to icy conditions. Mrs B Hibbert took service in school instead with the churchwardens in attendance, this went well and some parents came too. The Christingle service at Field Broughton went ahead even though the heating had failed. The service on 1st January was cancelled due to illness.

It is hoped to arrange for Lindale Y5 and Y6 children to come to church for Ash Wednesday service (probably the week before). Mr B Crossley welcomed the School's interest in attending church.

For the Remembrance service 2 children from Lindale read in the service which was very successful. The Scouts helped at Harvest Festival and with Carol singing. Thanks were expressed to Mr O. Gray the Scoutmaster.

The proposal to separate the South Transept is a priority. Ms H Hoyle has resigned as Youth Worker and is now a Teaching Assistant at Leven Valley School, she will still do 'Secret Agent' at Leven Valley. Clearly this will leave this project without a leader for the rest of the Peninsula's schools. This means the work load of Chris Mason the other youth worker has increased substantially. Recruitment on a replacement for Ms H Hoyle depends on Allithwaite PCC's agreement to part funding on new 0.5 youth worker, which is awaited.

6 Treasurers Report/Actions

i) Fees for 2023

It was agreed that complete wedding service would be £747, charge for verger and heating £85. The approximate cost of heating the church for a service is £60. The 2023 cost for a certificate of Banns £18 and reading of Banns £36. Ideally Banns should be read at consecutive services

Proposed Mr J Hibbert, seconded Mr B Crossley approved unanimously.

ii) Treasurer's report

The full report for August to end of December was circulated to PCC members prior to meeting. It was noted that without the donation of gold coins and the increased number of weddings after Covid we would be in deficit.

All fees are paid up to date to Diocese.

The Gift Aid return is due to be claimed for this financial year and the Gift Aid Small Donations scheme which runs April to April will also be done at end of tax year.

Mr G Ensor has applied to The National Church Energy Support Fund for 2021 and 2022

iii) Charity Donations

a) Remembrance Day Service - £101.4 British Legion

- b) Christmas Donations from Carol Singing, Christmas Services and Tree of Light - Derian House £262, St Mary's Hospice £262.
- c) Christingle Service - Children's Society £62

iv) Fees from Lindale Burials – these fees should go towards maintenance costs of Lindale churchyard.

Action:- Mr J Hibbert to check burials book for any Lindale burials.

v) Bowling Club - rent not paid to date.

Action:- Mr J Hibbert to follow up.

7. Assimilation of Lindale Parish with Field Broughton.

i) Parking – Notices still to do

Action:- Mr J Hibbert

ii) Churchyard –

a) Query from Mr A Clarke (undertaker) regarding community confusion over the closed section of the churchyard at Lindale.

Action:- Mr J Hibbert to follow up.

b) Grass cutting – Mr H Fullerton to only cut the open churchyard. SLDC to taken on closed churchyard.

iii) Lindale Church

Mr J Hibbert expressed concern over the condition of the church building and the fact that nothing has been done with the memorials, monuments, font and altar and pews etc. the leaks and damp are causing deterioration of the contents.

Church Commissioners from Preston Office have visited several months ago but nothing has been done. DAC from Carlisle visited church in 2021.

Action:- Rev J Brewster to take up with Rev V Ross and and Mr J Hibbert to take up with the Church Commissioners.

8. The future:-

i) New Benefice update. – See Incumbents report.

9. School Reports – See above

10. Health & Safety and Safeguarding

Mr J Houston has completed Part 2 of the training. Mrs B Hibbert has taken several training sessions in the Benefice.

11. Worship and Services

Holy Week Rota. The clergy and wardens to meet and arrange.

Valentines Day Service will be held on 12th February. It was suggested that we have make it a remembrance service for Mrs C Piper who died during lockdown and invite the family.

Action: - Mr B Crossley to contact family.

Ash Wednesday - This is a united service for benefice. It was suggested that the Bishop of Penrith is invited to take the service on 22nd February.

Action: - Rev J Brewster to discuss with the Bishop of Penrith.

Mothering Sunday - 19th March

12. Fabric and Churchyard

The walls have been repaired at Lindale and Field Broughton.

Church gutters - These require emptying and painting. Mr N Birch to be reminded that painting is still outstanding

Action: - *Mr J Hibbert.*

14. Deanery and Diocese

Mrs B Hibbert was unable to attend the Diocesan meeting on 15th October 2022 but will look at video of meeting. Mrs B Hibbert attend the Deanery meeting on 1st November 2022

15. AOB

Date for next meeting.

Next PCC Meeting is 14th March 2023 at High Newton.

Accounts to be presented at this meeting and reports to be sent to secretary prior to this meeting.

APCM will be held at 7pm on 18th April at Field Broughton Parish Rooms

Incumbents Report – Rev J Brewster

Churchwardens Report - Mr J Hibbert and Mr B Crossley.

Year End Accouts – Mr G Ensor

Cartmel Priory School – Mrs S Dean

Leven Valley School – Mrs B Hibbert

Lindale School – Mr B Crossley

Parish Room Report – Mr R Shrapnel.