

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, HADLOW**

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting held Monday 14 March 2022**

7.30pm at The Two Brewers

**1. Members present**

Michael Payne (MP), John Speed (JS), Jenny Hopkins (JH), Martin Massy (MM, Secretary)

**Apologies for absence:** NC

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Standing Committee held by Zoom**

The minutes of the Standing Committee held 15 Feb were approved.

**3. Interregnum Update**

***Worship Update***

Several more people with Permission to Officiate (PTO) are now in the area, giving greater choice and coverage.

**Good Friday:** The Walk of Witness will take place again on Good Friday, ending in church with hot cross buns and coffee, i.e. back to normal! The church will be open for prayer 2-3pm.

**Easter:** Kelly Parsons will lead a dawn service, her last before she leaves Hadlow for her curacy.

The rural school wants to have an Easter service for year 9s – date TBA

***Covid Arrangements***

No change.

***Vicarage Update***

Decoration to start this week.

The use of the vicarage for refugees has been raised; to be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

***Appointment Process***

The draft parish profile has been sent to the Area Dean for comment and will be presented to PCC next Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

The "Section 11" Meeting will take place at next Monday's PCC meeting, which will, among other things choose two parish representatives to be involved in the interview and selection process. The representatives will be chosen by secret ballot. Volunteers will be needed to show candidates round.

***APCM***

The APCM will be held downstairs in church, and there will be coffee and doughnuts!

MM to contact new, regular worshippers to ask if they would like to be on the Electoral Roll.

**4. Finance**

Figures for February to be input to Xero for subsequent analysis.

**5. Any other business**

**Vacancies:** There are many vacancies / roles to be filled – e.g., Anne Hughes would like to step back from her roles as verger and coordinator for the Road Reps – a list to be circulated at the APCM.

**Storage for donations for Ukraine:** The school is collecting donations for Ukraine and needs somewhere to store overflow on a temporary basis. The vicarage garage could be used – to be agreed by the PCC.

**Church opening:** Need a lockable cupboard for the food bank to feel comfortable about having the church open.

**Home Communion:** Visits are taking place.

**Dementia Awareness Month:** Month of May. Talk in church to be arranged. Discuss at PCC.

**Memorial service:** Suggested it should be held in the autumn.

**6. Dates of next Standing Committee meetings**

Tuesday 12 April

Tuesday 3 May