

St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Church, Toller Porcorum

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at Orchard House

Thursday January 13th 7pm

Minutes

The meeting opened by prayer by DE as Lay Chairman

Present: David Wallbridge, Rev'd David Baldwin, Judy Miller, Jenny Wardle, David Ennals, Paul Leppitt.

Apologies: Mike Boardman, Thelma Billen.

In absence of the Rector, who joined the meeting later, DE opened with prayer.

1. Minutes of the last meeting approved.
2. Matters arising: Christmas lunch was a success, although numbers were down, we think due to Omicron and elderly residents being too fearful to attend. Jane E wanted her gratitude to helpers minuted; it was a great team effort, the sum raised £720 was supported by the kind persons who donated the meat and potatoes, as well as raffle prizes.
3. Reports: Financial – been submitted by MB. The PCC offer grateful thanks for its clarity. The position of the finances appeared to be better than forecast previously.
Deanery Synod – meeting due this coming Saturday.
Building – nothing to report.
4. Rector's Comments: DB had visited Keith & Rachel (this evening). Keith was anointed and they prayed together. DB want Toller residents to see the church as a community asset (weddings etc., concerts), and was proposing to hold a 'Free Breakfast Meeting' in April where he could address those present (donations of bread, bangers, bacon and eggs please!). DB also suggested forming a Friends of the Church group (as in Netherbury). He highlighted the success of JN's on-line Gin Church.
5. Update on Faculty application – Paul has had to produce a separate faculty for the temporary roof repair, which had to be removed from the full roof faculty. No further progress on roof faculty as Paul is stymied until the architect has submitted the drawings, these will not be drawn until the architect's invoices have been settled.
6. Lent Course: JN is looking at C of E Lent Book. Further information to be distributed. (Ash Wednesday March 2nd).
7. Churchyard: hedges due to be trimmed.

8. Church Cleaning rota – there was a response from our request in Team News as 2 persons came forward to volunteer. JM is now compiling her Cleaning Rota with an instruction sheet so that all will work to the same standard. With PCC members, the rota jumped to 6 people. The rota is to begin as from April.
9. Fund raising – date of plant sale to be Saturday May 14th. The PCC agreed to hold it in the Village Hall making it a community event again, with refreshments.
10. Any further business: DW has thanked Martin & June Wilson for decorating the Christmas Tree in church.
11. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday March 31st 7pm which is the APCM to be held in church.

Meeting closed in prayer led by the Rector @ 2037hours.

DE.