

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Church Cottage,
Wednesday 12th June 2019

Present:	
Sid Charlton	Tracey Kerr
Charles Wide	Lynn Buckley
Brigitte Hilton	Richard Stark
Ursula Wide	Patricia Newton

1.	Opening Prayers.	
2.	Apologies: Stephen Webster, Jema Ball, Philip Hilton, Sonya Moss.	
3.	Minutes of the PCC meeting dated 31st January 2019 were signed as approved by Sid.	
4.	Matters Arising: There were none.	
5.	<p>Church Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio Visual and Lighting: Charles reported that the DAC have approved the AV proposal. He has forwarded the lighting proposal to the DAC, but not yet received any reply. Richard asked about funding possibilities for these schemes. Charles replied that funding will be sought if and when a faculty has been granted. • Churchyard Maintenance: Charles reported that he had been contacted by a former resident, whose father's grave, and the area round it, is very overgrown, particularly with a lilac tree with extensive roots. A decision was made that this tree will be removed and the area trimmed. Richard and Mike Newton have offered to help with this. • GDPR: This item is deferred until the next PCC meeting. • Liturgy: Ursula has prepared a proposed new version of the Holy Communion service booklet. Ursula thanked Philip Hilton, in his absence, for his help with this. It is now ready to be forwarded to the clergy for approval. Ursula will send it to Stephen before the next PCC meeting. • Harvest Service: Sunday 6th October. Charles will take this service. Brigitte suggested an 11am start, followed by the auction, then lunch in the village hall. It was suggested that this be a joint village lunch with Geoff Clay cooking the meal. Brigitte will liaise with Alison Reading about this. Proposed by Tricia, seconded by Ursula. All in 	<p>CW/RS</p> <p>CW</p> <p>UW</p> <p>BH</p>

	<p>favour. Mike Newton and Giles Butlin will be asked to conduct the auction.</p>	
6.	<p>Vicar's Report and Services: Due to Stephen's absence on sabbatical and Jema unable to attend, there was no Vicar's Report.</p>	
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Richard reported that funds remain approximately the same as last year. 2) The Gift Aid tax claim will be submitted within the next few weeks. 3) The lighting consultant has been paid to date. 4) A £400 donation has been received from Glapthorn's Royal Oak Club. 5) Richard asked for clarification on payments to invited clergy who take services. 	
8.	<p>Safeguarding. Nothing to report.</p>	
9.	<p>Deanery Synod Report: In the absence of Philip Hilton, Charles reported on the last meeting, which concerned church growth. Preparation of St. Leonard's new Growth Action Plan is unaffected.</p>	
11.	<p>Social Committee Report: Ursula reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Bluebell Teas, on Monday 6th May, raised £325.70. A donation has been given to the Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust. Ursula thanked all those involved in providing the teas. 2) Glapthorn Open Gardens on Sunday 16th June, in aid of Cransley Hospice. The church will be open for an art and craft exhibition. There will be seven gardens open, plants will be on sale, and refreshments available in the village hall. Ursula thanked all those involved. 3) At the last PCC meeting, an organ recital in the church was suggested. However, Ursula is now suggesting contacting the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust for a concert featuring a young persons' orchestra. All agreed and Ursula will take this forward. 4) Sid Charlton suggested a quiz night on 16th November, in aid of The Tear Fund, a charity the PCC has previously supported. Sid offered to be quiz master. To be discussed at the next PCC meeting. 	<p>UW</p> <p>PN</p>
12.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It was decided not to become involved, as the PCC, in a concert in the Village Hall in September. 2) Tracey, as a school governor, reported on the diocese inspection of the school. There were questions about the school's involvement with the church. At the last Family Service, hardly any children attended but Tracey reported that the school's email system, 	

	<p>whereby families are informed, had failed. Tracey requested that a schedule of Family Services be given to the school well in advance so they can be better prepared. It was decided to make this an agenda item for the next PCC meeting.</p> <p>3) Sid reported that the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event will take place on Saturday 14th September. Ursula has included this in the June village newsletter.</p>	<p>PN</p>
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Date of next meeting: Thursday, 19th September 2019.