

**THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GREAT GRANSDEN
THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, LITTLE GRANSDEN**

**Joint PCC meeting Monday 16 September 2019
7:30pm in The Vicarage**

Present: Betty Bates, Revd Rachel Blanchflower, Rob Chignell, Nick Collett, Andrew Fogg, Rachel Fogg, Sheila George, Jim Harvey, Jane Middleton, Ian Ramsay, Iain Strath, Nick Wareham (Chair), Jenny Wilkinson

1. **Apologies:** Tony Bevens
2. **Prayers** – Revd Rachel opened the meeting with prayer
3. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared
4. **Notification of any items of Any Other Business**
Revd Rachel asked to add Safeguarding as an Agenda Item after her report
5. **Minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2019**
These were accepted and Revd Rachel, who had chaired the meeting, signed them.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
 - 6.1 Email role accounts – Rachel Fogg had discovered that you can delegate gmail accounts to another person so would set up an account for the PCC Secretary. It was agreed that the Treasurers and churchwardens would also set up accounts for themselves. **Action: Rachel Fogg and Treasurers/Churchwardens**
 - 6.2 Roundabout – Sue Burgess from Waresley had agreed to join the Roundabout Steering Group. Iain Strath reported that one meeting had been held and that the next would be in the New Year. Jim Harvey volunteered to act as backstop for the editor. Iain confirmed that a digital copy of Roundabout would be placed on the GG website and on the church website. The issue of names on articles was raised - Iain would discuss with the Editor . **Action: Iain**
7. **Priest-in-Charge Report**
Revd Rachel presented the list of services until Epiphany. One alteration was made – on Sunday 8 December the evening service would be at 6pm. The meeting welcomed Revd Rachel’s proposals enthusiastically.
Links with School - Revd Rachel expanded on her interactions with the school. She is a Governor ex officio and acts as the link Governor for well-being. She is at the school gate on Tuesdays, takes assembly once a month

and has lunch in the staff room fortnightly. The school would hold its Harvest Service in Church and would have involvement in the Remembrance Service and in Christmas Services. This term's RE theme was Creation & Science and Environmental Responsibility. She reminded the PCC that one comment from the SIAMS (church school) inspection was that children should be involved in planning services.

Confirmation classes would start after half-term.

There was discussion about a joint Advent event for children held with Gamlingay and with the Gamlingay Baptist church.

Links with Trusts - Revd Rachel is also ex officio a Trustee of the Musgrave Trust and the Oley Trust at Clare.

Links with Pembroke – the Pembroke choir has links with the London borough of Camberwell and supports music for children there

Links with Diocese - She reported that she was involved with the training of Readers and ordinands for the Diocese.

A possible local business link: Fine and Country, the estate agents, support homeless charities. They would like to use GG church for a service to raise money to support work with the homeless in St Neots – 3 Pillars and Emmaus. They would do the service sheet printing and provide hot chocolate and mince pies.

Vicarage – the Diocese has given permission for the new Youth Pastor, Abi Grylls, working for Adrian at Gamlingay Baptist Church, to lodge in the Vicarage for 8-9 months.

8. Safeguarding

No issues have been reported.

9. Fabric Reports

9.1 **Great Gransden:** Rob Chignell had submitted a report (on file). He expected the current works to finish by mid-October. The works did not include glazing. Sheila George told him of a small hole in the choir vestry window and also poor plaster in the choir vestry.

There was discussion about the break-in and Rob confirmed that the police, the insurers and the Archdeacon had all been notified.

9.2 **Little Gransden:** Nick Wareham reported that the nave roof works were now complete and the architect had issued a completion certificate, so that the 2.5% retention was now due.

Sound system – Michael Hyland has confirmed that there would be a discount if he did the work for both churches at the same time and would forward a quotation. A question was raised over the need for cabled microphones – it was explained that they give better sound.

For GG it was asked whether the J & B Brown fund could be used to support the sound system work. The general feeling was that since it would benefit music in the church it might make a contribution.

Rachel Fogg undertook to contact the various grantgivers to see if they would accept an application for the sound system. **Action: Rachel Fogg**

10. Treasurers' Reports

- 10.1 **Great Gransden:** Andrew Fogg presented his report (on file)
- 10.2 **Little Gransden:** The PCC noted the report that Ian Ramsay had submitted (on file). He had contacted the land agent about the rent rise on church land. He noted that the General account, used for day-to-day spending, was running at a loss.

11. Health and Safety

No incidents had been reported.

It was noted that the churchwardens would act as Health and Safety Officers for the respective churches.

12. Charitable Donations

Jenny Wilkinson spoke to this item. The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to continue to support Mind in Cambridgeshire. However, she questioned whether supporting USPG and Father Terto in Rio was a good use of money given that Rio is so unsafe that Father Terto cannot live in the parish. She suggested that the PCC might investigate other overseas charities: for example, Lynn Walton was involved with a small charity in Malawi which set up businesses for women to make affordable sanitary products which allowed girls to continue going to school. For a charity such as this a little money would go a long way.

The mention in item 7 Priest-in-Charge report of possible support for local homelessness charities would be in addition to any agreed charitable donations.

Ian Ramsay reported that LG currently gave a total of £600: £100 to Christian Aid, £100 to the Children's Society, £200 to USPG and £200 to Mind in Cambridgeshire. In 2018 LG had doubled its giving to USPG and Mind in Cambridgeshire in recognition of the fact that GG could not afford their donations that year.

It was agreed that at the next meeting the Mission and Outreach Committee would propose the charities to be supported and the proportion of the total to be given to each. LG would continue to give a total of £600.

Jenny Wilkinson agreed to contact USPG about giving up the contribution to Father Terto in Rio. **Action: Jenny Wilkinson**

13. Photography/videography at weddings etc

There was a short discussion on this topic. The general feeling was that this should be permitted but that rules should be laid down. Revd Rachel circulated a draft set of guidelines for photography and videography in our churches. PCC members were asked to consider these before the next meeting when a final decision would be taken. **Action: ALL**

14. Deanery Synod Report

Rachel Fogg reported that the Revd Grant Fellows, who had recently retired to St Neots from St Albans diocese, was taking over from Revd Annette Reed as Rural Dean. He would be formally introduced by the Archdeacon at the next Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 30th October.

Ministry Share – in 2018 the Benefice had paid 117% of the amount requested. For 2020 the increase in Ministry Share would be 2.5%, the amount of the rise in clergy stipends.

15. Dates of future events

Harvest Sunday 29th September – Gifts from Waresley service would be going to the Women's Refuge. Louise Wigan was organising this and a list of requests had been received.

Saturday 9 November 2:30pm - LG Autumn Bazaar

Sunday 17 November – Evensong and dinner at Pembroke College

January (date to be fixed) – Barn Dance to raise funds for GG quinquennial works

16. AOB

16.1 Jenny Wilkinson notified a concert in GG church at 7pm on Friday 4 October by a visiting choir from Quedlinburg, Germany. The concert would be non-ticketed but there would be a basket for donations to church funds

17. Date of next meeting

Monday 18 November 2019 7:30pm in the Vicarage

Signed:

Date:

Actions from the PCC meeting 16 September 2019

- Item 6.1 Rachel Fogg to set up gmail role account for the PCC Secretary.
Churchwardens and Treasurers to set up their own gmail role accounts
- Item 6.2 Iain Strath to discuss with the Roundabout Editor whether notices should have names of authors given
- Item 9.2 Rachel Fogg to contact grant givers to discover whether they would consider giving grants for sound system in GG
- Item 12 Jenny Wilkinson to contact USPG regarding possibly stopping donation to Father Terto in Rio
Mission and Outreach Committee to make a recommendation to the November PCC meeting for charities to be supported
- Item 13 All PCC members to review draft guidelines for photography and videography in our churches in order that a decision can be taken at the next meeting