

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

**Joint PCC meeting Monday 17 June 2019  
7:30pm in The Vicarage**

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

1. **Apologies:** Tony Bevens, Rob Chignell, Nick Collett, Jim Harvey
2. **Declarations of interest** – none were declared
3. **Notification of any items of Any Other Business**  
Revd Rachel wished to bring up photography and videoing during weddings
4. **Reading and Prayers**  
Revd Rachel read from Philippians 4: 4-9 and asked everyone to bear four questions in mind as the meeting progressed
  - What is there to rejoice in?
  - What are we anxious about?
  - What should we set our minds upon?
  - What things should we keep on doing?She then opened the meeting with prayers
5. **Minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2019**  
These were accepted and Iain Strath, who had chaired the meeting, signed them.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
  - 6.1 Ditch in Church Street was now being dealt with
  - 6.2 Email role accounts – Rachel still investigating. **Action: Rachel**
  - 6.3 Sue Chase had agreed to be the independent examiner for Roundabout. Iain Strath would speak to her about timing of the examination. **Action: Iain**
  - 6.4 Cards had been sent to the clergy who had assisted during the vacancy
  - 6.5 Health and Safety Officer – the Wardens would consider whether a note should be put in the pew sheet or whether they should take on this role. **Action: Wardens**

6.6 Roundabout – Iain Strath reported that a Roundabout Group was being set up comprising himself, Paul & Brenda Avery (distribution), Mike Turnock (Treasurer) and Marie Wimlett (Editor) to meet twice a year to review how things were going. He requested suggestions for another member of the group. It was suggested that a member from Waresley would be good, perhaps Sue Burgess. Iain Strath to take this forward. He would also make sure that the strapline and disclaimer appeared in every edition of Roundabout. **Action: Iain**

## 7. Priest-in-Charge Report

Revd Rachel had prepared a paper suggesting a change to the service pattern to start in September. The purpose of the changes was to get more clarity over services for churchgoers and others in the benefice. The suggested pattern offered a consistent number of services in each church. The afternoon/evening services will allow room for something different – perhaps Evensong, study groups, children's events such as lego church. Rachel would be glad to receive any ideas. **Action: ALL**

Sarah Dutton had suggested that Sunday School could pause for the time being while the new pattern settled down.

Children from the school might be involved in planning worship – something suggested in the recent SIAMS inspection at the school.

It was noted that Andrew held the electronic masters for the current service books, should they need updating.

Revd Rachel said that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in August 10am All Age Worship service would be a Communion Service.

The meeting was enthusiastically in favour of the changes proposed.

## 8. Safeguarding

Phillip George had presented a report (attached) requesting the ratification of appointments to various roles in the church. Jenny Wilkinson proposed and Andrew Fogg seconded this ratification and this was agreed unanimously.

Phillip George had also clarified the personnel appointed as administrators/moderators of the church and bellringers websites and Facebook pages. These were noted by the PCC.

## 9. Fabric reports

9.1 **Great Gransden:** Rob Chignell had submitted a report (attached). It was noted that the application to the Simon Gibson charitable trust had not been successful. Details had now been received of how to set up a donation page via the Diocesan Just Giving page – Rachel would circulate wording for approval. **Action: Rachel**

Rob was requested to ask the architect's advice next time she was on site about the plaster on the wall behind the standards, in the choir vestry and behind the altar. **Action: Rob**

- 9.2 **Little Gransden:** Nick Wareham had submitted a report and the report of Michael Hyland who had visited to advise on a sound system for LG and GG churches (all attached). After discussion Nick was requested to ask Michael Hyland for a ballpark estimate for managing the sound system project for both churches. He was also to ask whether a facility to play music from CD or MP3 or from smartphones could also be part of the system. **Action: Nick**

It was noted that grants were available, eg from Awards for All, for accessibility and inclusiveness which a sound system would qualify for.

## 10. Treasurers' Reports

- 10.1 **Great Gransden:** The PCC noted the report that Andrew Fogg had submitted (attached). Andrew requested confirmation of the offer of an interest-free loan from Little Gransden to cover cash flow during the quinquennial works.

Sheila George proposed and Betty Bates seconded the motion that Little Gransden PCC make available to Great Gransden PCC an interest-free loan of up to £30,000 to cover cash-flow during the quinquennial repair works, said loan to be repaid as soon as possible. This motion was passed unanimously by the members of Little Gransden PCC. It was agreed that Ian Ramsay would write formally to Andrew Fogg to offer the interest free loan. **Action: Ian**

- 10.2 **Little Gransden:** The PCC noted the report that Ian Ramsay had submitted (attached). He pointed out that none of the usual fundraising activities had yet taken place this year. He undertook to contact the land agent to put in train the rent review for the church land (rent rises have to be notified to the tenant the Michaelmas before any rent rise comes into effect).

**Action: Ian**

## 11. Charitable Donations

Revd Rachel asked that the decision on charitable donations be deferred to the September meeting. In the meantime she requested the PCCs to consider which charities to support, giving locally, nationally and internationally. Suggestions for charities should be made to Jenny Wilkinson for discussion at the Mission and Outreach Committee. **Action: ALL**

In addition to the PCC donations there might also be special collections at particular services, eg Harvest. Revd Rachel said she was keen for the churches to invest in their spiritual health as well as their financial health.

## 12. Fees

The PCC fees for weddings and funerals were agreed as follows:

Organist	£75
Choir	£100
Bells	£150
Verger	£20
Heating	£20

**13. Dates of future events**

LG Patronal Festival 23 June 9:30am

LG Fete Saturday 29 June 2pm at LGVH

School Founder's Day service GG Friday 19 July 1:30pm – Speaker: Dean of Clare College

Abbotsley Patronal Festival Sunday 21 July 11:45am

Waresley Patronal Festival Sunday 28 July 10am

GG Patronal Festival Sunday 25 August 9:30am

Benefice Harvest Service GG Sunday 29 September 6pm

**14. AOB**

14.1 Revd Rachel requested that photography and videography at weddings be on the Agenda for the September meeting. She personally had no problem with photos/videos during the service at weddings provided it was done sensitively, there were no photos/videos of the choir and no videos were posted on social media. She felt it was part of the offer of hospitality and also that not allowing it would turn couples away. If videography was allowed, it would require double fees for the organist and the choir due to copyright issues and the couple would be required to prove to Revd Rachel that they had the necessary licence.

14.2 There would be no evening prayer in GG in June, July and August

**15. Date of next meetings**

Monday 16 September 2019 7:30pm in the Vicarage

Monday 18 November 2019 7:30pm in the Vicarage

Signed: 

Date: 16/9/19

## **Actions from the PCC meeting 17 June 2019**

- Item 6.2 Rachel to complete investigation of role accounts
- Item 6.3 Iain to speak to Sue Chase about timing of examination of Roundabout accounts
- Item 6.5 GG and LG churchwardens to discuss Health and Safety Officer
- Item 6.6 Iain to ask Sue Burgess about joining the Roundabout Steering Group  
Iain ensure strapline and disclaimer appear in every edition of Roundabout.
- Item 7 All PCC members to offer suggestions to Revd Rachel for activities/events for afternoon/evening services from September
- Item 9.1 Rachel to circulate wording for Just Giving page for approval  
Rob to consult architect about plaster damage/repairs
- Item 9.2 Nick Wareham to contact Michael Hyland for estimate
- Item 10.1 Ian Ramsay to write formally to Andrew Fogg offering interest free loan for quinquennial works
- Item 10.2 Ian Ramsay to contact land agent about rent review for church land
- Item 11 All PCC members to consider level of charitable donations for discussion at next meeting  
All PCC members to give suggestions for suitable charities to Jenny Wilkinson
- Item 14 All PCC members to consider how they feel about photography/videography at weddings for discussion at next meeting