

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas Church Shepperton

Virtually on Zoom on 15th February 2021 at 8:00pm

Present All PCC members were present

Chair Janice Wetherall

Following the Opening Worship

1. Apologies None. Sylvia joined part way through the meeting

2. Approval of Parish Profile

a. The main matter for discussion was page 29 of the draft e mail "Are you our new Rector[?]" Originally this had been taken from the questionnaires circulated to parishioners. We had started this discussion at the last meeting (18th January) where there had been several diverging opinions. John Child had circulated an e mail on 8th February 2021 (Appendix 1 below) where three alternative introductory paragraphs were suggested. There was a long discussion following which the following introductory paragraph was agreed –
"We are looking for someone who is rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, who can communicate their strong, prayerful faith and lead us in the next stage of our journey of faith and witness in our community."

b. Skills were agreed as follows –

We are looking for a new rector who can demonstrate the skill to be:

- Someone who has a clear **vision** to inspire and motivate ministry both in the parish and in the wider community and to support individuals as they grow in faith
- an enthusiastic **leader and teacher** who is able to recognise, support and release the talents of our congregation and energise our various teams.
- a good **communicator** able to engage with all members of the community.
- A team player who is able and willing to delegate

- Someone with recognizable experience of working with **schools, young people and families.**
 - c. Attributes were agreed as follows –
 - a sense of **humour**
 - a good **listener**
 - **approachable**
 - the ability to **challenge** us to confront issues.
 - strong **pastoral** ministry
 - d. Mind map – Some amendments to the mind map to illustrate the importance of music and the liturgy was agreed

Janice Wetherall proposed that the PCC **accept** the parish profile subject to the amendments above and this was seconded by Maggie Hammond. This was **agreed nem con.**

3. Arrangements for the election of Parish Representatives

This had been discussed by the churchwardens with the Archdeacon. Janice will send an e mail as to confirm the process. The reps used to be the churchwardens. However, they could now be any member of the PCC. Anyone who wants to be considered for the role should send 50 words describing their suitability to Janice Wetherall by this coming Friday (19th February at noon. Janice will collate these and send them to PCC.

There were a couple of caveats. Firstly, in order to ensure a female representative on the selection panel then the posts would be filled with either the two top scoring candidates if one were female, or if the two candidates with the most votes were male the top scoring male and top scoring female.

Secondly, Simon Sheldon was in a grey area because he was training as a LLM. There was a possible conflict of interest as the new priest would be his mentor so Simon would be asked to consider not standing (although there was nothing in the rules to prevent this).

Voting will be at the PCC meeting on 22nd February (S11 meeting). In response to questions Janice confirmed that she will acknowledge receipt

of applications, that only the parish reps would meet the candidates to maintain confidentiality of process and that she would ask Jonathan Rust whether he will be chairing the S11 meeting

4. Any Other Business

Doris Neville-Davies ask whether she could post the notice of the interim revision of electoral roll this coming Sunday (21st February). Pam Powell proposed the PCC agree to this and John Child seconded the motion. This was **agreed nem con**.

The meeting concluded with the saying of The Grace.

Date of next Standing Committee: Monday 8th March @ 7:30pm by Zoom

Date of next PCC meeting Monday 22nd February @ 8:pm by Zoom

Mark Steptoe
Minutes Secretary

Appendix 1

Sent: Mon, 8 Feb 2021 12:28
Subject: Parish profile (final version?)

Dear Members of the PCC

Please find attached what I hope will be the final draft of the parish profile! The final page which we need to discuss on 15th is page 29 – **Are you our new rector** . There are a number of suggested amendments which I am outlining here:

1.Introductory sentence:

Opt A : We are looking for a godly, prayerful person of integrity, rooted in the Word and the Spirit, who is ready to lead us in our worship and in sharing and spreading the gospel in Shepperton.

Opt B: We are looking for someone with a strong personal faith and prayer life and a desire to share it.

Opt C: We pray that the Holy Spirit may direct and encourage you to make an application to become our new rector and so lead the parish in the next stage of its journey of faith and witness in this area & in the London diocese.

2. Under skills heading

- An enthusiastic **leader** who is able to recognise, support and release the talents of our congregation and energise our various teams
- Someone with a clear **vision** for the congregation and the wider parish community
- A good **communicator** able to engage with all members of the community
- A team player, who is willing and able to **delegate**
- Someone with a proven track record in working with our **schools, young people and families**

Please read through the attached and let me have any feedback asap apart from the 2 areas listed above.

Kind regards

John

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