



# St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

## Minutes of Standing Committee - 3 July 2023

**Present:** Keith Hilton-Turvey (Rector)  
Catherine Beech (Churchwarden)  
David Houghton (Churchwarden)  
Andrew Beech  
Stephen Cheetham

**703.** The meeting opened with 1 Peter 1: 3-9 and prayer.

### Minutes of the meeting on 1 May

**704.** These were agreed unanimously.

### Vision

**705.** A meeting with the archdeacon was to be held the following week to consider the responses, and to set a revised date for the church awayday.

**706.** David Houghton has identified some useful material for training purposes. The material will provide for at least three 40 minute sessions on “Why does the church exist?”, “Why does the PCC exist?” and “What is the best way to conduct our meetings?”. It was stressed that the objectives of the training need to be agreed before deciding what to do.

**Action: David Houghton**

### Small group co-ordinator

**707.** Richard Nightingale has agreed to take on this role.

### Director of Music

**708.** David Houghton proposed, seconded by Keith Hilton-Turvey, that the Director of Music should have six weekends off per year. This was agreed unanimously.

**Action: Keith Hilton-Turvey - to notify Kate Cheetham**

## **Website**

**709.** The mechanics of the streaming service needed further work to ensure that they operate correctly.

**Action: Keith Hilton-Turvey**

**710.** The old website is still active. It will be closed down, and any necessary changes made (such as a link to the new site should anyone search for the old one).

**Action: Keith Hilton-Turvey**

## **Finance**

**711.** Stephen Cheetham reported that since May income has been stagnant, whereas high inflation is increasing costs, notably gas and insurance. Stephen will liaise with the brokers to ensure that the best possible gas contract can be secured.

**Action: Stephen Cheetham**

## **Diocesan returns for weddings and funerals**

**712.** No return had been made in March. It was agreed that this needs to be brought up to date. Furthermore the Life Events section of the website needs to be amended to include an optional payment for inclusion of the deceased in the Book of Remembrance. The book itself has not been updated since 2021. Keith Hilton-Turvey will produce the list of names to be inscribed.

**Action: Keith Hilton-Turvey/David Houghton**

## **Fabric**

**713.** Andrew Beech had held a meeting to discuss which pews needed to be removed, and which substituted, at the front of the church in order to create a larger area for concerts etc. He also needs to discuss this with Kate Cheetham before preparing a paper for the PCC.

**Action: Andrew Beech**

**714.** No light had been shed on the origin of the Trinity altar. Andrew Beech will keep hinting to Jenny Harrison that she might like to go through the archives.

**Action: Andrew Beech**

**715.** The contract for the roof valley repairs was on the verge of being let<sup>1</sup>. Slipped slates on the south-eastern part of the upper room roofs had been identified, and repaired.

**716.** A plan for work on the upper rooms was expected from the church architect, as was a plan for provision of a small catering facility in the Chapter House.

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<sup>1</sup> It since has been

## **Moveable objects**

**717.** David Houghton had completed the inventory of silverware. He will now speak to the cathedral authorities about transferring some of the material to the care of the cathedral.

**Action: David Houghton**

**718.** The Friends had indicated that they were sympathetic to funding a new floor covering in the Chapter House; the old carpet could be used in the clock room of the tower. Cath Beech will procure a sample of carpet to see whether it is suitable for the Chapter House.

**Action: Cath Beech**

## **Safeguarding**

**719.** One issue had been raised. It was thought that this might be a false alarm. Formal reporting has been made to Mandy McPhee and Annie Lindon is writing up the case.

## **Other business**

**720.** The local press had resurrected the issue of the alleged involvement of Titian in painting the Polidoro *Last Supper*. It was agreed that Keith Hilton-Turvey would ask Ian Beer to remind Ronald Moore that he should not be suggesting an inflated value for the painting.

**Action: Keith Hilton-Turvey**

## **Date of next meeting**

**721.** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 3 September at The Croft, Woodleigh Road.

The meeting closed at 20.45 with prayer.