



St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Minutes of Standing Committee – 2 September 2024

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

856. The meeting opened with Psalm 105:1-10 and prayer.

Minutes of the meeting on 1 July

857. These were agreed unanimously and signed.

Winter services

858. It is clear that replacement heating will not be in place for this winter. Andrew Beech will resend the draft letter asking the Archdeacon for permission to move the 10.00 service to the Burgage Hall to Keith Hilton-Turvey. The 08.00 service and the Second Sunday communion service will be moved, as last year, to St Katherine's Chapel. It was agreed that Choral Evensong might be moved to Eastnor church. The changed venues might be in place from 20 October 2024 to the end of March 2025.

Action: Andrew Beech

Communications

859. The Rector was awaiting a response from Sarah Whitcombe about setting up a meeting. He was trying to reinstate the church X (formerly Twitter) account, which had been blocked. Stephen Cheetham will investigate publicizing church events in the *Ledbury Reporter* and *Ledbury Focus*.

Action: Stephen Cheetham

Policies and procedures

860. The food safety policy document will be ready for the PCC on 23 September. Cath Beech is working on the others, some of which may be ready.

Action: Cath Beech

861. There had been two instances of mobility scooters getting stuck on the ramp from the south aisle into St Anne's. Jane Chamberlain (church architect) is drawing up plans for a replacement ramp. Until this can be installed it was felt that the existing ramp should be removed, together with that from St Anne's to the chancel, which is even steeper.

Action: Churchwardens

Volunteers

862. There was little enthusiasm for yet another group to be set up, even though the PCC had unanimously agreed it. There was no further discussion.

Finance

863. Stephen Cheetham presented a finance report. He explained that the church was now on track to break even. Stephen will discuss replacing the existing electricity contract (which expires in September) with brokers.

Action: Stephen Cheetham

Fabric

864. Andrew Beech reported:

Permanent heating solution

- A meeting with the heating consultants had been arranged for Thursday, 4 September;

Roof valley repairs

- The insurers had agreed to the work, which could now proceed;

Upper rooms

- Further work to strengthen the floor over the porch will be required. Costs should be known by the time of the PCC meeting on 23 September;

Pews

- A decision from the Diocesan Chancellor is awaited;

Bells – noise abatement

- No progress to report.

Safeguarding

865. Nothing to report. Keith Hilton-Turvey will invite Carl Steventon (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer) to the PCC meeting on 23 September.

Other business

866. Andrew Beech will raise whether there should be music during Communion at the PCC meeting.

Action: Andrew Beech

867. The PCC will be invited to agree that Alison Williams should become a communion administrator.

Action: Andrew Beech

Dates for 2025

868. The Standing Committee will meet on: 3 February, 3 March, 19 May, 7 July, 1 September and 3 November 2025.

Date of next meeting

869. The next meeting will be at 8.00pm on 4 November at The Croft, Woodleigh Road (please note the change of time).

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm with prayer.