

St Andrew's Church, Sandon
PCC Meeting Minutes
Thursday 5th December 2024 at 6pm
in the St Andrew's Room



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

1. Opening prayers were led by Richard.
2. Present: Ven. Jonathan Croucher, (Archdeacon), Andy Horne, Cathie Horne, Janet Terry, Alison Read, Richard Cecil, Judy Cecil, David Farrar, Colin Bryan, Christine Mennie

Apologies for Absence: Resignation of John Gruby from PCC was reported. Richard also reported the Sharon Hands memorial faculty has been granted.

Jonathan set the scene and explained the formal Section 11 meeting, the first part of which we are holding tonight is when we agree 2 representatives for the appointment process of a new priest and agree a profile. He noted there is still conversation to be had concerning sharing a half time priest with Boreham. Several meetings have already been held and there are proposals for further meetings.

3. A brief PCC meeting was held on 21st November 2024: It was an open meeting but only 5 people were present.
Peter Horton has a Boreham profile about ready, but Christine Horton proposed we leave meeting Boreham again until January. Some discussion followed. Also noted it will cost about £900 for an advert in Church Times, some time in Jan/Feb.
The mood of the meeting emerged as a consensus to look for a House for Duty priest and let Boreham do the same. Jonathan assured us this is OK.
Richard Cecil proposed and David Farrar seconded, 'We pursue the House for Duty option for St Andrew's, Sandon,' and this was agreed unanimously. Richard will speak to Peter and Christine Horton to let them know our decision.
Jonathan then explained the situation concerning the Patron. Queens' college has the right of presentation of the incumbent. (i.e. to be involved in the process). Usually they would join in the process run by the diocese. Queens' representative has failed to respond to the letter from the registry and so formally lose their right of appointment. Richard explained our relationship with Jonathan Holmes the previous Dean. Archdeacon Jonathan agreed it maybe an admin oversight. He will ring the new Dean of Queens' and suggest Queens' be involved. He suggested it was time to look at a timetable, maybe with shortlisting by Zoom.
Jonathan also suggested we ask the congregation for contributions to the profile, so that they can share in its ownership. Agreed by all. Archdeacon Jonathan will ask his secretary, René, to put together a timeline, aiming for an advert in mid-January.
4. Agree who will be the 2 PCC representatives to shortlist and interview for the appointment of a new priest for St Andrew's:
Jonathan explained the role of reps is to liaise with the Patron and Archdeacon for shortlisting and interviews and that this will be confidential until an appointment is

announced. Agreed we will come to a decision later.

5. Further work on a Parish Profile: Go to the congregation, maybe over lunch, coffee and cake after service and give Post-it notes and large sheets of paper to collect ideas between now and Christmas. Also collect ideas via email. Then collate and prepare a draft profile after that. Announce the plan to the congregation on Sunday morning and via weekly newsletter.
6. Jonathan prayed.
7. Future PCC Meeting Dates (7:30 pm) in church
12th December 2024
8. Any Other Business: Richard asked for agreement for bell ringing before the Nine lessons and carols, instead of trying to sing a carol in the dark as the Christmas tree lights are turned on. All agreed.
A small band will play carols at the pub on 17th December for Beer and Carols.
9. Closed with the Grace

Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 21st November 2024

1. Opening prayers were led by David Farrar
2. Present: Richard, Andy, David, Cathie, Judy
Apologies for Absence: John Gruby, Christine, Alison, Colin, Janet
3. Ideas for Parish Profile were discussed and parts of profile allocated for further work.
Agreed contributions to be sent to Richard who will put together a draft profile for the PCC to review.
4. Future PCC Meeting Dates (7:30 pm) in church
5th December 2024 Section 11 Patronage Measure meeting 6 pm
12th December 2024 next PCC at 7:30
5. Meeting closed with the Grace