



**Agenda for the
Meeting of the LCC of Hyde
Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm at
Hyde Church**

***This LCC exists to work together joyfully in step with God's Spirit to fulfil his mission
in this place, at this time.***

Present. Jan Butcher, Peter Chew, Robert Herridge, Alan Moore, Jeremy Houghton-Brown, Marianne Tomkies, Julie Francis, Julian Sims, Heather Clark, Anne Edwards Sheilah Collis, Heather Brook, Martin Ings, Canon Michael Anderson, Carrie Darke.

Welcome from Chair (Jan Butcher)

Opening Prayer – led by Julian Sims.

1. Apologies for absence – non received.
2. Minutes of the LCC meeting of Thursday 14th November 2023
 - Accuracy – Miss spelling of name. Correction to Marguerite
 - Review of action points and matters arising.
- a.i.i. Cushion for wheelchair JH-B/MI. – Two new cushions bought for the wheelchairs. One chair needs urgent repair work to the breaks and the other will need to be overhauled afterwards.

JH-B – Take first chair into Perkins for break repairs.
- a.i.ii. re-school update – shed, heating etc.
3. JB and HC have met with Pre-school Managers to review their contract and rental agreement for 2024. Their use of the heating for the CC was discussed. With their agreement to keep the temperature to no more than 21C, a fair increase to their rent was agreed.

Heating system is now fixed so that the thermostat cannot be set higher than 24C.

Relocation of shed will require both a faculty and planning permission, the cost of which will be met by the Pre-school. This process may take some time.

- a.i.i. Creationtide walk sheet. JH-B – AM and JH-B presented a very fine example of a planned walk around Hyde in double sided, full colour format, with map and photographs. The proposal is that these would be available in the Church, Hyde Shop, The Potting Shed and The Foresters Pub, all of which are marked on this version of the walk. Concerns were expressed about the costs involved in printing these for free distribution and it was agreed that alternative solutions need to be found such as sponsorship from local businesses or use of QR codes.

Additional concern was raised regarding the limited number of local businesses that were included in this particular walk, and as a community focused Church, alternative walks which take in other businesses and points of interest locally would be desirable. It was noted that the current walk is accessible to the moderately fit in terms of its length and being on level ground. The longer walks suggested would be more challenging in terms of distance and not being on the level. In an area well known for walkers this was seen as a desirable addition.

JH-B/AM – Continue to explore this worthwhile project.

- a.i.ii. Defibrillator – To purchase privately will cost in the region of £1500. The British Heart Foundation have just opened a new application process, closing date 15th March, to provide one that comes free apart from installation costs. It comes with certain stipulations and would need to be located in a place where it is available for public access 24/7. JS proposed that we go ahead with an application to BHF

with a view to placing it in the lytchgate whilst we check what permission might be required for it's installation should we be successful. Seconded RH, all in favour.

a.i.iii. Welcome notice for door and lytchgate. JH-B – This has been installed at the Church entrance but not yet in the lytchgate.

a.i.iv. Memorial cross for prayer corner. JB/MI – The plans for the prayer corner are to be disbanded as it was concluded that in a small Church like ours, the whole space is suitable for prayer. However an area will be set aside to have resources available to support individuals with their praying.

MT,SC&Linda Light – To meet and make a further proposal.

It was agreed that further thought needed to be given to how we would like to record the service given to our Church by our non-stipendiary clergy and a suitable memorial to Rev. Kate Wilson. This matter will need further discussion and will be well timed with the arrival of our new Rector next month.

a.i.v. Renovation of doorway MI. – ongoing.

a.i.vi. Air bricks RH/JH-B – ongoing. Needs further inspection in drier weather and will need professional advice and quotations for the work needed. Proposal to allow the Churchwardens to seek suitable tradespersons to advise on this project and if necessary pay for a damp report etc to assess the damage, before requesting quotes was made by HC, seconded by JS, all in favour.

JB/MI to continue to progress this matter.

Community

4. AVCM update – Sue Ledger has taken over the role of Chairperson. She will be sending notes on the AVCM news to all the LCCs going forward. The work of the charity shop and the various support groups continue to provide essential support in the AVC community.
5. Christmas Fair refection – Very successful, raising £1600 for the Church as well as providing a wonderful atmosphere and collaborative work with Hyde School, Hockey's Farm and others. Thanks were expressed to JB for her leadership.
6. Mission. – Mission Matters are organising a quiz night later in the year.
Sat 17th Feb there is a Deanery meeting with speakers in the Hyde Church Centre.
Churches Together Service at Burgate School on Sunday 21st Jan.
7. Pastoral Care arrangements. – Post Covid there seems to have been a breakdown in parts of the overall functioning of our pastoral work within the community.

Congregation

8. Upcoming Services – 21st Jan Churches Together in Burgate.
28th Feb Induction of Luke Wickings as our new Rector.
Lent Course dates and content to be confirmed.

Church Building/ Churchyard.

9. Clearance of Gutters to the Church Centre. – Quotes received from Michael Shutler - £150 and High Spec - £60.

HC proposed we accept the quote from High Spec, seconded by JH-B, all in favour.

10. Churchyard working party next date. – Saturday 1st March 10am.

11. Finance, including Accounts.

Accounts look healthy, but final totals include a gift of £10,000 for the new glass entrance doors.

There was discussion regarding giving in Church, and the change in the way people choose to give. There are some people who continue to wish to give in cash each Sunday, others who only now donate via card or direct debit payments. It was concluded that some kind of policy needs to be agreed as to when we use the bag, and when we use the collection Goodbox at the rear of Church. **Churchwardens to consider and make proposal to LCC at some future point.**

Additional Special Funds are available for maintenance work on the Church building.

Church Office costs are inflated this year by the expenses incurred through two rounds of adverts for the new incumbent.

Thanks were expressed to AE and HC for their diligence in maintaining our finances in such good order as well as to MA for his preaching on giving.

12. AOB (*Should be notified to the Chair beforehand. If not, the Chair will determine whether it is of sufficient urgency to be included here*)

Choir – MT expressed her disappointment that the choir from Fordingbridge hadn't been invited to participate in the combined service on 31st December. This was oversight rather than intentional as all members of all Churches were welcome. Disappointment at the overall lack of attendance was also shared, despite messages of welcome and requests for active inclusion being made. This was put down to the time of year etc but was also felt to fit with the general pattern seen in combined services.

Installation of Rev. Luke Wickings as Rector of the AVC. –

19.30 Wednesday 28th February in St. Mary's Church, followed by refreshment in the Church. A template for the order of service has been given to the Churchwardens. A list of invitees is being drawn up to cover the whole Parish, so that there is representation from all the groups and Churches present. Suggestions welcome. Repairs to the damage from the burst boiler in the Rectory are currently ongoing. A welcome hamper is being arranged as a gift to Rev. and Mrs Wickings from the Parishioners upon their arrival. A box will be placed at the back of Church where contributions can be placed.

JH-B informed LCC that Frogham Chapel are currently not holding any services due to falling numbers. JS also brought to attention the fact that the Stuckton Chapel building is also to be sold.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th March at 7.30.

Closing Prayer.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.