**Parish Council Agenda**

**28th October 2019**

| **Item** | **Task** | **Discussion** | **Action** | **Who’s responsible/**  **timeframe** |
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| 1. | Open with prayer.  **Prayer 2019**  **Lord, teach us to pray.**  **Teach us to listen to your voice**  **and to hear your word.**  **Teach us to offer our hearts to you in love**  **and to know your love.**  **Teach us to forgive**  **and be forgiven.**  **Teach us to give our lives in your service**  **and to do your will.**  **Teach us to pray,**  **and pray in us, Lord Jesus. Amen.** |  |  |  |
| 2. | Attendance | DT, HW, SB-H, MS, JH, KT, Vicar |  |  |
| 3. | Apologies |  |  |  |
| 4. | Role allocations (time keeper, minutes, reporting) | Time:  Minutes:  Reporting: |  |  |
| 5. | **Growing in faith**   1. Read Romans 12:1-21. 2. Listen attentively. In the light of what’s happened for you, for our church, in the last two weeks, what is the Spirit saying to you through this passage? 3. Read the passage again. 4. What prayer does this prompt you to pray? (Write it down and use at the end of the meeting.) |  |  |  |
| 6. | **Vision Plan**   * Growth Intention III progress | Funeral families to be invited to All Saints/All Souls service |  |  |
| 9. | **Child Safe Church**   * First training on Saturday. PCC to do training. * The Archbishop’s mandate and self-assessment tool * All WWCC and PC done by 24th November. What happens after then. |  |  |  |
| 10. | Previous minutes   * 23rd September 2019 |  |  |  |
| 11. | Business arising |  |  |  |
| 12. | Action List | All action items to go on the Google document:  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Z8sB5ChYAWy3sSLK85SX5ObVJR3Wtk-cdGWMvZF8jk/edit#gid=0>  The assumption will be that whoever has taken responsibility for an action does that action. |  |  |
| 13. | Correspondence:   * Feedback box * Event planning forms |  |  |  |
| 14. | **Vicar’s report** | * Synod summary * Craig D’Alton’s address |  |  |
| 15. | **Financial report** |  |  |  |
| 16. | **Other subcommittee reports**   * Other reports |  |  |  |
| 17. | **Compliance**   * Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct |  |  |  |
| 18. | **Other Matters**   * AGM prep – nominations etc * What needs to go in Parish Matters: INCLUDE DATES for submission * Thank yous for Parish Matters | Dates for submission to and release of PM:  14/11 ->17/11 (NB St Margaret’s Day)  5/12 -> 8/12 |  |  |
| 19. | **Parish Council dates for the rest of the year** | PC dates: 27/1, 16/12  AGM date: Sunday 10/11 |  |  |
| 20. | **Sending forth:** Close with prayer and the grace. |  |  |  |

## Romans 12:1-21

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’ No, ‘if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Psalm 139:1-18,23-24**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.   
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
   you discern my thoughts from far away.   
You search out my path and my lying down,  
   and are acquainted with all my ways.   
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
   O Lord, you know it completely.   
You hem me in, behind and before,  
   and lay your hand upon me.   
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
   it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
   Or where can I flee from your presence?   
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
   if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.   
If I take the wings of the morning  
   and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,   
even there your hand shall lead me,  
   and your right hand shall hold me fast.   
If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
   and the light around me become night’,   
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
   the night is as bright as the day,  
   for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
   you knit me together in my mother’s womb.   
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
   Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.   
   My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
   intricately woven in the depths of the earth.   
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
   all the days that were formed for me,  
   when none of them as yet existed.   
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
   How vast is the sum of them!   
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
   I come to the end—I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
   test me and know my thoughts.   
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
   and lead me in the way everlasting.