**MEETING MINUTES
PCC Meeting of St Mary’s Church, Arminghall**
Wednesday 9th May 2018 at Bluebell Lodge

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| **In Attendance** | Annie Leathers, Pam Kemp, Jim Howlett, Revd Rob Baker, Freyja Mardell |
| **Apologies** | Pat Howlett |

1. **Meeting was opened at 1.30pm with a prayer led by Revd Rob**
2. Pat Howlett apologises for not being well enough to attend
3. Minutes of following meetings to be approved:
4. APCM 30th April 2017 – *Proposed by Jim Howlett, seconded by Pam Kemp*
5. PCC Meeting 24th January 2017 – *Proposed by Jim Howlett, seconded by Annie Leathers*
6. PCC Meeting 6th March 2018 (following APCM) – *Proposed by Annie Leathers, seconded by Pam Kemp*
7. Matters Arising – St Georges Day and Norfolk Day plans to be discussed and reflected upon.
8. Vicars Report
9. Leading your church into growth – Rob expressed how grateful he was for all the good work that has been done recently, especially around Easter and St Georges Day. He will be taking time away for an Arrow Course, 13th – 20th May, over this period, Revd Lyn Marsh and Freyja Mardell will be on hand to assist with calls and anything that may arise.
10. Robs recent and forthcoming activities – Allstars after school children’s club continues to be going very well, with 15/20 children averagely attending; we will be looking into ways to make it easier for children to attend (utilising the ‘schools out’ staff at Stoke Holy Cross Primary School). We will look to arranging the Summer Club which will be held at the end of July, there will be invitations going around the bookbags and some for the churches if you know of anyone who has children who wish to attend.
11. Community, Discipleship and Evangelism
12. Rob produced a sheet with various visual aids on it, to help think about the ‘rest – work’ relationship within ourselves and the community, along with a square with events written on each edge – April Bell ringing, Summer BBQ, Christmas Dinner and perhaps something in Autumn (a concert with Laurence on the keyboard is still an option for autumn) to get a regular yearly chain of events going to help promote the church and invite more people to join in. The Christmas Dinner is set for the 14th December 2018.
13. 4th Afternoon Services – It had been discussed in previous meetings about going back to a home address after services for a gathering and prayers, this had been successful during the colder months, but hadn’t been done lately so there was a question as to why. A plan for the next gathering at Jim and Pat Howlett’s home was confirmed, with another one at Annie Leather’s home on 27th at 4pm.
**ACTION: Create a sign to be put on the church door inviting people.**
14. Thy Kingdom Come – Leaflets for all the churches have now been handed out, these have a prayer calendar on the inside with an events calendar on the back, Lyn will be leading the prayer walks and setting up prayer stations within each church for the community to use. *There were no following questions.*
15. ACTS – Each Sunday throughout the summer weeks we will be looking at the book of ACTS. There are booklets for everyone to use and follow, with bible passages and questions to help us reflect and develop our faith further.
16. Norfolk Day -Jim Howlett spoke about the plan and ideas for Norfolk Day. Members of the community have taken it upon themselves to assist with the event, which will be a BBQ on the village green, to raise money for the church. There was a meeting on Monday 7th May to discuss the plan. Vera and Ann expressed interest in helping, they have offered to arrange tickets (£5 per adult) for the BBQ and go door knocking to gain interest. Tony will be producing flyers. The BBQ will have burgers, sausages and salads, and the beer will be local barrel of Norfolk beer, donated for the event (Andy is getting it from Woodforde’s). There will be games such as tombola and Jenga too. Rob commented on how he is very happy for this to go ahead, and that it is a great thing for getting out into the local community and working together.

**ACTION: Ensure it is advertised well in the ‘Free for All’ and notice sheets**

1. Recent Events
a) Lent Breakfasts – all went very well – £58.50 was raised (which it to benefit the Bishop’s Lent cause) All positive feedback, suggestion- maybe next year car shares would increase the number of people attending as some people may not have transport.

b) Mothering Sunday morning – Pam’s feedback was that there was the same amount of church attendees as a normal 2nd Sunday.

c) Easter – Good Friday was taken by Revd Lyn this year, overall there was positive feedback, and people stayed behind for coffee and hot cross buns and a chat.

d) St Georges Day – 35+ people attended from the church and community, the doors were opened 5.45 – 8.30pm, and it was a successful evening. A gentleman brought his accordion along and played which was also a nice welcoming touch.

1. Treasurers Report - *Note: The treasurer’s report was hand written due to technical difficulties.*

£564.66 is currently in the bank. There is still an issue with the name of the bank account which needs to be changed. Rob signed cheques for electricity to be paid with Annie Leathers as witness to agree the decision.

1. The adoption of the terrier is deferred to the next meeting -all in agreement.
2. Church Heaters – Jim Howlett will arrange for his friend Rufus to inspect the heaters in the church. 2 do not work. There is a damp issue within the church and in the winter months it becomes dangerously cold in the church. The question was raised about whether to turn on the heaters more regularly to avoid the damp so much, but this would increase costs, so will need to be re-addressed in a month’s time.
3. Correspondence – There was the annual thank you letter from the Bishop, stating how much we have contributed of our share, everyone agreed for it to be filed.
4. Any other business - The banks have not been sorted yet, Jim will investigate changing to Santander for the church account.
5. The next meeting will be held at Annie’s Home, on 4th July at 1.30pm
6. **The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 3.00pm**

Minutes were recorded by Freyja Mardell and verified by Revd Rob Baker