

**PRESENT:**

John MacKenzie (Chairman)	Wendy Prior	Ken Blanshard
Phil Sibbald (Secretary)	Dawn Stamper	Nathan Wilson
Shirley Leslie (Treasurer)	Andrew Brown	Ian Rich
Caroline Mansley	Charlotte Coles	Peter Celi-Stamp
Sally Rickard	Andrew Brown	Libby Varley
Richard Houghton	Anita Sorrell	James Beck
Eve Lanchantin-Piggott	Morag Sharp	Sue Sawyer (minutes)
Michael Piggott	Richard Bellamy	
Jill Humphreys	Lesley Wraxall	

Rev. Steve Coney gave a presentation on Missional Learning Communities.

**1. Welcome & Opening Prayers**

Rev John MacKenzie welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from: Judy Blount, Robert Sharp, Dawn Evans, Derek Goodwin, Alison Sherwood, Arthur Walters, Jerry Fox, Karen Hardie, June Weborn, Paul Needham, Alan Stamp, Cathie Aldis

**3. Minutes of the last meeting held on**

Agreed and signed with the following corrections:

Item 7 - Mini Bus – Derek Sorrell was setting up a working party to look into options.

Item 7 - Finance - Shirley Leslie delivered the good news that 3 legacies had pretty much wiped out the deficit for 2018.

Item 10 – Jerry Fox; Inspecting Architect

**4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

Electoral Roll Officer - Emma Bishop would continue to manage the electoral roll with Phil Sibbald the new Electoral Roll Officer.

Proposed: Charlotte Coles

Seconded: Peter Celi-Stamp

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

**5. Correspondence - None**

**6. Mission Report (previously circulated)**

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**The Hiding Place** – a production about the life of Corrie Ten Boom coming to Ashford on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.

**Ignite** - will be launched at St Francis and Christ Church between March and May. There is an Ignite Evening at St Francis on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

**CAP** - continues to develop well. There will be a service at St Francis on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm to raise funds.

**Make Lunch** - during half term at St Francis and Kennington.

**Night Shelter** – has been running for 8 weeks. Stats up to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February:

50 overnight guests  
682 beds provided  
719 guest evening meals  
1239 volunteer shifts

Thanks from the Chair for this amazing work of God which is exciting to be part of.

**Ecumenical Work** - a recent meeting felt as though we were working together well with a real desire to continue working together. Nathan will keep us updated.

## 7. Finance Report

### Review of Parish Accounts (previously circulated)

The accounts have been restructured to comply with new regulations around the issue of Mission giving. Through being a generous church we will see increased giving. Some want it to be given for this church not over the world.

We now have 2 headings:

**Mission and Charitable Giving** – those donations we make to other charities and organisations across the world.

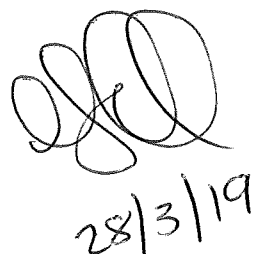
**Mission and Evangelism** - those donations we give for our church; CAP, Nightshelter, etc.

### Review of Budget 2019

This is the first time that the draft budget gives a very positive message. 5% increase in planned giving has been built in. A Stewardship Campaign will take place at some point this year.

Having carried out some work on the statistics of the number of givers, gift aid or not, we each need to increase by £3 per week to balance the budget.

**St Mary's Ashford** - the Parochial Charities had given £14,000 to the Parish, £10,000 for insurance for St Mary's Ashford. **Shirley Lieslie** has moved this then asked to move it back. **Rev John MacKenzie** would want to see this grant taken off the insurance and not the global figure. **Shirley Leslie** had a solution to this issue.



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**Admin Staff Salaries** - Libby Varley and Sue Sawyer left the room.

After discussion it was proposed a 25p per hour increase.

**Proposed:** Shirley Leslie  
**Seconded:** Rev John Mackenzie  
**For:** 21  
**Against:** 1  
**Abstention:** 0

**Shirley Leslie** said that the increase would be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and the back pay would appear in the February pay cheques.

**Organist's Honorarium**- increased by £25 per month

**Proposed:** Shirley Leslie  
**Seconded:** Rev Caroline Mansley  
**For:** 21  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 0

It was pointed out that the notice of the Electoral Roll update was out of time. Rev John Mackenzie said that a new date would be set for the APCM and the next PCC would be on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Rev Mackenzie thanked Shirley Leslie on behalf of the Parish as we would be lost without her. Thanks also to Les for sharing her with us.

#### 8. **Safeguarding**

One incident had been referred to the Diocese and was resolved.

The new Safeguarding Officer at Willesborough is Nikki Roberts.

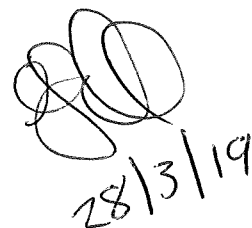
#### 9. **Fabric**

**Willesborough** - The PCC were asked to approve the proposal to reclad St Mary's Willesborough Church spire with like for like materials, subject to adequate funding being in place.

**Proposed:** Jerry Fox  
**Seconded:** Rev John Mackenzie  
**For:** 23  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 1

**Willesborough** - The PCC were asked to approve the installation of a plaque in honour of the late Michael Marshall, a bell ringer for over 30 years. Members preferred to have it on the wall leading to the ringing chamber but, if not approved by the DAC then it could be on the casing for the bell weights.

**Proposed:** Rev John Mackenzie  
**Seconded:** Nathan Wilson  
**For:** 22  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 1

  
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**Christ Church** - The PCC were asked to approve the appointment of Clague Architects to carry out work on Christ Church hall refurbishment and extension (David Guillick specified).

**Proposed:** Jerry Fox  
**Seconded:** Peter Celi-Stamp  
**For:** 16  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 6

**Kingsnorth** - The PCC were asked to approve the purchase and installation of a new boiler at a cost of £9,000, the cheapest quote, which will not be paid for by the Parish.

**Proposed:** Rev Caroline Mansley  
**Seconded:** Sally Rickard  
**For:** 24  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 0

**Ashford** - The PCC supports the planting of thirteen cherry trees and one magnolia tree in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin Ashford noting that the work is to be carried out by Ashford Borough Council's in house arboriculture specialists Aspire Landscape Management and at no cost to the PCC

**Proposed:** Rev Richard Bellamy  
**Seconded:** Robert Blount  
**For:** 23  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 1

10. **Team Development Officer Report** (previously circulated)

Following the August PCC meeting, where it was agreed that St Mary's Ashford would have admin support, Emma Bishop and Phil Sibbald will move to the Ashford office which has been cleared out and a budget produced for furniture, IT and internet costs.

It had been proposed to replace the current window with a larger one with clear glass but this would involve building control as well as the frosted glass being a modesty issue. New lighting would be explored. As the budget was under £2,000 a vote was not required.

11. **Any Other Business**

**Mini Bus** – A group of 6 people had agreed to consider the feasibility of replacing the current mini bus which was 16 years old. Representatives from Kingsnorth and Ashford were still sought.

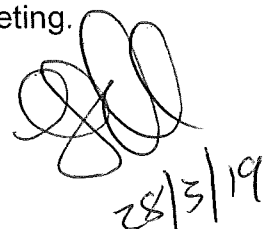
**Local Wardens**

Libby Varley had stepped down as Local Warden at Willesborough.

Lin Briscall had stepped down as Local Warden at Great Chart and Derek Goodwin was the new Local Warden.

Keith Strong had joined Michael Piggott as Local Wardens at Kennington.

The length of service for Local Wardens would be considered at the next meeting.



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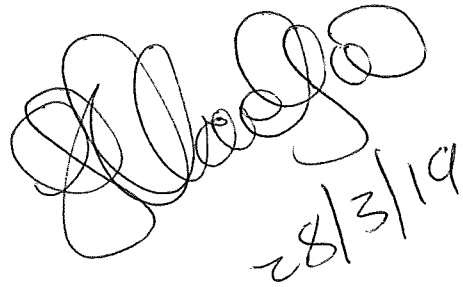
**Next Mayor of Ashford** - Councillor Jenny Webb will be the next Mayor of Ashford and Rev John Mackenzie will be Chaplain to the Mayor. The Civic Service will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm at St Mary's Ashford. Everyone is welcome to come and support the new Mayor.

**Speakers** - It was agreed that they would be better served at separate meetings.

12. **Confidential Matters** - None

13. **Date of Next Meeting** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am Venue to be agreed.

Rev Caroline Mansley closed the meeting in prayer



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