

PARISH of STAPLEFORD TAWNEY with THEYDON MOUNT

**PCC Meeting Wednesday 1st September 2021, 7.30pm
St Mary's church, Stapleford Tawney**

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Present: Revd John Fry (Chair), Maggie Dennis, Debbie Lee, Graeme Logan, Martyn Lockwood, Anne Padfield, Cindy Pridmore, Gill Southall

1. The meeting opened with a reading and prayer
2. **Apologies for absence** Colin and Edna Flint, Revd Carol Newnham, Jo Shephard and Jack Stewart
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8th July 2021 were amended and approved.
4. **Proposals for items under AOB:** Possible churchyard work for local staff community days
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the July meeting**
 - Re 6a) Children's churchyard trail - ongoing
 - 6b) Singing in churches has resumed
6. **Vicar's report**
 - a) Numbers attending services were more or less back to their pre-pandemic level.
 - b) Taking communion wine. After a short experiment with simultaneous intinction, we had reverted to wafers only. It was agreed that the chalice would be offered separately by an assistant standing at a distance. Communicants could choose whether to take it or not. John will confirm who has authority to assist at the next meeting.

Future services: September 5th, Pets Service, non-communion
October 3rd, Harvest Festival, non-communion
7. **Hatchments**

The restored hatchments had been rehung and the costs of the restoration had been just about covered. Arrangements for the celebration weekend on 25th and 26th September were in hand.
8. **Churchwardens' reports**

St Mary's: Joan White was no longer able to prepare the chalice etc for communion, but would continue to care for the linen. There will be a training day for how to set up for communion on Wednesday 20th October, 7.30 at Theydon Bois. It was agreed that Maggie could give Urmila a spare key to the Parish Room so that she can access cleaning materials and Hoover.

St Michael's: In Jo's absence there was no report. Anne Padfield asked about the registering of the Mount car park with the Land Registry. She would contact Michael Chapman for an update on progress.

9. Treasurer's report

Cindy reported that on 5th August there was £21,700 in the current account, of which around £9,000 was ring-fenced for the last of the hatchment expenses.

The investment accounts were unchanged.

Cindy would investigate the possibility of using Unicom to find the best utilities prices.

There was still no contribution from Theydon Mount Parish Council for the grass-cutting bill. John Fry offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the situation.

Cindy recorded gratitude for the regular contributions from the congregation.

10. Safeguarding

No issues were reported. At the next meeting, Martyn would talk about training a second safeguarding officer.

11. Deanery Synod

The next meeting would be on 17th November.

12. Any other business

a) Many organisations have "community days" involving volunteering projects. Debbie would enquire with Biffa (local refuse collectors) to see if they would like to do a churchyard clean-up.

b) Church members would be asked to collect seeds from garden flowers this autumn, to be sown in the churchyards

c) There is to be a national consultation on the C of E publication "*Living in Love and Faith*". The book can be downloaded as a pdf via the link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/LLF%20Web%20Version%20Full%20Final.pdf>

d) Christmas Eve service would be at Theydon Mount, and Christmas Day, which is a Saturday, at Tawney. Boxing Day Sunday would be a benefice service at 10am, venue to be confirmed.

e) Christine Gwynn has been very supportive, both as keyholder and extra organist, and it was hoped this would continue.

f) The possibility of an additional means of providing recorded hymn music when there is no organist available, as well as the current CDs, would be looked into.

13. Items for next meeting

Assisting at communion

Recorded hymn music

14. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd November, 3.00pm in the Parish Room.

The meeting ended with prayer.