

PARISH of STAPLEFORD TAWNEY with THEYDON MOUNT

**PCC Meeting held on Sunday 17th November 2024 at 12.15pm
in the Parish Room, Stapleford Tawney**

APPROVED

Present: Maggie Dennis, Colin and Edna Flint, Debbie Lee, Anne Padfield, John Philip, Cindy Pridmore, Jo Shephard, Gill Southall.

1. The meeting started with a prayer.
2. **Apologies for absence** Martyn Lockwood
3. **The minutes of the last meeting** held on 11th September 2024 were approved.
4. **Proposals for any other business:** None
5. **Matters arising** from the last minutes:
Paul Gunnell had not yet been booked to investigate the sinking slabs in the sanctuary at Tawney.

6. Appointment of new vicar

Parish Profile: There would be a joint PCC meeting with the Archdeacon in Theydon Bois church on Nov 20th. The Profile used when Carol Newnham was appointed was considered, and suggestions were made for amendments and additions. Anne would collate them all and create an initial draft.

The importance of choosing the right two Parish Representatives was emphasised.

7. Churchwardens' reports

St Mary's and St Michael's

Both churches had issues with vermin. Cindy would contact Toby Bacon of Town and Country Pests to arrange an initial assessment and hopefully an ongoing contract.

St Michael's

The inscription and layout on the Hill Hall babies' memorial was approved. A quote had been received from J Day via Robinson's of just over £2000, using light grey granite. The PCC preferred Portland stone if available, and a shallow arch at the top. Anne would contact J Day direct. When both quotes were received, they would be passed to Wendy Thompson to see if she was still willing to pay.

The new slat for the belfry vents had been made but not yet fitted.

8. Treasurer's report

- a) Current account is still around £59,000.
- b) The card reader installed in Tawney church had stopped working. Cindy was still investigating possible reasons.
- c) The organ recital was very good but had low numbers attending and only made £20 profit. It was decided that in future recitals should only be held in the summer.

9. Events

- a) In future we would hold a separate post-service meeting to discuss ideas and events more fully, starting in the New Year.
- b) Carol Service, nine lessons and carols. Christine is trying to recruit extra people from the local community to expand the choir for the Carol Service. The service sheet format from last year needed to be tracked down.
- c) Church decoration: Maggie and her team would put up the tree in time for the Toy Service on 1st December. Ann Lockwood would be contacted to find out how much input she and Wendy were able to provide for flowers.
- d) As far as we know, no pub carol singing had been arranged.

10. Music

The Panasonic CD/cassette player was showing its age. Cindy and John Philip both thought they might have one and would look. Otherwise we would advertise for one on Facebook.

11. Deanery Synod discussed deanery finance, which Cindy would report on at the next meeting.

12. Any other business

Gill was licensed to give communion to the housebound but had not done it for a long time. John suggested that Robyn Marsh from TB might be able to give her a refresher.

13. Date of next meeting

Sunday January 19th, 12.15pm, Parish Room

The meeting closed with prayer.