

	<p>Yr 6 to choose favourite carol and link to Bible reading. Christingle afternoon will be an activity based on a table share.</p> <p>C) Deanery Synod: This item is held over until next meeting.</p> <p>D) School AW reported that there would be collective worship with Bishop Roger after half-term, on 4 November 2.15 for worship at 2.50pm. School Harvest festival took place in church on 20 October.</p> <p>E) Fabric Maintenance – RC reported he is checking drains regularly and this is much easier since completion of the drains project. He has received the Smartwater kit and will apply once the roof project is completed. He will also clear away the old kneeling frames at present lying on the top of the kitchen. Our spare chairs are heavy to lift and take up a lot of space and we need to be more flexible in arrangements with our proposed new services. The folding chairs suit us better. We agreed to ask Dedham if they would like them or to advertise among the 9 parishes. Bells: there will need to be a faculty application and our Tower captain, David Culham, has taken this on for the PCC</p> <p>F) Hourly charge SC indicated that she is working out an hourly charge for groups using the church and church facilities.</p> <p>G) People. RK is updating the current door locking rota. She suggested we acknowledge the helpers with a christmas gift and also proposed a helpers’ coffee morning – date to be decided.</p> <p>H) Food bank donations: all present agreed that MW should regularly take these down to the Christian charity in Colchester, Beacon House.</p> <p>I) Safeguarding policy review. AW reported no current safety concerns for adults or vulnerable children. Her concern over Little Steps recently – she was worried some procedures not being followed so decided to take advice and contacted Archdeacon Ruth and Philip Young and Chelmsford office. She believes as advice given on the phone there will be no written record of those involved in this activity. However, we expressed concern and felt it would have been better to raise these issues in writing first to PCC and churchwardens so as to avoid problems for next time. At this point AW resigned from PCC and as PSO. We thanked her for her long period of service on the PCC, her commitment and knowledge as well as work for the school. However, she then left the meeting. The PCC agreed that SC and MW should now take responsibility for safeguarding.</p> <p>10. Correspondence – there was none</p> <p>11.AOB Friends of Ardleigh Church – SC showed us samples of a promotion card and we agreed on a background yellow colour.</p> <p><u>Dates of next meetings:</u> Thursday 1 December 2022 at 1930 Highfield, Fox Street, Ardleigh CO7 7PN. Meeting ended at 2145hrs.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>SC/ MW</p> <p>SC</p>
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