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# CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL,

## PCC MEETING MINUTES

**Date: Monday 14 March 2016**

**Venue: Back of Church**

**Time: 7:30pm**

Present: Penny Wallace(Chair)

Ruth Price (Secretary)

Alan Howe

Gary Stephenson (Treasurer)

Clint Redwood

Helen Mather

Margaret Metcalfe

Paul Beedell

Anne Willmot

Jonathan Batchelor

Ben Marston

Judith Renton

Alan Darley

Mary Stanley (Guest)

### **1 Welcome, Bible Reading and opening prayer**

Alan has been reading some bible study notes that talk about Emotionally Mature Spirituality. He read a part of Luke 9 and discussed that the disciples weren't showing spiritual maturity, but they were willing. It also shows the humanity of individuals in the Bible. Alan encouraged us that wherever we are on our journey to having an emotionally mature spirituality, Jesus can use us if we are willing.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Graham Gardner, and Liam O'Boyle had emailed to say he would be late due to a conflicting meeting.

### **3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting 19 January 2016**

The minutes were approved by the PCC, and signed by Penny Wallace.

### **4 Outward giving for individuals**

Penny thanked the mission committee and the group who had met and made recommendations for the PCC's attention at this meeting. She gave time for prayer before the item started.

#### **Part A – update on our missionaries (Mary Stanley)**

Mary summarised the work of the three couples that we currently support as a church and their current situation, plus she and Ben outlined the work of Ben and Sarah Marston with Agape.

## Part B – proposals for giving (Anne Willmot and Ruth Price)

Anne went through the information on the summary form to outline both the missionaries' financial positions, as far as we know them, and our own position. The PCC decided three years ago to fix giving to 10% of income so that we were consistent. Last time we added £5,000 from our savings to make up the difference in what we wanted to give.

Gary confirmed that we had £45,000 in our savings and we were predicted to have a £5,000 budget deficit. Gary left at this point due to conflict of interest.

Ruth then presented the proposals on the document to the PCC and together agreed that the outward giving should be approved for two years this time so that the outward giving to groups and the outward giving to individuals could be finalised at the same time. Once that was done, the giving would be reviewed every three years. The partners would be informed that the giving was subject to availability of funds, in case there is a fluctuation in giving from church members. The PCC would also reiterate the desire of the church to hear from the missionary partners during services and encourage them to use the slots on the rota which are allocated to them. They should also be encouraged to visit house groups to discuss their work and encourage prayer and financial support from individuals.

Ruth and Penny then took the PCC through the decision of whether to increase the 10% threshold to use money from savings to bolster the amount available for outward giving. This was discussed, including the fact that the church needs £40,000 if we are to keep to a general reserve of 2 months emergency fund. There was a vote on increasing our giving by using savings, but so many abstained that the decision was made to discuss actual amounts to our partners.

Penny summarised the discussion that took place at the PCC meeting three years ago to give historical context. The PCC were invited to give their thoughts one by one, going around the room. The overall feeling was that the group wanted to support the missionaries as much as they could and thought they were doing excellent work, but there is limited money and at the meeting three years ago it was hoped that by now, the Hodgkins would have raised some more money from other sources and would not have to rely on the church for so much of their financial support.

Alan D proposed to continue to give to the Hodgkins at the current level of giving. Penny seconded. In favour = 2, against = 6, abstain = 5. This was not passed.

Jonathan proposed a decrease in the amount given to the Hodgkins to £1,300 per month. Margaret seconded. In favour = 10, against = 1, abstain = 3. This was passed.

Margaret proposed that we continue to give to the remaining two partners £150 per month each. Alan H seconded. In favour = 11, against = 1, abstain = 1. This was passed.

This will mean £3,840 will be used from savings to balance the budget.

The remaining discussion about giving to the Marstons, will be made later in the year once their plans have crystallised more. Ruth to add to appropriate PCC meeting in 2016/17.

Ruth to do.

Ruth to write to the Hodgkins, and the local representatives of Handleys and the other partners, including the expectation that the amount needed by the Hodgkins will reduce in two years once Brian goes part time.

Ruth to do  
[done]

**5 APCM – review of information from Alan, Greer, Sky, Fran and Gary**

The APCM review will have four voices. Alan will look back and discuss the Bishop’s vision. Sky will look back at 2015 and forward to 2016, strengthening team and vision. Greer will look at the need to build teams in 2016. Fran will celebrate the growth and look to the future. This is a year of transition. We will also be talking about the work at St Barnabas. Gary will raise the issue of Sky and Greer’s funding finishing in 2018.

**6 APCM – elections and sidespeople**

Elections for Church Wardens are not contested but there are a number of nominations for PCC members so there will be a vote. Ruth to contact nominees to let them know they need to be prepared to say something about themselves. Judith, Alan D, Ben and Jonathan will be available to count. Graham will continue as sidesperson at 9am service and the Bensons will continue at the 7pm service. Louise is standing down so we need someone else to do this role. Penny will buy flowers and voucher to thank her for her work.

Ruth to contact nominees

Penny to buy flowers.

Ruth to do voting forms and voters must sign forms.

Ruth to do.

**7 Where are we at with the process for the new incumbent**

Clint is clarifying the process with the Pastoral Aid Society. We declare the position to be vacant after Alan retires (8 May). We then have four weeks to agree a document to outline who we are. We elect two people who are our representatives and we can decide who these people are at a PCC meeting. St Barnabas also need to be invited to our meetings. Lenton Abbey is not officially looked after by the vicar of Christ Church; it was an arrangement agreed with Alan, so this will need to be discussed too. Clint and Penny are going to gather advice from those who have gone through the process before.

**8 Away day**

The date is not set and ideas for what we do are up for discussion. Could be Bishops vision, or look at the different services, or something else. Please send ideas to Penny and Clint.

PCC members to send ideas to wardens

**9 Matters arising**

Pension – Gary has made the application to Church of England Pensions and is waiting to hear back.

Safeguarding – the diocese is taking longer than expected to create the new template based on law changes. Sally recommends the PCC sign off the existing document. This will be done at the next PCC meeting.

Ruth to add to agenda for next PCC meeting

Meeting with the Ladds – Ruth and Penny are organising this.

**10 AOB and close in prayer**

Penny thanked Alan for all his work at Christ Church and the PCC agreed. She then closed in prayer.

Date of next SC meeting: 25 April 2016

Date of next PCC meeting: 9 May 2016

Date of APCM: 21 March 2016