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# CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL,

## PCC MEETING MINUTES

**Date: Wednesday 12 July 2017**

**Venue: Lounge**

**Time: 7:30pm**

Present: Penny Wallace (Chair)

Ruth Price (Secretary)

Clint Redwood

Gary Stephenson

Janis Patterson

Anne Willmot

Chris Roseblade

Colin Slater

Judith Renton

Tim Hills

Chris Brignell

Ryan Mellor

Liam O'Boyle

Helen Mather

Jonathan Batchelor

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

Penny highlighted that there is an interview for the position of vicar at our church on 19 July with an orientation on Friday and Sunday. She read some of Matthew 5 to help us to think of the kind of kingdom we want. The group then prayed for the candidate and interview.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dawn Clarke and Linda Sadler.

### **3 Fabric Report and update on Hall work**

The group received, with thanks, the report prepared by Dawn and Simon Rostrum, both of whom could not be present. There was a discussion as to whether the sound carrying aspect of the large hall could be looked into and whether this should be reduced, because groups normally using the hall find it very noisy, or whether this is a design feature to help sound carry from the stage. Ruth to ask Dawn to add to the list in phase 4 for the group to look into this.

Ruth to action.

Dawn asked that the PCC decide how much money the Fabric committee and SC could be authorised to sign off or whether all decisions should go through the PCC. The PCC agreed that £22,000 could be signed off given that there is £26,000 in the budget and costs often overrun due to unforeseen circumstances.

The PCC wishes to formally thank Dawn and Simon for their work so far, and Janis who is now being called on more as part of the committee. Dawn will be asked to draft a notice to be added to the notice sheet so that the congregation will be informed.

Ruth to ask Dawn to action.

#### **4 Second quarter finance report**

The PCC received, with thanks, the finance report from Gary. Gary discussed his report showing that, as expected, we had used £10,500 from savings, mostly for staff costs. There has been a small increase in giving from the church since the APCM but not substantial. The PCC asked Gary to produce a summary of the details given at the APCM for the notice sheet. Clint will produce another notice giving the details for the second quarter in order to update the congregation. Ruth requested it to be kept simple and Clint agreed that was what he planned. The wardens will allocate sermons in October on giving, starting on 8 October the week after the Harvest service although acknowledging all the good things that God has given us is a good start to the giving series anyway. There will be three Sundays in the series. Colin will bring together a group to include an ordained pastor to write some material to help the preachers, and perhaps produce something to give out. Anne and Ryan volunteered to join the group and Karen Walker will be asked as well.

#### **5 Approval of minutes from amended 16 March and 8 May PCC meetings,**

The minutes from both meetings were approved.

#### **6 Update on rents for Christ Church rooms**

Chris Brignell has put together a coherent rent formula, building on work that Clint had started, and sent letters to the renters to let them know that rents will go up in line with that plan in September (January for the pre-school due to the disruption caused by the hall work this summer/autumn). Kerry has sent the letters, but any queries will be forwarded to Chris as representative of the PCC. The PCC thanked Chris for his work on this.

#### **7 General Synod**

The PCC received, with thanks, the report put together by Colin about the recent General Synod debate on questions broadly to do with human sexuality, though other matters were discussed. There will be a substantial teaching document which will be available in 2020. Colin stated that the discussions and decisions represent a significant change for the church – including a reform and renewal programme. There will be a simplification of procedures which will save money and time, and there will be a focus on care of the clergy. There were many potentially difficult discussions but Colin was impressed with the way people generally tried to work in collaboration with each other. Colin will produce a summary for the notices.

#### **8 Update on staff**

Following the discussion about line management in the previous meeting, Anne and Gary met with the staff and their line managers, and constructive discussions were had. There are some actions which will be taken forward.

**9 Finance for Daryoosh and Sarah Zareian**

Ruth summarised the position Daryoosh and Sara are in and suggested a number of ways that Christ Church PCC could approve funds for them before the Outward Giving review in Spring 2018. Janis proposed that the PCC commit to £150 per month from 1 September 2017, or whenever they leave if after that time, for one year. This will be reviewed at the Outward Giving group and can be extended. Tim seconded the proposal and it was accepted unanimously. Ruth to inform the Zareians.

Ruth to action.

**10 #lovechilwell**

Penny outlined the plan she, with some others, has been putting together for the summer. She asked the PCC to review her proposal and get back to her with comments.

**11 Pastoral care**

Chris Roseblade has been trying to find out what pastoral care is currently ongoing at church and what requests are there. She sees housegroups as the main point of care for the congregation members but sometimes housegroups need more support, or a particular person can't get to a housegroup. Bridget and Stephen Scott have been willing to get involved in the coordination of pastoral care. Chris to consider adding a standard notice in the newsletter to direct people to help if they need it.

The PCC thanks Chris for her work in this area.

**12 AOB**

Ryan is still happy to be an emergency chair should Penny and Clint not be available or need support, along with Tim.

A secretary is still needed to take over from Ruth after the summer.

The safeguarding policies have been approved.

Ruth will send out updated dates and venues document as some venues have changed.

**13 Close in prayer**

Penny closed in prayer.

Date of next SC meeting: 19 July 2017

Date of next PCC meeting: 15 September 2017