
CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL

PCC MINUTES

7.30pm, Christ Church, Tuesday 12th September 2018

Present: Andy Tufnell, Penny Wallace, Linda Sadler, Stephen Scott, Helen Mather, Gary Stephenson, Clint Redwood, Dawn Clarke, Chris Roseblade, Janis Patterson, Tim Hills, Judith Renton, Anne Willmot, Colin Slater, Chris Brignell, Ruth Price

Apologies: Ryan Mellor, Mike Forsyth, Simon Britton

1. Welcome and apologies

Andy shared from Psalm 134.

2. Approval of PCC minutes (5/7/18)

Matters arising: PCC can co-opt a replacement for Jon Batchelor.

Minutes proposed by Chris Roseblade, approved unanimously.

3. Fabric matters

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a. Boilers & electrical work

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CD Northage has quoted for 2 boiler units, fitted for £12,626 incl VAT. Standing committee voted for this option. Stephen Scott has obtained permission from the diocese to proceed without a faculty.

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Action: Stephen to contact CD Northage to arrange a time for fitting and to contact insurers in conjunction with Graeme Renton.

b. Small hall acoustic tiles

Tiles have been bought. Simon Rostron is coordinating their installation.

c. Door entry system

Quote obtained from WEC to replace the alarm system with different user codes allocated to different times. Quote is £390. We're waiting on another quote for comparison. A similar code entry system for the door is also proposed. The total cost is under £500. The PCC approved Andy to make the purchase.

d. IT overhaul

Gary has contacted Walvern to take on work as and when required. They have started work this week. The PCC thanked Clint for his work in maintaining the IT system to date.

e. Projector replacement

The projector is reaching the end of its life. Clint outlined possible replacement options, including use of 65" and 75" TV screens or a projector of improved quality for £890. £200 of cabling would also be required. The needs of children and those with visual impairments

need to be taken into account. Gary proposed that the Standing Committee be approved to up to spend £2k on replacement equipment in an emergency. Seconded by Dawn Clarke. Vote unanimous in favour.

Action: Clint and Andy to investigate options further.

4. CAP debt centre

George is no longer receiving any new clients. The centre will close from the end of October. We have until June to find a new debt centre manager if we wish to reopen the centre. One option is to recruit a new debt centre manager, but we are not aware of potential candidates at this stage. A second option is to work with the debt centre in West Bridgford, by providing funds and a debt counsellor. A third option is to close the debt centre and take on other CAP ministries such as life skills (e.g. budgeting), fresh start (dealing with addictions) and/or a job club. It would require two people, manager and coach, for each ministry for 10 hours per week. A fourth option is to cease CAP ministries altogether.

Janis proposed advertising internally for options 1, 2 or 3. Penny highlighted that we are unable to pay a substantial salary at this time for option 1 and option 3 overlaps with the work of Hope. Andy suggested the work be based at St Barnabas at Inham Nook to avoid overlap with Hope. Tim suggested approaching Hope to explore a partnership. Andy likes the intentionality of the evangelism at the heart of CAP. Gary noted that clients from Inham Nook are unlikely to travel to Hope. Colin is against a total withdrawal of working with CAP but is open to where that work is located. Colin asked for more information on the alternative options. Ruth suggested that we highlight the potential vacancy to the wider church. Anne highlighted that life skills and working with addicts are very different.

Andy asked about the impact of the work. Penny said the impact of the CAP centre has been felt by individuals across a broad area but it has had less impact Christ Church. Anne said this was about us being a resourcing church and blessing other areas. Clint said it was disappointing if finance stops this vital work if there is an individual who has a passion for the job.

The PCC records its overwhelming gratitude to George for all he has done. George's departure will be announced and the 4 options will be outlined to the wider church.

Andy proposed talking to Hope about opening a centre in our parish. There was a sense that a volunteer debt counsellor may be a solution. Andy will explore whether a partnership with other churches is an option.

Action: As above.

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5. Election of electoral roll officer

Helen is proposed as the new electoral roll officer, with the assistance of Gary. Helen and Gary left the room during the discussion.

Helen was elected by majority, and will be assisted by Gary.

6. Recruitment & staffing

a. Associate minister

Interviews are on Friday and Saturday. There are two applicants, one of which is internal. There is an external member on the appointment panel along with Stephen and Andy.

b. Operations manager

Andy would like to put together a job description and person specification. Andy proposed that Anne, Colin and Tim be on the recruitment team. They agreed, although Anne and Tim offered to stand down if anyone else wanted to be included.

c. Internships

An intern, Emily, from the Younger Leadership College has recently started. Andy would like to see our internship programme grow from September 2019. Andy proposed we offer an internship through the New Wine Network. The cost would be £8-9k per year. Judith asked whether we would have MCYM student again. Colin noted that St John's has widened their course provision. The PCC voted unanimously in favour of exploring options further.

d. Caretaker

Kev had a disciplinary hearing and admitted to poor performance and three counts of misconduct (non-attendance, insubordination, his behaviour during a meeting with Andy and Gary). This will remain on his record for 12 months. There will be a performance plan which he must meet.

Action: Andy to take forward plans for Operations Manager and Internships.

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7. Partnership with NW Ankole

Andy said he had received an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from many members of the church. However, he had also received emails of concern from a small number regarding the Ugandan church's stance towards LGBT issues. Clint outlined his concerns about the proposal and suggested we find a choice of words that is agreeable to NW Ankole. Judith thought Andy knowing individuals was positive but also had concerns about some of the language used in the Ugandan church's vision document regarding homosexuality and their allegiance to GAFCON. Penny noted that NW Ankole might have doubts regarding a partnership with a more liberal church. [*Vicar's addendum: Penny's comment is not a suggestion that Christ Church is a liberal church itself, rather that there are parts of the Church of England which might be perceived as liberal by the Church of Uganda.*] Andy responded that NW Ankole may hold concerns of their own; however, that had not stopped them and the wording of the MOU has already been welcomed by Bishop Amos. Colin referred back to Judith's comment regarding GAFCON, assuring us that it was not to be misunderstood in a singularly negative way. Andy agreed with Colin, adding that GAFCON's interest is to uphold traditional Anglican teaching – teaching that the Church of England also affirms, and that it did in fact represent the critical mass of the entire Anglican Communion. Andy said that he did not want a potential partnership to be governed by what might be thought of as

peripheral issues – hence, would not wish to formally name them – the partnership would be about Jesus, prayer and mission.

Anne asked whether a parish to parish link would be an appropriate test-bed. Andy said he was open to that option and that he has preached several times already in the cathedral church of St. Paul, Ibanda. Colin reminded us to pray for the bishops writing a teaching document for the Church of England (Living in Love and Faith), which would cover relationships, marriage, identity and sexuality; encouraging us to be patient for that guidance due in 2020. Andy agreed and reminded us too that the Anglican Communion's current position on human sexuality includes the statement, "the practise of homosexuality is not compatible with Scripture," and also states clearly the priority of the church to offer appropriate pastoral care and protection from violence and abuse for all. Andy noted that one of the great challenges of the church today is how it offers pastoral care and this is something the wider church has not done well in the past. Andy concluded by stating that a decision would be postponed subject to further prayer and conversations that he would have with those who had expressed concerns. Chris R thanked Andy for dealing with the issue sensitively.

8. New logo

Andy showcased a selection of potential logos for the church, with the new values, that could be used in different context. A variety of artistic views were expressed. The PCC voted in favour of the new logos.

9. Parish share system

Gary shared that the parish share system has been under review at a diocese level. The result is that deaneries will be asked for substantially different amounts compared to the current system. It is likely that our deanery share will be maintained at the 2017 level in 2019. How the deanery divides its share between parishes is subject to further discussions. Colin noted that diocesan debates had tried to establish a fair system. Christ Church paid £146,000 in 2017.

10. Any other business

Judith asked for cakes for the family fun day.

Gary reported that Church Suite mailing list will go live on 15th September.

Colin thanked Chris R for her report from St Barnabas DCC.

11. Close in prayer

Judith closed in prayer.