

Benefice of BCMU: *Church Management PCC Meeting - Zoom*

A Community of Spiritual Disciples Leading our Benefice through Worshipful Working

MINUTES

Date: Monday 18 Jan 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Who is Gathering

Roles	St Andrew	St Bartholomew	St Michael	Co-opted
Priest	Simon Lewis ✓			
Reader	Gene Joyner Late /Apologies			
Churchwarden	Margaret Speirs ✓	Judith Longhurst ✓	Kate Reynolds ✓	
Churchwarden		Diana Coles ✓	Jonathan Reynolds ✓	
Deanery Synod	Penny Crawford ✓	Nigel Crocker ✓	Jean Lockett ✓	
Deanery Synod	Helen Barnes ✓	Helen Fenn ✓		
Elected	Ben Wiggins ✓ (left 7:50pm)	Muriel Cole ✓	Gill Durbin ✓	
Elected	Lynsey Hatherall - Apologies	Gerald Coles ✓	Lucy Hemsley ✓	
Elected		Charlie Fenn - Apologies	John Allen Apologies	
Notetaker				Laura Williams ✓
Secretary			Sue Owst ✓	vacancy
Treasurer				vacancy
Quorum	Y	Y	Y	

7.30pm: We Gather in God's Name

1. Welcome

Chair

2. Declaration of Quorum for each Parish

- *An evening prayer*

SL

7.45pm: We Celebrate Our Past

Chair

3. Communication and Correspondence - None

4. Approval of past Minutes

Proposed SL, Seconded NC, passed unanimously

SL to add amendments

5. Matters arising

Family services: Worship steering group will be reconvening as we prepare to exit from the pandemic. A zoom family service has been discussed following the success of the Zoom Christingle.

Women's World Day of Prayer: PC mentioned this would be on the first Friday in March and asked if the Benefice would be marking this. Mary Serle has the details.

6. Progress updates from last meeting

Chair

a) Safeguarding

Following appointment at December's PCC meeting, Kate Reynolds has been reading the safeguarding material provided by the Diocese. The website has been updated with new contact details (same email address to be used as this is role specific) and the posters are being updated and will be replaced in each church.

Kate has been working through the safeguarding spreadsheet and will be contacting everyone who needs to update their training. Thank you to those who have already done the Basic and Foundation training online. Currently the Diocese is only able to offer the Leadership level to clergy and safeguarding officers, so we will have to wait for the higher tier of training until the end of the pandemic.

b) Money matters

The bookkeeper who had originally agreed to take on the role for the Benefice has pulled out for personal reasons. The job is complicated and requires time to be spent every week. Simon is in touch with the Diocese and with a former PCC treasurer from outside our Benefice to discuss support available and the way forward. Margaret expressed her anxiety about the burden currently facing churchwardens whilst we have no treasurer or bookkeeper. Contrary to the resolution passed, Helen Thorne will not be going on the banking mandates for any of the church accounts.

Record of Account balances:

CAF account:	£3800
St Andrew's Natwest:	£4656
St Hugh's Natwest:	£5027
St Bartholomew's:	c.£14,000 at the beginning of December
St Michael's:	£55,466

8.00pm: We Dwell in God's Word

SL

- *A prayer of Confession*
- *Lectio Divina:*
 - *We hear the Good News - Colossians 3:12-17*

7. A Time of Learning

SL

8.30pm: We Present Our Offering

Minutes of St Michael's Parochial Church Council Meeting, Monday 18th January 2021

Present: Rev'd. Simon Lewis (SL), Kate Reynolds (KR Church Warden), Jonathan Reynolds (JR Church Warden) Sue Owst (SO, Secretary), Jean Luckett (JL, Deanery Synod), Gill Durbin (GD), Lucy Hemsley (LH)

Apologies: John Allen.

· Finance GD

- Parish share is more than regular giving.
- Utilities readings are higher than expected, KR suggested trying heating on a lower setting.
- Cost of cleaner - £120/month to be reviewed. SO to enquire how Village Hall have handled this.
- Internet cost in Church Room now £39.48 /month.

Proposal That JR contact Plusnet re the options of pausing the contract, reduction in cost, or cancellation.

Proposed KR, Seconded LH Passed unanimously.

- Quinquennial Report will have costs, but this is paused at the moment. SO to forward report to KR, JR.
- Friends of St Michaels could possibly be approached for funding. There is also a £5,000 legacy for the fabric fund.
- Charitable donation is to the Trauma Recovery Centre.

· Fabric and Churchyard

· Churchyard maintenance

The church needs a Spring clean before the re-opening. KR suggested that jobs be itemised and time slots arranged so that volunteers could perform the necessary tasks. SO to obtain list of jobs from Andrew Owst. Possibility of rewinding part of the churchyard mentioned.

· AOB

- Bats These are of interest to a charity who are prepared to give advice on how to keep the church clean and maintain the fabric.
- History of the church Following comments re the interest generated in the Village Hall by the article in the Link, it was suggested that the history of the church could also be published there. There is a printed copy in the church and SO to contact David Hill who organised it for permission to produce an electronic version.
- Fund Raising
 - The proposed date for the Fete is June 19th.
 - At the moment there is no information about a Christian Aid Week collection.

- There followed a discussion on several ideas for fund raising, including one of opening the tower and church for visitors.

Old School Room

This costs £2,000 a year to run. A discussion ensued about its future.

St Michael's PCC members returned to the main meeting.

9.25pm: We Give Thanks to God

SL

The Awareness Examen - We shared an affirmation of Faith

9.30pm: End of Meeting

Next meeting - One Church PCC, Monday 15th February (via Zoom)

Next Church Management PCC Meeting, Monday 19th April