

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

*A Community of Spiritual Disciples Leading our Benefice through Worshipful Working*

## Minutes

**Date:** Monday 19 April 2021

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** Zoom

## Present:

Roles	St Andrew	St Bartholomew	St Michael	Co-opted
<b>Priest</b>	Simon Lewis ✓			
<b>Reader</b>	Gene Joyner Apol.			
<b>Churchwarden</b>	Margaret Speirs ✓	Judith Longhurst ✓	Kate ReynoldsApol	
<b>Churchwarden</b>		Diana Coles ✓	J. Reynolds ✓	
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Penny Crawford ✓	Nigel Crocker ✓	Jean Lockett ✓	
<b>Deanery Synod</b>	Helen Barnes ✓	Helen Fenn ✓		
<b>Elected</b>	Ben Wiggins (8pm)	Muriel Cole ✓	Gill Durbin (8:15)	
<b>Elected</b>	Lynsey Hatherall	Gerald Coles ✓	Lucy Hemsley ✓	
<b>Elected</b>		Charlie Fenn ✓	John Allen Apol	
<b>Notetaker</b>				Laura Williams ✓
<b>Secretary</b>			Sue Owst ✓	vacancy
<b>Treasurer</b>				vacancy
<b>Total PCC</b>	<b>4 + SL</b>	<b>7 + SL</b>	<b>5 + SL</b>	
<b>Majority</b>	Y	Y	Y	
<b>Quorum (1/3)</b>	Y	Y	Y	
<b>Total at Meeting</b>	<b>17 + LW</b>			
<b>Quorum</b>	Y	Y	Y	

**7.30pm: The Chair Welcomed all to the meeting and declared all three PCCs quorate.**

**3. Communication and Correspondence - none**

**4. Approval of past Minutes (One Church meeting March) - Passed unanimously**

**5. Matters arising - none**

**6. Progress updates from last meeting - none**

**We Dwelled in God's Word**

**SL**

- *Lectio Divina*: Colossians 3:12-17
- Member were drawn to the phrase 'beloved' and reminded each other that when worldly concerns become overwhelming we should remember that we are beloved of God

**7:50pm: Discussion Agenda - One Church**

**Chair**

**7. a) The First Mark of a Healthy Church**

**HF**

**Helen Fenn** gave us a presentation on the Mark 1 and Mark 2 of The Healthy Church, asking us to 'engage, explore and experience', Listening to God and to one another. The PCCs had already been sent material from Robert Warren and read about the process which we will be using during our move to a single parish and beyond.

Helen asked us to think about the word healthy: We said

Balanced    alive    holistic    secure    hopeful    confident

Living in the present    looking to the future    growing    engaging    lively

Fit for purpose    finding positives    engaging    looking after    energized

Then we were asked to think more specifically about what a healthy church would be like: We said

Generous    a model for society    well taught    open to teaching

Prayerful    sharing    letting the light shine through    open to teaching

Inclusive    serving    outward-looking    valuing    God at the centre

We agreed that a sense of wholeness, balance and harmony were important, because God makes us whole.

**Mark 1 - Energised by Faith**

A healthy church should have a sense of excitement. We grow by being challenged. It is about living you life prayerfully and nurturing your faith and sacramental life and enabling others to engage with God.

**Mark 2 - Outward-Looking Focus**

We thought about:    Justice    peace    our community    faith in daily living

Doing things that show you care    forging relationships

seeing Christ in other people, whether they attend worship or not

Helen discussed how we should be open to outsiders and prepared to receive. When we fight for survival it can be easy to turn inwards, We need the confidence to turn outwards and remember that people volunteer where they see a need. Loving service is contagious and we should be offering people the opportunity to do more, forming partnerships with other denominations and community groups

Helen drew the discussion to a close asking us to 'read, reflect and pray'. We hope to have an event in late June or July when we can gather people together to discuss our journey towards being a healthy church.

## **b) A new name for our parish**

**NC**

**Nigel Crocker** had previously received suggestions for the new name for our One Parish and PCC members debated the strengths and merits as well as negatives of particular choices. It was a lively discussion which helped us to focus on the ideas we did want to include and rule out some suggestions, but no firm favourite emerged and it was decided to ask members to vote on the names most-favoured via an email to be sent out later in the week and to debate this further at a separate meeting if necessary.

## **8. Consent Agenda**

As no decision about the new name for the Parish was reached, no resolution could be passed and an extraordinary meeting was scheduled (Monday 26th April 2021)

**Members of the current PCCs were asked if they would continue to serve for another year, particularly during our journey to become One Parish.**

**Individual PCCs (as break-out groups via Zoom, not reconvening with the main group due to the differing lengths of agendas)**

## **St Andrew's PCC Finance, Fabric and Fundraising**

### **10. a) Finance**

The PCC had been sent a financial report from Jim Hanmer. They were most concerned with the cost of utilities during the first quarter when the church had not been used, due to the boiler being broken and the national lockdown. Investigation needed to check if these were accurate. Jim Hanmer and Claire Pearson have made a claim for Gift Aid.

As we are moving to one parish we **MUST** have a treasurer. It was decided to advertise after the APCM, possibly in the June edition of the magazine.

We need to ask our church family to increase their regular giving (MS) and we must make our local community aware of the perilous financial position of the church (HB). It was decided that we should mirror the approach adopted in Ubley with two letters sent, one to regular givers, and a newsletter style letter to the local community. Laura agreed to send the Ubley letters to the PCC so that they could decide on content. It was felt important that these went out from the PCC. We should express an interest in dialogue with the community to encourage greater community usage of our buildings.

### **b) Fabric**

Yeo Valley have also provided a quote (c. £12650 inc VAT) and offered to help with the replacement of the boiler. No convection heaters were included in this quote. We do need to consider out energy use.

PC asked if it was worth having a 'promise day' to raise the funds.

The idea was also discussed of our taking out a loan, but most were nervous about the idea of debt when our finances are in a poor state. We should use the letters as a first step.

### **c) Magazine**

Ken Parsons (editor) had been asked to find out what the advertisers wanted - a refund or to continue in an online magazine. The PCC did not want to review this decision in a year but to be able to move forward. Kaye Clark had volunteered to deliver c 20 copies each month to those who were too infirm to collect a printed copy. We debated whether printed copies could be made available in the village shop, but thought that we would either have to pay them for their trouble or be asking an unfair amount of their time to administer this. It was decided that it was best to allow those who wanted a printed copy (estimated by KP to be around 100) to collect named copies from the church. Laura would print off a labels each month matching names on an annual subscription list and stewards would be asked to stick them on the printed magazines. It was decided to charge £15 for 10 issues (annual fee). This is an increase but represents very good value for a printed colour magazine (and would satisfy those who wanted to pay for a printed copy rather than read it for free online). Details about new arrangements for the magazine could go in the community letter and we could also publicise the weekly newsletter Church Link.

**The APCMs for all three parishes will be held during May, via Zoom.**

**St Bartholomew's: Monday 17th May, from 7:30pm**

**St Andrew's: Wednesday 19th May, from 7:30pm**

**St Michael's: Wednesday 26th May, from 7:30pm**

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