

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

A Community of Spiritual Disciples Leading our Benefice through Worshipful Working

MINUTES

Date: Monday 15 March 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Who is Gathering

Roles	St Andrew	St Bartholomew	St Michael	Co-opted
Priest	Simon Lewis ✓			
Reader	Gene Joyner Apologies			
Churchwarden	Margaret Speirs ✓	Judith Longhurst ✓	Kate Reynolds - Apologies	
Churchwarden		Diana Coles ✓	Jonathan Reynolds ✓	
Deanery Synod	Penny Crawford ✓	Nigel Crocker ✓	Jean Lockett ✓	
Deanery Synod	Helen Barnes ✓	Helen Fenn ✓		
Elected	Ben Wiggins Apologies	Muriel Cole ✓	Gill Durbin Apologies	
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 (3 + SL)	Y (6 + SL)	Y (4 + SL)	

7.30pm: We Gather in God's Name

1. Welcome SL requested that the meeting was recorded Chair
2. Declaration of Quorum for each Parish
3. We gather in God's presence

7.45pm: We Celebrate Our Past

Chair

4. Communication and Correspondence -

- a) Bishop Peter's retirement on medical grounds has been announced
- b) We have received notice of changes to the procedures for registering marriages
Training to follow for Simon and Laura

5. Approval of past Minutes

February One Church Meeting -Proposed SL, Seconded NC, I abstained (not present in Feb)
St Bartholomew (Jan) Proposed NC, Seconded DC, Approved by all present (4)
St Michael (Jan) Proposed JL, Seconded JR, Approved by all present

6. Matters arising

- a) Christian Aid Week - 10th - 16th May (Monday - Sunday) **SO**
Sue confirmed that the envelopes are to be delivered to houses but rather than collected, people will be asked to return them to a collection point - the Post Office in CM and the Churchwardens in Ubley. PC asked if Sarah Parsons was planning similar in Blagdon. SO would like some volunteers to help her deliver in CM. Jean Lockett and Margaret Speirs offered their help.

7. Progress updates from last meeting

Chair

a) St Andrew's Extraordinary PCC Meeting - 11/03/21

Blagdon Magazine - Opinions differed wildly about what to do about the Magazine. No conclusions were reached

Finances - Blagdon PCC are watching carefully to see the reaction to the Ubley stewardship letter and considering if they should do likewise. Should they be focusing more on community ownership and how will we use our building in the future?

b) St Bartholomew's (two interim meetings)

A letter is to go out to all regular givers in the parish to make them aware of the financial situation. A second letter is to go out to every household in the village on a similar theme. The PCC feel that they must consider greater community use of the building.

b) Money matters

Jim Hanmer is setting up cash books for all three parishes. Simon has discussed our financial position with Jessica Cooke and Matthew Pinnock from the Diocese. The dialogue is open and they suggested that we attend some workshops. PCC members need to engage. Who do we want to be informed and help shape our financial future.

Record of Account balances:

CAF account:	£4784
St Andrew's Natwest:	£4807
(In total, c. £10,000 of St Andrew's funds are restricted Funds)	
St Hugh's Natwest:	£5027
St Bartholomew's:	Current £4759, Reserve £2629
(St Bartholomew's has no restricted funds)	
St Michael's current account:	£52,510
(In total, c. £78,000 of St Michael's funds are Restricted Funds)	

8.00pm: 8. We Dwell in God's Word

HF

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

9 and 10. A Time of Learning and sharing an affirmation of faith
SL

8.30pm: We Present Our Offering

11. Consent Agenda - SL

a) Banking Mandates for St Hugh's and St Andrew's accounts will include the following names:

Margaret Speirs
Simon Lewis
Laura Williams
Jim Hanmer
Helen Barnes

Proposed by SL, Seconded by PC, Passed unanimously

b) Pattern of Worship for Holy Week and Easter:

The Sunday Eucharist at 10:30am will be at St Andrew's on 21st, 28th and 4th April
Holy Week Communion 9:30am at St Andrew's (Mon) St Bartholomew's (Tues) St Michael's (Weds)
Stations of the Cross online Reflections on Mon and Tues evenings (online)
Contemplative Prayer for Holy Week (Weds) via Zoom
Maundy Thursday worship will be online, via Zoom at 7:30pm
Good Friday - encouragement to walk to St Andrew's for those who are able
Reflective worship, gather at 2pm for 2:15pm start
Easter Sunday - 9am HC at St Bartholomew
10:30 Eucharist at St Michael
12 noon Worship of the Word at St Bartholomew

Recorded worship will continue online at 10:30am every Sunday.

12. Discussion Agenda

1. One Church One Family Project:

a. Pathway 1: 7 Marks of Healthy Church

HF

We have been looking at a timeline to see how our paths might begin to dovetail both as three parishes into one and also with reference to the journey taken by EWHB parish. A newsletter is planned to help disseminate information to the PCCs and Parishes and a gathering is planned for the end of June/July to help us learn about the 7 marks of a healthy church. We will be undertaking the church profile exercise. MS will also be supporting through the role of 'Build Back Better'.

JL said that she was looking forward to receiving the newsletter and to thinking about what each of the 7 Marks mean for us. We need to probe, engage and start discussions with our parishes - going beyond the headlines

HF said that she is looking forward to being able to work face to face

She would like to have a team to support and engage with the Healthy Church project

The newsletter is to go out to the wider community with shortened versions included in the Parish Magazines.

b. Pathway 2: One Church One Family Project

NC

Our statement of intent to become one parish was passed by the DMPG on 8th March 2021. Peter Evans, the Diocesan Secretary is also guiding us. The Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Group will meet to discuss our proposal in May. This is a legal process and must be in place before the Church Management Project can proceed.

c. What will be the name of the new parish?

NC

Laura is to send out a document from Nigel. He asked us to consider who and what do we represent to the wider community. Are we faith based? Are we geographically based?
We must decide on a new name for our One Parish at the next PCC meeting
NC urged us to look at other examples of parishes and benefices and asked that everyone submit an idea by the end of Easter Week.

d. Pathway to 'Combining' with Harptree & Hinton Blewitt Benefice (EWHB) SL

This is an agreed aim in general principle, but with no fixed timeline or agreement about how or when this might be done. It is a new idea with much to be discussed. EWHB are to engage in their own Healthy Church Project to help us find similarities and to see if we are heading in the same direction. It is important to listen and not to rush.

e. Building Back Better

MS

What do you want your Church to do in our communities?
Maragret told us that this idea encompassed both buildings and fundraising. It includes our churches' engagement with the vulnerable (perhaps through foodbanks), co-ordinating with local groups and the church working in the community. We need to have an outward-looking focus and be able to respond to need. Is there an appetite for change?
This ties in very well with Mark 2 of the 7 Marks of a Healthy Church.
PC noted that the strength of the community spirit that appeared during lockdown should be harnessed. We are looking for a practical expression of a healthy church - whether this relate to our schools, foodbanks or even climate action.
Helen asked for a volunteer from each parish to work with her on Mark 2.
Jean Lockett volunteered from Compton Martin.

9.25pm: 13. We Give Thanks to God

SL

The Awareness Examen - We shared the Peace

9.30pm: 14. End of Meeting

St Bartholomew's PCC met after the end of the meeting to discuss stewardship letters.

We agreed to the wording of two stewardship letters. The one to regular givers to be sent out by JL as Acting Treasurer/ Gift Aid. The letter to all the residents of Ubley to be put in a news-letter format with photos by NC before being sent out.