

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

MINUTES OF ST MICHAEL'S PCC MEETING

19th April 2021

Minutes taken by Sue Owst

Finances and Fundraising

GD reported that the account totalled £51,503.32. Expenditure is approx. £1,000 in excess of income each month, pre covid this was approx. £500 pm which was recouped from fundraising thorough the year. This year there has been a lack of fundraising opportunities. Planned giving is about the same, but Gift Aid does make a huge difference.

A Charitable donation of £50 was given to the Trauma Recovery Centre following a Christmas message in the Link.

An email will be sent to PCC members concerning future Charitable donations in the short term because of the financial effect of the Covid-19 situation.

Proposal

“We the PCC of St Michael’s Church, Compton Martin, due to the pandemic and the financial implications incurred during 2020/21, have taken the decision not to donate 10% of our income to charity for the foreseeable future. This decision will be reviewed in six months time (October 2021).”

Another email will be sent asking you to formally asking for you to say: Yes.
No. Abstain.

Fabric

KR reported heat the heating in the church is to be turned down. GD stated that electricity usage appeared to be the same whether the church was used or not.

The heating and also the use of the de-humidifier is to be reduced in the Old School Room. A saving of £40 pm has been made by removing the internet connection.

The cleaner is being paid £120 pm, KR and SO to talk to her re reducing the cleaning to every two weeks, instead of weekly as at present.

An update on the function, usage and repairs for the Old School Room to be circulated to PCC members before the next meeting.