

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN

Minutes of Meeting 04/2017 of the PCC held on Tuesday 24th October at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Present:

1. Rev. Derek Chandler (Chair), David Howell (DH), Bob Abel (BA), Mark Burton (MB), Joyce Bedingfield (JB), Susie Downer (SD), Wendy Howell (WH), Sandra Rice (SR), Roger Moore (RM)

Welcome and Prayers.

2. SR opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies for Absence

3. Felicity Chapman, Jean Rae, Richard Cunningham

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4. The minutes of meeting 03/2017 held on Tuesday 29th August 2017 were accepted and signed.

Actions and Matters Arising

5. Actions at Paras: 7 – All Souls; 15 – H&S; 16&17 Food Handling; were reported as complete
6. Community Interviews. DC proposed a new approach to the task of community interviews. He suggested that 5 or 6 key local figures be identified such as school head teachers and local politicians and business leaders. DC with Jean Rae would develop a set of questions. A series of 3 minute video interviews of these individuals would be carried out in order to produce a short video report to the PCC highlighting their views, concerns, desires and insights. The target date for completion was Spring 2018. PCC approved the proposal unanimously. **Action DC and JR**
7. Children's Church. MB rehearsed the points raised at the previous meeting about the need to attract families. WH suggested that it was a matter of perseverance, and that building on current innovations such as COGS would bring success in time. SD emphasised the benefit of sowing seeds of faith in young children. MB related some of the experiences of other churches who have adopted "Messy" Church.
8. DC agreed to find out why Caversham Baptist Church stopped "Messy" Church. **Action DC**
9. MB agreed to produce an update report. **Action MB**
10. Operations London and Forth Bridges. DH reported that all preparations were progressing towards completion.

Correspondence.

Items received from the Deanery secretary, Charity Commission and Cof E Digital Team were noted.

Health and Safety

11. RM proposed acceptance of the updated Health and Safety policy. This was agreed unanimously.

Safeguarding

12. DC proposed and RM seconded the appointment of Joy Abel as Safeguarding Officer and David Howell as Verification Officer this was accepted unanimously.

Finance

13. The Treasurer (BA) outlined the budget which had been circulated to PCC members prior to the meeting.
14. He proposed agreement to the budget which was accepted unanimously.
15. BA described two schemes of potential benefit to Parishes: a giving scheme and a buying scheme. Bill Harper will attend a meeting on the Giving Scheme on 4th Nov. **Action RM to invite Bill Harper to report back at next PCC meeting.**
16. BA reported on the receipt of a cheque for £500 for the now closed organ fund. BA said the cheque had been returned to the sender with suggested options if the sender still wished to make a donation.
17. BA advised that Ian McKinley had agreed to be the Independent Examiner. To be approved at the APCM.

Charitable Giving

18. The Charitable Giving list produced by the Church Wardens taking account of proposals from the congregation was circulated to PCC members prior to the meeting. It was noted the organization Singing For the Brian had requested that instead of the £250 donation special chairs be purchased for use in the Church Hall, ownership to be retained by St Barnabas Church. With this change, DH proposed acceptance of the list, this was agreed unanimously.

Licensing Lay Preachers

19. The following proposal was circulated to PCC members prior to the meeting.
20. " We the PCC of St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green, give our approval to the incumbent, the Revd Derek Chandler, to recommend to the Bishop the licensing of Dr Alison Johnston, who is currently a Licensed Local Preacher at Caversham Park Church LEP, our sister church in the benefice, to officiate as a Licensed Local Preacher at St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green at the incumbent's invitation until the renewal of the licensing period."
21. DC proposed seconded by RM a slight change to the wording from: " the Bishop " to " the Bishop of Reading " this was agreed unanimously.
22. DC outlined the history of Lay ministry in the Benefice and the cooperation between Caversham Park Church and St Barnabas Church. He identified how this had worked in the past. He explained that Lay Preachers officiated at his request.

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23. Before moving to a vote DC invited each member in turn to comment on the proposal. Differing views and some concerns were expressed.
24. DC proposed the resolution be put to a vote, this was seconded by MB and the vote was as follows: For three (3), Against four (4), Abstentions Two (2) the resolution was not carried.

Bishop Steven's Letter

25. Bishop Steven's Letter focussing on the Beattitudes and the 3Cs had been circulated to all PCC members. To facilitate discussion, DC had formulated a set of questions under each of the three headings: contemplative, compassionate and courageous. These questions had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Working in pairs PCC members explored the issues, reflected and reported back. As a next stage it was decided to engage other groups in the church in the process such as the Bible Study Group.
Action RM.

Parish Centre, Church and Church Hall

26. Bill Harper provided a report which stated that there were minor maintenance tasks to be done but nothing urgent or critical. He stated he was investigating the potential to alter the nave lighting to allow the lights over the choir and the screen to be switched independently. He also noted continuing difficulties with the organ.

Church Reports

27. Churches Together in Caversham. A report produced by DC circulated before the meeting was noted.
28. Benefice Preachers Report. The report was noted.

Deanery Synod etc

29. A Deanery Synod report also including an update on the Oxford Diocesan Board of Mission and a Diocesan Financial Briefing circulated to members was noted.
30. There were no follow up questions.

APCM

31. DC proposed that the APCM in March 2018 be held as part of the 9,30am Service of the Word. Following discussion this was agreed unanimously.

AOB

32. Given the need for additional chalice administrators at the Wednesday morning services, DH proposed and RM seconded a resolution to allow Bob Abel to become a chalice administrator. This was agreed unanimously.

Action: DC to progress with Bishop of Reading

Future PCC Dates

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19th December

27th February

Sunday 18th March 2018 for APCM after morning services

24th April 2018

26th June 2018