

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN

Minutes of Meeting 04/2018 of the PCC held on Tuesday 11th Sept at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Present

1. Rev. Derek Chandler (Chair), (DC), Bob Abel (BA); Joyce Bedingfield (JB), Mark Burton (MB),, Felicity Chapman (FC), Richard Cunningham (RC), Susie Downer (SD), David Howell (DH); Wendy Howell (WH), Hilary Lee (HL),(SR), Alison Johnson (AJ) (Caversham Park church warden), Roger Moore (RM)

Welcome and Prayers.

2. DH opened the meeting with a reading and reflection on Matthew 24 vs 42 to 51; and following the theme of “brief encounters” from the Sunday sermon, commented that the Lord can be encountered unexpectedly in the lives and actions of those we meet day by day.

Apologies for Absence

3. Sandra Rice

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4. The minutes of meeting 03/2018 held on Tuesday 26th June 2018 were accepted and signed.

Actions and Matters Arising

5. AV Systems. - DH reported that a meeting and demo had been organized with the assistance of AJ and that a costed programme was to be developed..

Action RC and AJ

6. Organist – DC reported that he had taken up the necessary references.
7. First Aiders Ongoing. RM to establish a list of trained first aiders. **Action RM**

Correspondence

8. Bishop of Reading. DC reported that Andrew Proud, the Bishop of Reading, would retire next Easter. DC informed that the Bishop would be presiding at the confirmation service to be held at St Barnabas on 25th Nov at 6pm. WH agreed to procure a card to be circulated. **Action WH**
9. Sabbatical Leave. DC informed the PCC that he would be taking sabbatical leave from 13th May 2019 until 11th August 2019 inclusive. Official

confirmation from the Diocesan offices would not be issued until Jan 2019 so this was an informal “heads up”.

Health and Safety

10. Nothing to report.

Safeguarding

11. Nothing to report.

Communications

12. Nothing to report.

Hall and Buildings

13. DH reported that there had been no volunteers to take the position of Hall and Buildings chair and by default the responsibility had fallen to him. He reported that there were no substantive issues and minor works were in hand.

Finance

14. BA reported that he would be away on leave much of Oct and Nov but that arrangements were in hand to cover his duties as Treasurer. It was noted that Standing Committee had agreed that the budget for 2019 be presented to the first PCC meeting in 2019 rather than the meeting in November 2018.

Church

15. Chalice Administrators It was proposed by RM and seconded by WH that Richard Cunningham, Joy Abel, Bob Abel, and Mark Burton become administrators. Agreed unanimously.
16. Home Communion. PCC permission was sought to allow Joy Abel, David Howell and Mark Burton to deliver home communion. Proposed by RM seconded by SD. Agreed unanimously.
17. DC remarked that David Howell, Joy Abel and Mark Burton may consider the future step of being approved to give communion by extension.
18. Harvest supper. Looking at future church events DC remarked that there seemed to be some confusion over a potential harvest supper. For the sake of certainty he decided to cancel the event.
19. Benefice Service. AJ reported on the arrangements for the next benefice service. It will take place at 10am at Caversham Park Church on the same day as Derek and Hayley’s wedding. For efficiency sandwiches will be provided.

Volunteers from St Barnabas are requested to help with preparation and car parking duties.

Childrens Church

20. DC noted that the minutes of the special meeting had been circulated and remarked that the meeting reported to be on 18th Nov now will take place on 25th Nov as a “Casting and Croissant” event in the Hall to cast for the Nativity play.
21. Following introductory remarks DC asked the members in groups of 2 or 3 to discuss the following question:
22. “In responding to the changing needs of families in Emmer Green and Caversham, what do the PCC consider to be the vision and future priorities of St Barnabas Church?”
23. There was a wide range of feedback from the discussion. DH focused on the need to develop a vision and to have passion and commitment in delivering the vision.
24. JB remarked on the value of the recently published booklet: “Setting God’s People free”. And the importance of “one to one” evangelism. It was suggested that the congregation needs to help the PCC.
25. SD highlighted the difficulty of Childrens Church leaders maintaining passion and enthusiasm when only one or two or in some cases no children turn up and they shouldn’t be left feeling it was their fault.
26. FC suggested BusyBees could form the foundation for small innovations such as: having a special COGS linked to Busy Bees; awarding childrens bibles to those leaving BusyBees to go to school.
27. One group suggested building on the current opening of the church in the morning to provide tea and coffee to after school sessions in the afternoon.
28. WH asked a key question “why do families leave?” She stressed the importance of following up on those who drift away from the church to identify issues and concerns to see if they could be addressed.
29. Following the discussion it was proposed and agreed unanimously for DC to invite Yvonne Morris to come to St Barnabas to lead a discussion. It was agreed the audience should include: PCC members, Childrens church leaders and other church members with an interest. **Action DC**
30. A paper detailing the proposed purchase of a table tennis table had been circulated to members. It was proposed by RM and seconded by HL that the

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church purchase a table tennis table on castors to be stored in the “chair” room of the church hall. A majority of PCC members agreed.

Any other Business

31. There was no other business
32. DC ended the meeting with a short prayer

Future Meetings

20th Nov 2018

19th Feb 2019 (to be checked because potential clash with school holidays)

APCM Sunday 24th March - agreed