

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



Transforming lives through following Christ in love and service

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016

<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>	
Clergy	
The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
The Revd Iain McColl	Present
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Present
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Apologies
Churchwardens	
Ian Perry	Present
David Cottrell	Present
2014 Deanery Synod Reps	
[Ian Perry]	[Present]
Sarah Thorne	Apologies
Richard Winn	Present
(vacancy)	

	<u>Elected Members</u>	
2016	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Catherine Leask	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	(vacancy)	
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2015	Peter Dyer	Present
	Sandy Hollinghurst	Present
	Judy Winn	Present
	Joy Ludlow	Apologies
	Erik Dirdal (Secretary)	Apologies
2014	Emma Bolton	
	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	[Kathy Kilgour]	Apologies
	Barbara Lewis	Present
	(vacancy)	

Attendance 15 / 20 = 75%

Note: The required quorum for the meeting is one third of the members, i.e. 7.

7.30 Welcome and Worship. The meeting opened with a Bible Reading and prayer.

7.45 Review. Minutes of the meeting on 26th May 2016

These were approved and signed. There were no matters arising

7.50 Information Discussion. "PCC Tonight"

The vicar stated that the layout of the Agenda for this meeting reflects the CPAS recommendations made at the "PCC Tonight" training meeting:

1. Be clear about and keep in mind the PCC's purpose: Agenda items must relate to at least one of these five reasons:
 1. to enable the church to play its part in God's mission in the world
 2. to co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership
 3. to ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law
 4. to care for the buildings and churchyard
 5. to be a channel of consultation with the wider church

2. Make agendas clear
 - a. Identify purpose of each Agenda item as fitting within the four categories: Information, Review, Discussion or Decision.
 - b. Only spend time on matters which are complex and weighty.
 - c. Identify congruity with
 - i. Mission statement 'Worship God, Make Friends, Change the World' Diocesan Strategy 'Creating Connections with God, each other and our communities through making disciples, growing leaders and engaging with younger generations'

Mark added that he also had a Leaders Pack which gave guidance in chairing PCC meetings, also details for several training sessions and prayer suggestions for use during PCC's. It was recommended that PCC's should meet in the church and different spaces within the church could be used for different functions (Worship, Agenda Business, Refreshments) during the meeting.

Wendy Young agreed that the "PCC Tonight" training session had been very good.

David Cottrell emphasized the importance of relishing conflict between issues, not between people; that people should not be frightened to disagreea clique of Yes Persons is not representative of church members.

The full list of "Top Ten Tips" will be distributed to all members of the PCC

8.00 Information: "Towards a Compelling Vision"

The Ministry Leadership Team and the Giving in Grace Group are to supply a document in September which will illustrate:

"who we are",....."where we are going"

and explain the reasons for us to "give our time, our talent and our money" in order to "bring about the reality of the Vision of what we aspire to have achieved by the year 2020".

It will be a comprehensive document to engage sympathies and resources.

8.05 Information: Finance and Standing Committee Report

A report of the Committee Meeting was pre-distributed to the PCC.

Link Corridor. The Legal Faculty has been received. Construction work will commence as soon as possible when the bell turret scaffolding is removed. WiFi in the church hall passes through the hall's main electric circuits. Peter Dyer undertook to experimentally investigate whether a WiFi booster in the link corridor would enable sufficient WiFi range into the church building.

Director of Music. Sunday 10th July is Reg Parker's final duty as regular organist and Ben Hughes-Games takes up the post of Director of Music at Choir Practice on Friday 16th July. The Music Group are delighted to be recognized as soloists and to be directed by Ben. Reg or Matthew Thomas shall be delighted to be approached as stand-in organist when necessary.

Ale & Arty. Iain McColl spoke about the plans for this festival to be held in conjunction with Harvest Thanksgiving during the weekend of 8th and 9th October. This is a fundraising effort to support 6 charities. Several musical, dramatic and artistic entertainments in the church and hall will happen with a range of ales available.

8.10 Information: Giving in Grace

David Cottrell reminded the PCC that he is expecting all PCC members to respond to the request to send him their perceptions of three strengths and three weaknesses of St Peter's Church. Letters will be sent in due course to all connected with this church to encourage the "Giving in Grace Ideals" to be supported by all.

8.15 Safe and Welcome Report

Sandy Hollinghurst spoke about the three audits done so far and that some improvements are clearly needed. It is required that all PCC members should attend a C1 Training Session, and that all those in a Leadership role should attend a C2 Day Course. C1 will be available on Wednesday evening 14th September in the Lady Chapel.

8.20 Review Discussion: Vision, Mission and Values exercise

Vision: Lives Transformed by following Christ in Love and Service.
Mission: Worship God, Make friends, Change the World.
Values: Pray Faithfully, Listen Well, Act Boldly, Serve Generously.

PCC members were supplied with yellow postit pads on which they could note activities which happen at St Peter's. A huge card with the V M V triangle already drawn on it was then made available for the postits to be affixed in positions which indicated the relevance of the activities to the Values, Mission and Values Statements. If any activity was found not to fit then that would indicate that we should not be doing it. All activities posted were found to have some position of relevance on the chart.

(Note Refreshments were available during the time of that activity.)

There was also the opportunity for questions to be put on the chart using pink postits.

A sample of postits was selected by Mark for discussion. A notable one was "Change the World". Mark explained that The World is part of God's creation and we need to take action to bring it fully into the Kingdom of God as Jesus taught: "Thy Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven". A prime feature of this is that we should Love one another.

Mark then asked PCC members to think of other biblical passages which recommend values of the early church. It was suggested that early church meetings were effectively House Groups, and that Jesus prayed alone frequently. E.g. Psalm 130.

8.55 Information: Growing Disciples

House Groups. A meeting for House Group Leaders is to take place in which Unified House Group material for six months will be reviewed.

Hot Potato Evenings. Iain McColl explained that these will be a series of discussion meetings during which various (difficult?) topics will be aired. These will be controversial enough to stimulate discussion, but hopefully no violent disagreement.

9.00 Information: Treasurer's Report

David Fenna stated that the spending on unforeseen essential repairs has been under continuous review, and that there should be sufficient funds remaining to pay for the construction of the Link Corridor and also the Dais and Refreshment Servery.

9.05 Uganda Report

Ricky Winn announced that it is hoped that 7 Ugandans from the 3 Dioceses, Gulu, Nebbi and Northern Uganda shall be able to come and be visitors in Bristol West Deanery during the period 30th September to 12th October. Mrs Sunday Dhugira the MU worker from Nebbi has been offered accommodation by Pat and Steve Brazier in their home opposite the church.

There is £8k finance available for the costs of these visits and that is sufficient.

The Welcoming Event will take place at Almondsbury and the Farewell event will be at Christ Church Clifton.

9.05 Any other Business

The Henleaze Christmas Festival 7 December 2016

It had been hoped that stalls would be sited along The Drive as far as the church but the organizers have made the decision that stalls shall be kept close to Henleaze Road. It is agreed that we shall have the church open and do the same as last year.

9.10 Review of Meeting

Three Questions were posed to the meeting:

Q1. What was the best thing about this meeting?

A: The tea and refreshments.

Q2. What could we do better?

A: Provide upright easels for the VMV charts rather than laying them on the floor.

Q3. How did we manage to do all the business and these other activities and keep to time?

A: The Reports to the Meeting issued for consideration beforehand made this possible.

9.20 Worship Prayers.