

ST MARY'S BIDEFORD PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

HELD ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT

John Riley (In the Chair), Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore (Team Rector), Revd. Leigh Winsbury (Curate), Sheila Pullin & Chris Hall (Church Wardens), Richard Holwill, Peter Kent, Pattie Morris, Ben Duhig, Maggie Murray, Ellie Doe, Moira Mackenzie, David Wilson, Steve Roberts.

1 PRAYER

Led by Claire

2 APOLOGIES

Sally Strut, Wayne Britt, Maddy Bray and Sue Sparkes.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3rd July 2017

One amendment under Presentation on Children and Holy communion: On third para after: communion. (Katherine's response was that Baptism...), minutes were then approved, proposed by Chris and seconded by Sheila, signed by the Chair.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5 REVIEW OF MAP

Many ongoing items discussed and the MAP target date pages were updated.

Further discussion: New MAP due to go live Jan/April 2019. Decided a subcommittee to be formed after next APCM led by Claire, with one Church Warden and a good balance of people. Ben offered his help. Would like the document to have the Diocesan headings of "pray, grow, serve" and be more specific, able to measure, track achievements, time limited/defined.

6 CHILDREN AND COMMUNION

A discussion took place with some positive views, but more importantly it was felt a more balanced view needs to be considered. Claire to ask a fellow Vicar whose Church has experience in these matters, particularly those churches who have found it a difficult process. Decision by PCC by March 2018.

7 THE APPEAL

Although not necessary to have the architect Mr Sam Percival onboard for the Faculty, it was decided to keep him involved. Will help with grant funding, he will also be doing the quinquennial Church survey in due course.

8 HOLINESS AND SPITUALITY

- We have two candidates for Team Vicar, both to have an orientation day on 19 September, visiting 8 venues (5 Churches, 2 Schools and the ministry team). On the 20 September to have their interviews.
- Confirmation Date: 13 May 2018, Bishop Sarah presiding, if we know of anyone who would like to be confirmed please let Claire know.
- Children's, Youth and Family Team Leader post: no interviews as yet so we are extending adverts to end of November 2018 when interviews will take place. Ben and Pattie to help with advertising.

- Had a successful interview with an organist, Stuart Mair has accepted and will be with us in October. Church to be informed on Sunday.

9 EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

- **Youth and Children.** Pattie having a meeting in October. No Sunday School through summer. Have arranged themes for this term. Leigh took some children from Cryptonites and other young people's groups to Spree summer camp, where 6 young people made a commitment to Christ, praise the Lord. Monthly Sunday evening club up to Spree, next phase between monthly club, will be considering Youth Alpha, with Sunday School combined with Cryptonites. It will be a fortnightly Sunday evening meeting. Claire said after completing the course they could be confirmed/baptised.
- **Social Committee.** Maggie: Christmas Tree Festival coming along, dates 3rd to 10th December. Also, an exhibition of Cribbs. Harvest Ceilidh at Pollyfields 7th October, 7pm to 10pm.
- **Mission Committee.** Sheila, presented: "St Mary's Mission Committee Proposed giving for 2017 document", a discussion was had, and we understand the giving is predominantly faith based. Were able to increase our giving to the main charities we send to and add in the Syrian refugee family via the Tarka Project. The Rector's discretionary fund increased. Edukid to become a permanent charity (as it has its roots in St Mary's). Proposed: Peter Kent. Seconded: Pattie Morris.
- **Christians Together in Bideford and District.** Meeting 12th Sept, also in Oct and Nov. Grosvenor Church will be coming to Bideford and they would be involved in CTBD and Open the Book.

10 CARE AND PASTORAL

We are still seeking a Pastoral Care Coordinator. Claire aware some Church Family "go missing", could people please make a note, as this is used by the Pastoral Care Committee (as they have a missing people category), and is important to follow up.

11 ACCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Have been informed the AV system is now being used for Funerals.

12 RESOURCES AND BUILDINGS

Standing Committee Reports. Pointing repair for war memorial to go ahead, Proposed: John Riley, Seconded: Leigh Winsbury. Plaque for David Wetherill, all PCC in agreement (size 6" x 4") subject to David's widow Sally being in agreement with the words. Pulpit safety notice to be used when Messy Church and Cryptonites in Church. Christmas services, Christmas Eve, 8 and 10 am Holy Communion, double Nativity at 2 and 4 pm, Midnight mass 11pm. Decided to cancel (Tues) Boxing Day communion. Claire has written an excellent diplomatic letter to the Freemasons. Bishop Robert's comment: "guiding people in a different direction is sometimes our job". PCC all in agreement. Standing Committee Reports for July and August accepted. Standing Committee asked PCC what style and content would they like in PCC minutes. PCC agreed for bullet point decisions only, rather than longer notes.

Safeguarding, Linda Fewings our DBS Verifier does not need a DBS check. Ellie and Pattie to go on the C1 Safeguarding Course 28 Sept, others can use the online course.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Chris received a 'General History' on our Father Willis Organ, more as a guide, as we have lost two grants due to improvements being made. Claire extended her thanks, &

the PCCs', to Ellie who has been working hard at our grants/faculties and Appeal.
Received a thank you card from Stuart.

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm. Closing Prayer by Leigh.

Next PCC meeting will be on 13 November 2017 at 7.25 pm in St. Mary's House

Signed Chair