

ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017

PRESENT Rev'd Leigh Winsbury – in the chair,
Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore – Team Rector
Sheila Pullin, Chris Hall – Churchwardens
Ben Duhig, Ellie Doe, Richard Holwill, Moira Mackenzie, Pattie Morris,
Sue Sparkes, Rev'd Maddy Bray (Administrator), Sally Strutt, Wayne Britt, Maggie
Murray, Steve Roberts, Peter Kent, David Wilson

1. **PRAYER**

Led by Claire

2. **APOLOGIES**

John Riley

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 8 MAY 2017**

One amendment under Holiness and Spirituality: Sheila stated regarding the full immersion baptism that she had said at the meeting she wanted to know why there was no testimony from the candidate, rather than why the candidate wanted a full immersion. Following this amendment the minutes were approved, proposed by Sheila and seconded by Moira, and signed by the Chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Maddy talked about the appointments and confirmed Jo Sawle would sit on the Mission and Children's Committees. Didn't yet know about Rosie Woolaway regarding Pastoral Care. Bekah Tanton to be asked about being on Youth and Children's Committee.

5. **PRESENTATION ON CHILDREN AND COMMUNION by Katherine Lyddon, Diocesan Children's Work Advisor**

Katherine presented a PowerPoint presentation which explained about where communion has come from through the Bible. She confirmed the House of Bishops published Guidelines for those dioceses wishing to admit children to communion in 1996, with these becoming Regulations in 2006 and were included in the Canons of the Church of England. The PCC now need to consider whether to allow this and there was a procedure to follow which was explained, which was that if the PCC agreed, the congregation would need to be consulted, then the PCC would make a resolution, the PCC then decide on how to prepare the children and the PCC would follow the administrative process in order to allow it.

There were a number of questions raised – Claire asked whether there was some teaching about communion for services – Katherine confirmed there was. Leigh asked if other churches had looked at this. Katherine confirmed that there were 8 parishes in the Diocese who have proceeded with this. Ellie asked how long did the 8 parishes take to introduce this, Katherine stated it took different amounts of time. Maddy expressed concerns about this segregating the children, by some parents allowing them to take communion and others not. Katherine stated that the fear of segregation was not a reason not to do it. Maddy felt there were many considerations to be thought about.

Chris stated he felt the argument had been well presented and there did not appear to be an argument against this. David asked why did it matter that children should take communion. Katherine's response was that Baptism makes one a part of the body of Christ. Leigh stated that Baptism is given away to anyone regardless, but the children belonging to the church are not allowed to take communion. Peter asked whether there was an expectation that if the children were allowed communion, they would then go onto confirmation. Katherine stated that the

Manchester statistics (one of the 3 experimental dioceses since 1993) showed that the confirmation age had gone up as a result of children being allowed communion, and that they stayed with church into their adult life. Claire asked whether because of baptism numbers would this be a green light to be more of an incentive for those to come and receive communion – this was felt to be a much wider issue. Maddy stated that the first communion after confirmation should be a special service, it was agreed that this would still happen.

Richard felt we should have time to reflect on what we'd heard and then have a debate at the next PCC meeting.

Thanks given to Katherine for her very good presentation.

6. HOLINESS AND SPIRITUALITY

Team Rector's Report

6.1 Claire stated that the interview date for the Children's and Youth Family Team Leader would be 7th August at 11 am, Katherine, Sheila, Pattie and Claire to interview.

6.2 The new Vicar profile was complete and the post would be advertised next week.

6.3 Freemasons – a discussion took place about the Freemasons bringing banners into church. Maddy proposed that the church should not accept any money from the Freemasons, seconded by Sheila, all agreed.

6.4 Organist – one application has just been received, just after another advert has been published with a closing date of 31st July 2017. The title in the advert was Director of Music, this was to broaden out the role. Richard stated that the proper process should be followed with regard to interviewing and appointing.

6.5 Five Parish Meeting was held on 28th June – the profile is complete and the advertisement will be published in the Church Times this week.

7 EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

There had been seven written reports previously circulated to the PCC members:

Youth & Children – Pray and Play was currently on hold

Social Committee – Claire said it was a lovely afternoon tea at Tangletrees,

Mission Committee – nothing reported

Christians Together in Bideford and District – There is a date in October for ministers to attend a meeting with the congregation and another meeting in November. There had been no response from the bulletin asking for people to go onto this committee.

8 CARE AND PASTORAL

Lynn Winsbury is still looking to stand down from being Pastoral Care Co-ordinator so we are still looking for a replacement.

9. ACCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Communications – none

10. RESOURCES AND BUILDINGS

Standing Committee Report

Appeal - It was proposed that Phil Hinton should undertake the design for the disabled access and the inner door at a cost of about £600; proposed by Richard, seconded by Ben, all agreed. It is expected that in due course Sam Percival will become the Supervising Architect so that Phil's work will have a RIBA stamp of approval. David asked whether the work was being completed in stages – Richard explained that at this stage it was only getting things in place. He also mentioned

that the Appeal should have its own item on the PCC Agenda as had been agreed at the previous meeting. It will be added for the next meeting. Ellie explained the process for applying for a faculty, which was lengthy. A design and quote would need to be ready before the faculty was applied for.

First Aid – there were various cost options for first aid training. Richard suggested we should find out who currently holds a current first aid certificate and then identify who should be trained. Leigh said that all the clergy definitely should be, all agreed. Sheila had put some laminated instructions on how to fill out the Accident Book in the kitchen.

Clock – A resident had asked whether the chimes on the clock could be changed from 12 midnight to 6am to 10pm to 8am. All agreed this should be done and Sheila would ask Paul Wilson if he could do it. If he couldn't then it could be sorted when the clock was serviced in October.

Review and structure, shape and organisation of St Mary's – this was clarified by Claire that someone in the Holy Trinity Barnstaple had looked at the management structure of their church and she thought it might be good for an outside person to come and do this at St Mary's, it would cost £1000. Richard said there were no funds for this. Leigh asked whether the diocese could do this – this to be looked into.

There was no legal requirement for the PCC minutes to be displayed, however after they are approved they can be. For transparency it was felt they should be. Proposed by Pattie and seconded by Peter and agreed that the minutes would be displayed after approval at the following PCC meeting.

David talked about the plaster falling off the ceiling and wanted Sheila to clarify why the minutes stated there was nothing to report. Sheila stated that she meant that nothing urgently needed doing. David stated he could not predict if plaster would fall off the ceilings due the height and he'd need scaffolding to have a proper look. Chris said that in extreme weather, it became an issue. He felt that if an insurer came they would wonder why we hadn't done anything about the ceilings.

Maddy mentioned that she needed permission from each PCC member to allow the emails to be used openly with each other. All agreed, with the proviso that Sheila stated she wanted her email limited to the PCC only not the other parishes.

Safeguarding

Peter stated the system for requesting references and the verification of details for DBS checks is working well. He thanked Sue for doing the Safeguarding training on 6 June at C0 level, and 3 others had completed their training online. Further Safeguarding C0 training will be held at Holy Trinity Barnstaple on 28th September; people to let Peter know if they would like to attend.

Sheila Pullin's and Milly Peart's DBS checks run out in October; Chris proposed, seconded by Sue and all agreed their renewal process should start at Regulated Activity level. As Milly is a paid employee, St Mary's needs to pay for her check.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Claire said she had received a letter from Rev'd Gwen thanking St Mary's for their part of her leaving present.

Maddy closed the meeting with a prayer.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.25 pm in St Mary's House.

Signed Dated