

## PCC Minutes January 29<sup>th</sup>2020

### Present:

James Kennedy (Chair) **(JK)**

Peter Williams (Secretary) **(PW)**

Kathryn Groves **(KG)**

Jamie Bell **(JB)**

Toby Artis **(TA)**

Martha Simpson **(MS)**

Graham Povey **(GP)**

Jo Graves **(JG)**

Tim Woolcock **(TW)**

Judith Marshall **(JEM)**

David Bishop **(DB)**

Jules Clarke **(JC)** (Treasurer)

Mark Knight **(MK)**

Jos Grant **(JGr)**

Bill Rees **(BR)**

### Martha Simpson took the Chair

1. **Worship** Martha led our worship with prayer, a reading from Psalm 44 and with the song "You are the Way".
2. **Apologies:** Nicola Riley **(NR)**

3. **Notification of any other business –**
  - a) **Office Staff**
  - b) **Rafiki Thabo Foundation**

### 4. **The Minutes of the PCC Meetings on 20.11.19 and 9.12.19**

The minutes, previously circulated, were received and signed as correct.

### 5. **Notification of any RIDDOR reportable incidents since last PCC meeting - None**

### 6. **Conflict of interest for any PCC member involving any item on this agenda – None**

### 7. **Safeguarding – Serious Incidents - None**

### 8. **Items**

#### 8.1 **APCM – Date/Members/Churchwardens/Arrangements**

The date for the meeting was fixed for March 29<sup>th</sup>2020 after the morning service and in the Parish Rooms.

Both churchwardens were willing to stand and arrangements would again need to be made in the meeting.

All Deanery Synod members were up for re-election this year. We are entitled to nominate **four** following the increase in the numbers on our electoral roll. New synod members would only be able to stand for two periods of three years. **JGr** and **JG** are willing to stand again.

There will be five vacancies on the PCC. Two of these will hopefully be filled by the new treasurer **(JC)** and the proposed new secretary **(MC)** if elected. **PW** and **BR** might be willing to stand again.

## 8.2 Buildings Update

The paper from Gina Orchard, previously circulated, was received. **JK** would make further comments at our Day Away.

## 8.3 Vicar's Vestry

The following had been received from **EK**:

Currently the Vicar's Vestry is used for Ignite (3-5 age group). We are getting between 6-11 children in this group each week, and it is a delightful group. It had always been our plan to move this group into the Parish Rooms when the division was put up. However, Oneway (5-11), is now about 20-25 children each week, with a large range of abilities, and after speaking with the leaders we feel that this group needs to split, for good leadership, and also for the group to grow.

I have also spoken to the Ignite leaders, and they think that the success in the young children settling is mainly due to them feeling like they are remaining in church near their parents. (Parents reflect this too).

Therefore we have decided it would be best to keep Ignite in the Vestry and split Oneway.

The Vestry is now very rarely used before the service - the clergy have kindly adapted their routine. The problem is that it is a small space, made smaller by a number of items of furniture that are in the room. We would like to ask for some of these items of furniture to be removed, creating a more uncluttered, safer space. It would also be helpful to store a stack of children's chairs and 2 collapsing tables in the cupboard and to fit a stair gate to prevent accidental falls.

Please could you put this to the PCC and I would imagine the Fabric Committee, also.

(PS - there is also a resident mouse if anyone cared to relocate this!)

After brief discussion and general agreement, this was referred to the Fabric Committee.

## 8.4 PCC Day Away Arrangements September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

Venue : Cherington Village Hall

Time: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Agenda:

- 1) Building to Serve Project
- 2) "Simple Church" document (previously circulated) and connected discussion.

**JEM** offered to bring drinks and **KG** to bring cake/biscuits.

## 8.5 Reports

a) **Vicar** The report, previously circulated, was received. There had been 9 guests at the first night of Alpha.

b) **Treasurer** Four papers, previous circulated were received and also distributed at the meeting. The Treasurer spoke to his report. Thanks were due to **EO'S**. It would be good to work towards a rolling budget so that funds could be released and re-allocated when need arose. **JC** would arrange a meeting with **EO'S**, **NR** and **KG** to look at the accounts together and to support **EO'S** in the office. **MK** queried an £8,000 spend which, in fact, was allocated for parish rooms roof repair.

Work on the Parish rooms screens was not quite complete and we had withheld the final payment until satisfaction. **AE** was dealing with this and **BR** would e-mail him contract information. The soundproofing was very good.

c) **Churchwardens'** No report.

d) **Fabric Committee** The report, previously circulated, was received.

e) **Pastoral** The report, previously circulated, was received. **JEM** spoke about the Bereavement and Funeral course to be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

f) **Outreach** The report, previously circulated, was received. It was noted that 'Pandemonium' would not be happening this year and people would be encouraged to support the Kingham Festival.

g) **Youth** The report was deferred until the next meeting.

h) **Discipleship and Training** The report, previously circulated, was received.

### 8.8 Any Other Business

- 1) **Office Staff** There was discussion about possible staffing re-structuring.
- 2) **Rafiki Thabo Foundation** The Mission Group had mentioned our possible future support. Our Youth had visited Kenya with the Foundation two years ago. **JK** distributed a brochure introducing the work. **John Uglow**, our local contact in Churchill, had been thrilled to hear of our possible involvement and would be very willing to speak to the PCC or in a service about the work. Bishop Liverson, the bishop of Taita-Taveta Diocese would be visiting this country next year and would, in all probability, be visiting this area giving us a brilliant opportunity to 'grow' this relationship.
- 3) The secretary agreed to send a card on behalf of the PCC to Jonny and Katie celebrating the birth of Poppy. **JG** agreed to arrange for flowers to be sent.
- 4) The secretary agreed to send a card to Chris and Thene Mitchell in appreciation of all that they had done for us at St Mary's and to wish them God speed for the future.

The meeting closed with the prayer.

The next bi-monthly meeting is on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

Signed ..... Date .....