

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH EMMER GREEN

**Minutes** of meeting 04/2016 of the Parochial Church Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 in the Parish Centre.

The meeting began with prayer and reflection led by RA

**1.Present:** Derek Chandler (DC & Chair) David Howell (DH & Secretary), Bob Abel (RA), Mark Burton (MB), Felicity Chapman (FC), Richard Cunningham (RC), Bill Harper (BH), Sue Harper (SH), Wendy Howell (WH), Roger Moore (RM), Jean Rae (JR), and Sandra Rice (SR)

**Apologies:** May Smith (MS) & Susie Downer (SD),

### **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

03/2016 - 6.5 Sound System. Comments had yet to be received on the quote for relocation of the control desk. Secretary to write to Douglas Rae stating the PCC's will and position regarding moving this action forward. Action DH

03/2016 - 12. Altar frontal. Options for a new frontal are being considered. No change  
7.2 PCC Safeguarding process to be reviewed in March Action BH

### **4. Correspondence**

4.1 Material relating to the Archdeacons update were read out

4.2 Reading Deanery Synod 23<sup>rd</sup> May would be at St Barnabas.

4.3 National Safeguarding Audit request - Secretary responded to the Bishops Office on behalf of the Benefice

4.4 Proposed Parish Share 2017. No action required

4.5 Please can St Barnabas PCC consider how we can help persecuted Christians in a practical way from Jon Barclay. To be discussed at the next Standing Committee

### **Ongoing Topics**

### **5. Financial Monitoring**

5.1 The year end forecast is anticipated to show a small surplus. Paper circulated and nothing else to report

### **6. Hall & Buildings Committee**

BH reported on current activity

6.1 Organ. All actions are now complete so the project is now closed.

6.2 The Memorial Bricks have been replaced at no cost to the Church. The PCC wish to thank Brian O'Riordan for his generosity and professional work. Action BH

6.3 The general location of the centre roof leak has been established and fixed.

6.6 A report was made on proposed changes to management of the Parish Centre and Church. Further progress will be reported to the Standing Committee.

### **7. Regular Giving**

13 people have either joined the scheme or increased their giving. One has dropped out. The net increase (inc Gift Aid) is in the region of £3,000 in the next full year. The message remains the same. The target is £5,000 per annum. Good progress has been made, but only 13 out of 90 in the Regular Giving Scheme have taken action. Next report will be at the APCM in April.

## **8. Children & Young People Committee**

Nothing to report

## **9. Wider Church**

9.1 Churches Together in Caversham. There will be a Lent Study Group partnering with the Rev Judith Ryder from Thameside titled "A Lent Film Club".

9.2 Reading Deanery Synod. Roger Moore was accepted as a new deanery Synod representative. Nothing else to report

## **10. Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)**

The following was proposed by Mark Burton and seconded by Sue Harper with a majority vote in favour:

"Following an extraordinary meeting of the PCC on 1st December 2016 to discuss 'Partnership for Missional Church' with Rev Rachel Ross Smith and Rev Gill Lovell the PCC resolves that St Barnabas Church withdraws from the PMC pilot project with immediate effect."

## **Single Topic Items**

### **11. PCC Away-Day**

11.1 The event will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January with the theme of "Engagement" looking primarily at the Church's relationships in the community. It will endeavour to answer the questions of; why we need to engage; what does engagement mean and what does community mean?

11.2 A small team was proposed to define a structure for the day and will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### **12. Licensing for Home Communion**

12.1 Currently Derek conducts on average 10 home communions per month. It is not sustainable having only one individual under licence. The PCC needs to reflect on how additional volunteers can be selected and a smooth transition accomplished. Any suggestions to the PCC Secretary (cc: DC). Action All

### **13 Christian Aid Giving**

13.1 The PCC agreed that this activity is something that it would continue to be associated with in the future and will give it full support.

13.2 Advertisement for a owner/coordinator to be placed in the Service sheet notices. Action: JR

### **14 Pastoral Care Update**

Brief highlights from the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December were reported by DH

### **15 Proposed changes to Standing Committee**

15.1 It was proposed and unanimously approved by PCC that a non-officiate PCC member be elected to the Standing Committee. Such person to be proposed by the Standing Committee and approved at the APCM.

15.2 Roger Moore was elected to the Standing Committee till the APCM

### **16 "COGS Service" Review**

16.1. A paper summary of the service feedback sheets was provided for the PCC that showed a positive response from the congregation.

16.2 COGS Services have been part of St Barnabas for two years and now function under the direction of a Steering Group comprising of Mark & Debbie Burton, Derek Chandler, Marianne Long and Felicity Chapman. Many changes have been made during this period to make the services work and be more inclusive.

16.3 MB proposed that COGS Service be formally adopted and should no longer be expressed as an experiment. Proposal was seconded by RM and unanimously approved by the PCC

16.4 The COGS Steering Group were reminded to reflect on how many children may attend during Holiday time and to therefore be pragmatic in tailoring the service appropriately.

## **17 Communications and Web Site**

17.1 RM presented a paper compiled for PCC members.

17.2 Main recommendations

- Computer Training Course
- Communications Communicator
- Designated photographer for events
- Editor for new letter
- Increase size of the Website team
- Issue a short communications policy

## **18. Any Other Business**

JR informed the PCC that the “Service of Word” on the 19<sup>th</sup> February will be a Fellowship Service with various Fellowship Groups participating.

## **19. Future Meetings**

**Standing Committee** 14<sup>th</sup> February, and 21<sup>st</sup> March

**PCC** 28<sup>th</sup> February (Introductory reflection – volunteer to contact DH)

**APCM** 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Approved by:

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Reverend Derek Chandler  
Chairman  
Date xx /xx/ 2017