

Meeting of St Michael's PCC

23rd September 2014

Present – Colin Snell, Ernie Cannings, Helen Clegg, Bob Nicholls, Cathryn Howse, Joan Slade, Alison Brown, Roger Bailey, Mollie Floyd, Nicki Bradford, Steve Smith, Mervyn Deer

Apologies – Ann Goddard, Sue Dunn

Minutes of last meeting – agreed as true record, proposed BN, seconded NB, all agreed.

Other items – a) Churchwardens – HC planning to stand down at next AGM.

b). PCC Awayday or Parish Weekend – discussion about reasons why and where, if we want to go ahead we will need a team to look at this. Talk to others, feedback next meeting.

c). Quiz night/beetle drive – Sue Reekie thinking of doing a quiz night for Christian Aid.

Matters arising – Fairtrade – we are now formally a Fairtrade Church, PCC to be diligent about fair trade products.

Church and Community – NB has carried out risk assessments for Toddler Church, we need guards for the heaters in kitchen hall and a stair gate for the kitchen door. Agreed to get this done, MD to initiate. Discussion about H&S and fire exits on Sunday morning with children's tables set up. NB looking at type of family service, planning first one on afternoon of 9th November, lots of volunteers to help. Discussion about types of Church, outreach and how to integrate newcomers into our Church. Summer play sessions and Toddler Church through the holidays went really well.

Finance and CGS – 8 month figures, estimate on rest of year, will be more clear in November. Funds in account available, around £50,000. Parish Share to be discussed in November as we will have information from Diocese about next year's payment. Figures to be distributed to PCC before the next meeting so they can be viewed beforehand. CGS this year up and down, very good income overall, 90% response rate to CGS campaign – will follow up those who haven't responded. Five year plan included plans for carpet, etc. all team to revisit 5 year plans for November PCC.

Action teams – PCC agenda is generic, role of PCC and action teams discussed. Long agendas will slow down business and action teams should be considering, discussing and sending feedback and proposals for PCC. We need PCC members to get involved in the action teams to help this process. Discussion about teams and their role. PCC members to be assigned to action teams.

Youth/Outreach – NB/CH building database of contacts, NB meeting with BHS to look at SOP and present them with completed banners. Need more volunteers and active people to join youth and outreach team. Good follow up from baptisms in August.

Ministry Action Team – programme for Christmas in place, Harvest coming up and will be set up in cafe Church style. Patronal following weekend.

Pastoral Care – visit to Hestercombe in July, planned Quiet Day to Wells later this month led by Sue Dunn. Usual visiting going on.

Estates – summer maintenance went really well, good response. H&S – need to review annually and on PCC agenda each time. CH to circulate H&S policy for November meeting.

Other Groups - Bishop Henderson – no report. JJ continues with her work at the school. Discussion about links with school families and baptism follow up. MU are running a parenting course starting October.

TCT – Street Pastors, Town Chaplaincy, School Pastors all going on town wide.

LMG/Deanery Synod – Church leaders meet regularly for prayer from LMG. Deanery Synod – new Bishop coming soon to look at 10 year plan for ministry. November 24th at 7pm Deanery Synod will meet here with new Bishop to answer questions: What would you ask the Bishop? What would you consider the Bishop's priority should be? Amalgamate questions from other Churches.

Update from CMT – insurance – answer from Ecclesiastical about Church transport. Cars should have insurance for accidents, any problems on Church premises covered by Public Liability. Pre-School – carpet is on going issue as would benefit from more regular cleaning and we may have to have a different floor covering for that hall, free flow door dependent on Pre-School funding but planning permission agreed. Future PCC dates distributed. Leprosy Mission – CS hosting a speaker training day for Leprosy Mission on October 18th.

Next meeting – November 18th 2014.