

PARISH OF ST ANDREW ENFIELD

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Rev. Lizzie Baughen, Frances Cansfield, Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Robert Paing, Claire Reilly, Mark Thebridge, Victoria Wiggins, Patience Wilson, John Tanner, Emma Byrne, Rex Bourne, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Emma Oppong-Addai, Damian Browne

1. Opening Prayer

1.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome to new Members and returning Members of the PCC.

Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths welcomed the new Members of the PCC and outlined the roles and the responsibilities of the PCC and the relationship between St Andrew's and the wider Church of England and the Dioceses of London.

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Apologies were received from: Diane Cater, Fliss Cox, Barrie Lane, Illy Duce, Ruth Mackay

5. Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th March and 29th April 2017

6. The minutes of the meeting of 14th March and 29th April 2017 were approved subject to Diane Cater's name being removed from those in attendance.

7. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions

7.1. The following matters arising were noted:

Clare Whetstone will continue to act as Treasurer until a replacement is found but is not a member of the PCC

8. Vicar's Report

8.1. Rev Dr Steve Griffiths introduced his report. The main points to highlight were:

- Grant applications - the Mardulyn Trust have agreed further funding until 2018 and will consider further funding for the MABS project once detailed costings have been submitted.
- Commissioned Ministry - the training is almost complete although ongoing training will be provided for all Commissioned Ministers.

8.2. The establishment of the Music group was raised and Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths confirmed that he intends meeting all those who have expressed an interest in joining the group in July with a view to starting in September.

8.3. Attendance figures were raised and it was agreed that these would be presented to the PCC at a future meeting. Rev Dr. Steve Griffiths confirmed that for the period January to April 2017 the average weekly attendance was 252 compared with 254 for the same period in 2016. Sunday attendance figures were 203 for 2017 compared to 227 in 2016. These figures reflect the expected trend following a new Vicar arriving in a Parish.

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Action: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths to present attendance figures to a future meeting of the PCC.

9. Finance Advisory Group

9.1. Finance Report –Rev Dr Steve Griffiths Informed the meeting that he was hopeful that a new Treasurer would be appointed shortly. The deposit account has not needed to be accessed to date and that there is £7000 in the Current Account. Enfield Council owes £4500 which is being pursued through the Chief Executive.

10. Buildings Advisory Group.The report from the group was received and the following points noted

- The fault with the car park barrier has been repaired and it has operated without a problem for the last 4-6 weeks
- The church boiler has been serviced
- Work on the Chancel Organ Pipes has begun
- Rob Paing reported that the roof of the Parish Centre needs urgent attention as there is a leak affecting the flat
- Rob Paing is working through the outstanding work identified in the Quinquennial Report to arrive at an estimated cost to carry out all the repairs

11. MABS Advisory Group

11.1. MABS Report. Rev Dr Steve Griffiths highlighted:

- Official notification that MABS is a London Campus to deliver CertHE from September 2017.
- Positive feedback has been received from the Dioceses of London regarding the Ministry Project and it was anticipated that funding for the project will be confirmed in July.
- Hannah Buller has been appointed as Apprentice Girl's Worker.
- Work continues to improve the functioning of Exodus.

The meeting expressed their thanks to all the staff and volunteers involved with the MABS Project for their hard work and ministry.

12. Deanery Synod. It was noted that we have the option of nominating 4 people to represent the Church at the Deanery Synod. One person has expressed an interest in becoming a Rep and Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths is meeting them to explore this further.

It was proposed by Emma Byrne and seconded by Mark Thebridge that Rev. Dr Steve Griffiths be authorised to appoint Deanery Synod representatives on behalf of the APCM.

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13. Mark of Mission 2 – Teaching and Nurturing Disciples

13.1. Confirmation Service: it was noted 56 people had been confirmed in the last 3 years.

14 Mark of Mission 3 - Tending to those in Need

Commissioned Ministers Update: Rev. Lizzie Baughen is taking the lead in Pastoral Care and will be developing a strategy and also mapping out all current links and activity. One final training session will be taking place. The Commissioned Ministers will be championing Lay Ministry which should be the responsibility of all Church Members. The possibility of having specific people available to pray with members of the congregation was discussed and this will be explored with the Commissioned Ministers.

15 AOB.

15.1 Church Opening. Rex Bourne outlined his experience of being in Church on Thursday mornings. The PCC discussed the pros and cons of reopening the Church with or without members of the congregation being in attendance. The unanimous view of the meeting was that the Church should be open as a matter of course between the hours of 9.00 to 15.00 and that the congregation should be encouraged to use the Church during these hours.

Date of Next Meeting –17th July 7.30pm. Venue - Church Vestry