

# St Andrew's Church

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry

Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Victoria Wiggins, Patience Wilson, Paul Edwards,, Diane Cater, , Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Barrie Lane, , Rex Bourne, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Ruth Mackay, John Tanner, Richard Berndes, Paul David.

### 1. Opening Prayer

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

### 2. Apologies for absence received from : Lizzie Baughen, Frances Cansfield, Claire Reilly, IllyDuce, Emma Oppong-Addai, Damian Browne.

### 3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were approved.

### 4. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions.

4.1. Cathy Mann's attendance at PCC. Steve has invited Cathy Mann to the PCC meeting in November.

4.2 Toilet Twinning. It was noted that we had received photos of the sponsored toilets which will be displayed.

4.3 Prayer Haven. Rev. Steve Griffiths informed the meeting that it was not practical at this time to apply for permission to decorate the outside of the Haven as this was time consuming and if permission was granted we did not have the funds to undertake the work.

5. Vicar's report. Rev Steve Griffiths presented his report to the meeting. The following issues were highlighted.

- 2 Bible study Groups have been started and over time it is anticipated that the number will grow.
- The Haven is well used by pupils of the Grammar and County schools with the majority of those using the facility being boys.
- The arrangements following David Andrews' departure in September. It was agreed to explore the option of undertaking some improvements in the Parish Centre to reduce the amount of Caretaking time needed. Concern was expressed that the Vicar should not undertake too many additional duties while a permanent solution is found. All of David's duties in relation to MABS will be covered. The lack of male presence in MABS was noted. David will be paying rent from the beginning of September..

The PCC thanked David Andrews for all his contributions over the last year and wished him every success in the future.

6. Bell Tower. The meeting was informed that following receipt of the Quantity Surveyor's report, the cost of completing the planned work on the Bell Tower is in excess of £1 million. The Vicar met with Rob Paing and it has been estimated that to make the roof watertight,

remove the flag pole and replace the Green oak beam would cost in the region of £30,000. The meeting considered the various options and concluded that it was not practical to submit a bid for funding through the Lottery as 10% of the cost would need to be raised locally and the method of raising the funds needed to be included in the bid.

**It was proposed by John Tanner and seconded by Paul Edwards that the option of undertaking the minimum level of work to make the Bell tower weatherproof and safe should be pursued while an effective bid to the lottery is developed.**

**This was carried unanimously by the PCC.**

## 7. Finance Report.

7.1 Common Fund. Rev Steve Griffiths informed the meeting that he had contacted the Archdeacon to explore the possibility of not meeting the whole of the Church's Common Fund payment next year because of the current level of expenditure needed to make the Bell Tower safe and other significant commitments. There was a wide ranging discussion regarding the level of contribution we should make in 2019 towards the Common Fund. The financial challenges facing the Church over the future were acknowledged.

**The PCC agreed that we should respond to the Archdeacon "That it was not possible at this moment in time to make a decision on our contribution as we need to explore the terms of an Area Loan and obtain a quote for the essential work to the Bell Tower. However we are minded to make the full contribution.**

7.2 Half year Budget. The PCC noted the half year budget. The current overspend on Expenditure of £4103 is anticipated to be reduced over the next 6 months. The need to increase giving and tithing by the congregation was acknowledged and it was agreed that the PCC should have a full discussion on this issue later in the year.

**Action: Dinos Kousoulou to agenda.**

8. Mission Action Plan Towards 2030. The draft Mission Action Plan(MAP) was discussed and it was noted that more detail was available in the two supporting documents for those who need it. It is hoped to have the new MAP available in the Autumn and it will be distributed to the Congregation and made available to visitors and included in the Welcome Pack. It was recommended to change the opening paragraph to make it a positive statement, to include a statement of Giving and to add a section at the end to let people know how they can contribute and get involved.

**It was proposed by Victoria Wiggins and seconded by Andrea Edwards that the Draft MAP should form the basis for the next MAP to cover the period to 2022.**

**This was unanimously agreed by the PCC.**

## 9. AOB.

9.1 Eucharistic Ministers. The Bishop of Edmonton wishes to reissue certificate to all those who are Eucharistic Ministers for the next 3 years. Rev Steve Griffiths read out the names for all those who are currently on the rota as Eucharistic Ministers.

**It was proposed by Patience Wilson and seconded by Ruth Mackay that all names of those who are currently on the rota as Eucharistic Ministers should be submitted to the Bishop to be certified for the next 3 years.**

**This was unanimously agreed by the PCC.**

Closing Prayer

The meeting ended with prayer and the Grace.

Date of next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Archdeacon's Visitation.)