

# PARISH OF ST ANDREW ENFIELD

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry

1. Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Diane Cater, Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Barrie Lane, Vicki Wiggins, Illy Duce, Ruth Mackay, Damian Browne, Emma Byrne, Frances Cansfield, Claire Reilly, Robert Paing, John Tanner, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Emma Oppong-Addai.

### 2. Opening Prayer

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

3. Apologies for absence received from: Rob Barwood-Symmons, Patience Wilson, Rex Bourne, Dinos Kousoulou, Mark Thebridge, Rev. Lizzie Baughen, Floss Cox

### 4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 17 July were approved.

### 5. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions

5.1. The following matters arising were noted:

- 3: Apologies should include Floss Cox;
- 5.1.10 The chancel organ work is almost complete but the VAT (£2,000) needs to be claimed back. Steve Griffiths to write to the donor who funded the work with thanks;
- 5.1.10 Interim repairs have been made to the Parish Centre roof;
- 6.2 Attendance figures remain broadly as at the same period in 2016;
- 8 There is no Finance report given the move to quarterly reporting but there are no cash-flow issues with the previous position have been resolved; and
- 9 The Archdeacon's letter on the Common Fund contribution had been circulated.

### 6. Vicar's Report

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

- the joined-up approach to youth ministry across Enfield would need to reflect the position and views of other churches for which the Vicar of St Andrew's is patron once St Andrew's was a Minster. The initiative would look at a joined-up approach and initial responses were positive;
- the initiative would focus on training and development across those churches but would need to build on what those churches were looking for and avoid the suggestion that St Andrew's was seeking to draw off the youth from other churches;
- there was a discussion around the relationship between the St Andrew's social media presence and the church community and the degree to which they are compatible and there was a recognition of the need to bring people into community. Use of social media creatively would be part of the role profile for the discipleship worker. Spirituality should be part of all elements of everyday life;
- the Facebook group has a clear demographic but consideration may need to be given to providing more explanation and a variety of material. Facebook live

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sessions will be introduced over the coming months, with short sessions on theology. Other means of streaming in parallel material could be considered;

- the Music Group has met for its first practice. There will be further developments over the coming months: first hymn this coming Sunday will be a Taizé chant

### 7. School Governors

7.1. The Rev. Dr Steve Griffiths said that Rex Bourne and Fliss Cox terms had ended. Rex had indicated that he would be prepared to be re-nominated and Chris Willett had indicated that he would stand.

7.2. **Decision:** Rob Paing proposed and Frances Cansfield seconded the nomination of Rex Bourne and Chris Willetts as PCC Governors for St Andrews School. The nominations were approved unanimously by the PCC.

7.3. It was agreed that the Governors should report back to the PCC regularly and consideration should be given to inviting Cath Mann to a PCC meeting

### 8. MABS Advisory Group

8.1. The Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths outlined the membership of the Exodus leadership group and also set out the changes being made with the potential recruitment of junior leaders. He also summarised the current funding position for MABS and the presentation he will be giving to the Diocese on 18 September.

8.2. Ruth Mackay gave her reflections on the first session of her training.

8.3. The Rev Dr Steve Griffiths summarised the progress being made to develop and agree and advertise the job specification for the discipleship worker. The aim was to make an appointment early in 2018. The priority should be discipleship and evangelising young people not youth community work, for which St Andrew's had other resources.

8.4. The transition project would focus on how we bring children into youth and youth into adulthood in the Church and, as a Minister, heading up a research project with a number of other churches to understand and make recommendations to the Diocese on how to address this. Rob Barwood-Symmons and Hannah Buller would also contribute to the project.

### 9. Spirituality at St Andrew's

9.1. The Rev Dr Steve Griffiths introduced his paper and asked for comments on it. In discussion, the following points were made:

- the analysis was based on those who would identify themselves as part of the worshipping community. There was a degree of subjectivity but it reflected the role of a vicar in targeting people on the Engle scale;
- the analysis is not about activity but faith and relationship to God;
- fresh expressions of worship reflects the fact that the Sunday 10am service will not necessarily work for everyone. There need to be new ways of engaging people, like messy church;
- some structure may be needed to allow people to develop ways of expressing and exploring their spirituality and relationship to God;

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- the group who attend infrequently, once or twice a month, but don't worship corporately on a regular basis present a significant challenge; and
- on Mark 4 there are conversations taking place but, as yet, no recommendations. The ALMA link can only be developed through a parish in Mozambique and this is under discussion with the Bishop and Archdeacon. The Mark 4 group should be invited to a PCC meeting to expose the wider activities and issues which are communicated.

10. AOB. There were two items of AOB:

10.1. **Decision:** John Tanner had indicated that he was willing to be nominated as a Trustee of the Old Enfield Charitable Trust. Vicki Wiggins proposed and Emma Byrne seconded the nomination which was approved unanimously by the PCC.

10.2. Following a recent incident Diane Cater questioned whether small groups meeting in church late at night should have additional security arrangements. It was agreed that consideration should be given to additional security provision and in the meantime groups should be advised to lock themselves in.

Date of Next Meeting – 13 November 7.30pm. Venue - Church Vestry