

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, Richard Berndes, Frances Cansfield, Diane Cater, Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Stephanie Lane, Robert Paing, Claire Reilly, Mark Thebridge, Victoria Wiggins, Patience Wilson, John Tanner (Secretary)

1. Opening Prayer

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

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1. Apologies were received from: Emma Byrne, Fliss Cox, Barrie Lane, Diana Lane, Kara McCrory, Imogen Seward-Evans, and Claire Whetstone.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

4. The minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2017 were approved.

5. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions

5.1. The following matters arising were noted:

- Para 5 – enough people have volunteered to form a music group. Following a meeting, the choir are content for the proposition to be taken forward;
- Para 6.2 – the Mark 4 group meets on 15 March, with the Diocesan lead and with the ALMA representative from Holy Trinity, Tottenham, in order to consider developing the ALMA relationship;
- Para 12 – while there had not been a lot of feedback material had been posted on facebook.

5.2. The action and decisions log was updated.

6. Vicar's Report

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

- use of more positive stories and a more joined up narrative in place across the various communications channels. There had been a prioritisation of the Lent reflections, which were well received; and
- Commissioned Ministry and the "Going Deeper" Bible Study groups are going well.

6.2. In discussion the work of the marketing group was raised and it was asked whether this could promote concerts and other events. This was in the light of concern that the recent organ recital had not been well attended. It was noted that there had been a significant amount of promotion of the recital, with direct marketing to in the order of 600 individuals and organisations through various channels. It was noted that the Brass Band concert, on 29 March was being heavily promoted, reflecting the cost of bringing them in.

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7. Finance Advisory Group

7.1. Finance Report – Steve Griffiths said that the previous cash flow problems had been overcome and over £11,000 was now in the current account. Thanks were expressed to Simone Berndes in recovering outstanding funds due. In 2016, without the exceptional expenditure of the car park barrier the PCC would have broken even, notwithstanding the other fabric work.

7.2. Claire Whetstone would be standing down as Treasurer at the AGM. The responsibilities of the role would be split and Simone Berndes would be employed for a further 4 hours a week to take on additional financial responsibilities.

7.3. A number of donations were noted.

8. Buildings Advisory Group

8.1. Building Advisory Group Report – no report being available, Steve Griffiths noted the following points:

- the car park barrier had developed an intermittent fault recently. It had been examined but no fault found and now appeared to be working;
- the church boiler will be serviced on 15 March, with some work also being done to repair heaters in the Parish Centre;
- a number of other minor repairs to be carried out were noted.

8.2. Following the theft of the PA system and the icon in the side chapel the church had been locked. In discussion, the PCC considered whether the church should be opened during daylight hours. The following points were raised:

- many people used the church during the day;
- it would be possible to secure the paintings in the children's corner;
- deterrent signage suggesting the CCTV was in place might assist; and
- encouraging people to come in and exploring the options of a rota.

8.3. **DECISION: The PCC agreed that the church should be reopened during the day and steps taken to secure any movable items.**

9. MABS Advisory Group

9.1. MABS Report Steve Griffiths highlighted:

- that he and Dr Jo Griffiths would be pitching for Minster status to the Diocese on 21 March;
- funding is in place for two part-time girls' workers, with potential candidates being interviewed to week commencing 20 March;
- the training centre proposals are proceeding and look likely to be in place before the next PCC meeting; and
- Barrie Easton's work is all covered by volunteers following his departure on 19 March. Longer term planning is in place, dependent on securing the additional funding through the various initiatives discussed at the 16 January 2017 PCC meeting.

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10. Deanery Synod

10.1. The minutes of the February 2017 Deanery Synod had been circulated before the meeting.

11. Mark of Mission 1 – Telling the Gospel

11.1. Confirmation Service: there are some 8 candidates for confirmation and 8-10 candidates for baptism at the forthcoming service.

11.2. MABS Celebration Service: the Mardulin Trust have asked that a service of celebration take place on 21 May for MABS and the life of the late Mabs Mardulin. This will be two days before the Trustees take future funding decisions.

12. Mark of Mission 2 – Teaching and Nurturing Disciples

12.1. Bible Study Groups: the “Going Deeper” initiative is going well, as is the 20s-30s group.

12.2. Commissioned Ministers Update: the progress and potential of the group was noted.

13. Mark of Mission 3 - Tending to Those in Need

13.1. Lizzie Baughen set out how the pastoral care team is being developed. The PCC noted progress.

14. Mark of Mission 4 – Transform the Unjust Structures in Society

14.1. ALMA Link: Bishop Manuel had enjoyed his visit to St Andrews and was now busy with priestly moves and the enthronement of the new Bishop.

15. Mark of Mission 5 - Treasure God’s Creation

15.1. Eco-Lent: the PCC welcomed the initiative and noted the on-line feedback . The Mark 5 Group will provide a quarterly update on their work and this will cover items such as cleaning products.

16. AOB

16.1. The PCC expressed its thanks to those members standing down at the end of their term and to the Secretary, who is also standing down.

Date of Next Meeting – 29 April 2017 – following AVM and APM