

# PARISH OF ST ANDREW ENFIELD

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Vestry

1. Present: Rev. Dr. Steve Griffiths, Rev. Lizzie Baughen, Diane Cater, Claudia De Rienzo, Andrea Edwards, Dinos Kousoulou, Barrie Lane, Mark Thebridge, Victoria Wiggins, Illy Duce, Rob Barwood-Symmons, Adele Barwood-Symmons, Ruth Mackay, Damian Browne

### 2. Opening Prayer

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

3. Apologies for absence received from : Emma Byrne, Frances Cansfield, Claire Reilly, Robert Paing, Patience Wilson, Rex Bourne, John Tanner,

### 4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June were approved subject to the date being amended to 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### 5. Matters Arising and Actions and Decisions

5.1. The following matters arising were noted:

9. Finance Advisory Group. Rev Steve Griffiths is in discussion with a person who has expressed an interest in joining the FAG.

Enfield Council has now settled all outstanding debts.

10. Buildings Advisory Group. The Chancel Organ Pipes have been repaired at a cost of £15,000 which has been covered by a donation to the Church.

The repairs to the Parish Centre roof remain unresolved. The meeting noted that the whole roof needed to be replaced, which will be a major commitment.

The Church has now been open on a regular basis with no reported problems.

12. Deanery Representative. Andrea Edwards has agreed to be a representative on the Area Synod.

### 6. Vicar's Report

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

- Confirmation that the Dioceses will be investing £210,000 over the next 5 years towards our status as a Minster.
- A preliminary meeting with people interested in forming a Music Group has been held and it is anticipated that the new group would be supplementing the Choir in September.

6.2. Attendance figures. The meeting noted that for the period to the end of June 2017 there had been an average of 210 attendances on Sunday which was the same as 2016.

Total average attendances over the whole week for 2017 were 258 compared to 260 in 2016 for the same period. It was noted that the Bishop of Islington is holding a series of

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workshops looking at Church attendances and Rev. Steve Griffiths has been invited to attend.

### 7. Finance Advisory Group

8. Finance Report –Rev Dr Steve Griffiths presented a spreadsheet showing the financial position at the end of June and projections to the end of the Financial Year. There is a projected surplus of £4697. However, there are still a number of maintenance issues that need to be addressed which will reduce this figure.

9.1 Common Fund contributions 2018. The Diocese has had to increase contributions by 2.9% to cover increased costs. St Andrew's has been asked to make a contribution of £80,600 in 2018. Rev Steve Griffiths reminded the meeting that it has been some years since the Churches finances have enabled a full contribution to be made and this was understood by the Area Archdeacon. The PCC debated the level of contribution to be made with a general consensus that the Church needed to meet its obligations but that the financial situation of the Church would be reviewed before future levels of contribution are agreed. It was also agreed that a request be made to MABS to increase their contribution towards the running costs of the Church by £1000.

**It was proposed by Dinos Kousoulou and seconded by Ruth Mackay that the PCC should commit to paying the full amount of £80,600 in 2018. This was carried unanimously.**

**Action: MABS to be asked to increase their contributions towards the Church's costs by £1000.00.**

9. Deanery Synod. Barry Lane introduced his paper, following the last Synod meeting, on the Ambassadorial Role. The paper was discussed and it was agreed that further work needed to be undertaken in relation to preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.
10. Capital Youth Strategy. The Meeting considered in some detail the paper recently published by the Dioceses on work with youths. This is now a major strategy for the Diocese and St Andrew's will be taking a lead on the implementation of the Strategy through the establishment of the Church as a Minster and the Grant to be received from the Diocese to develop youth engagement through MABS over the next 5 years. The meeting felt that this was an excellent and exciting opportunity for the Church to develop the work that has been started by MABS but recognised that it also carries a number of significant challenges.
11. **AOB.** There were no items of AOB.

Date of Next Meeting –13<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm. Venue - Church Vestry