

Being Transformed by Jesus to see the Kingdom come



PCC Notes at meeting

Approved by PCC on 14th March 2016

Date: Saturday 27th February 2016 9.30 a.m.
Venue: Linden Gate Meeting Room
Chair: Paul Langham
Apologies: Jill Garfitt, Mark Parsons, Patrick Bolster, Lindsey Cutter, Janet Lee
Graham Stuart,

Conflict of Interests:

Bible Reflection: Paul Langham led a reflection around Nehemiah 1:4-11. A time of prayer followed.

Paul Langham advise that Granville Sykes has resigned from PCC. Thanks will be extended for his contributions to PCC over some years.

A **MAIN ITEMS**

1. Prayer

- 2.** Vision discernment process update. PL advised that an invite has been extended to Bishop Mike, Bishop Lee, Archdeacon Christine and leaders of Woodies, Hope to contribute to the vision as they see it. 10th March Clergy and Wardens meeting with Ian Parkinson. Saturday 12th March meeting with all leaders with IP. Some apologies have already been notified from PCC members. An agenda will be sent in due course. The meeting were given an overview of who IP is and his experience. Wife works for Tearfund. IP now working full time for CPAS as an advisor church leadership. Also working on schemes of Trinity College leadership. Four evenings had an attendance of circa 120 people. Documents were distributed showing feedback and themes that are emerging. PCC Away Weekend will allow more time for consultations and discernment. Leaders from evenings asked to share within their groups. An opportunity for the church family as a whole to engage in discussions will be arranged in due course. Question around what is happening with the "old" vision? PL believes that this is more to do with the Mission – the Kingdom. It will be interesting to see how many of the values are similar. Q How have we been transformed in the last 3 years? TM shared a testimony of a leader who has seen someone receive healing as they prayed. Reflection from a member that we can easily spend a lot of time in discussions and whether the emphasis would be more actively involved in transforming lives? Reflection that our culture and theology has been challenged. Randy Clarke event was recommended. Q Have we an idea of where we would like to be by APCM? PL hopes that there would be a sense where the leadership were on identity and values. Would hope to be able to talk about the key values. Member recommended the values and feedback comments visible around the church.

Some ideas around liturgical and various ways of communicating were shared. Reflection that we are not an organisation but an organism which grows with the flow...

3. Internship 2016/17 –deferred from last meeting (paper attached)

TM spoke about the intern programme (document was circulated in advance). Various schemes have been in place in the past. Feedback invited...SWM worker - Looking at having someone come in to look at youth ministry training. Office gap (Tiffany) also under consideration – options being discussed at SC Monday – to PCC at weekend away. Finance under discussion. There is a need for practical help at “events” which is a challenge whilst ensuring the balance between the practical other expectations of the role of interns was protected. Q around whether they would be just working in CC – experience of other programmes at other churches where they more broadly employed. PL in experience 4 is common place amongst similarly sized churches. TM tailor making within the wider structure around their areas of interest/potential calling could be put in place. Q around which areas they would be engaged in? TM various areas of ministry – particularly children’s ministry; youth ministry is light in terms of staffing and resourcing, worshipping and evangelism areas and also seniors ministry. However, there are limitations around how many hours they can give alongside their time spent at Cheltenham. Overseas/home mission was advised as a potential area of need. It was confirmed that the overseas mission trip that is part of the intern programme is organised by the scheme. Q enough space in leaders lives to be able to give the time required as line managers/mentors etc. PL advised that he believes it is good in terms of investment. Q they would be monitored by different people? Needs to be done well and be a good experience on both sides of the programme. Reflected that New Wine provide the teaching input. Q more structure in accommodation provision etc. past experience was not entirely successful. TM/PL need to be convinced we can do that well before going ahead with the scheme. Clarity around responsibilities would be carefully communicated. Reflection that expecting people to undertake tasks unpaid etc. Discussion around expectations around training/service and opportunities for discernment. Suggestions around whether Linden Gate would be useable for accommodation. Also reflected around the need to live by faith...balance in all things. Those who are being considered have approached us. Comment that all expectations of both potential interns and CC must be clearly communicated. Q are we sure we can do this without advertising. Budget/finance where they would be taken from? Finances are in a good place – PL sense of a good time to be involved in the costs as detailed.

PL looking for an agreement in principle to going ahead whilst looking at questions raised? Proposal PCC increase ministry training fund by £8000. Reflection that need to be confident in leadership of the scheme are clear. Proposed by Mel, seconded by SW 2 against. 8 in favour.

May need to look at an additional PCC please re-insert 14th March.

4. **Standing Committee member from PCC.** Mindful of changes defer next weekend away. DD need for individual conversations.

B **STANDING ITEMS**

1. Minutes – RH/MP

- PCC Meeting 25th January 2016 for approval (attached). **Approved.**
- SC Meeting 11th January 2016 for noting (attached)

A reminder that it is our custom to let the PCC Secretary know in advance of any changes requested to the minutes. Unless there is something substantial, changes to minutes are not discussed at the meeting.

2. Matters Arising from any of the above minutes

Collections? Agenda for new PCC RH. PL to advise GS

3. Finance Report

Apols from PB. Finance Report and Budget in due course.

4. Wardens Points

None

5. Paul's Points

Confidential. Diocese looking at new ways of training ordinands. PL looking at ways of providing a training hub etc. Create a learning community of both lay and ordained. Meeting on Monday week with Diocesan lead. Would start Sept 2017. All to be confirmed/communicated further in due course.

6. Safeguarding Update

- a. Training on Saturday . SW to send dates to RH for circulation. Need to sign up in advance. Q legal obligation is 1 every 2 years, Diocese every 2 years but aiming for every year. Clergy do 2 years though requirement is every 3 years. Q Will lay ministry training be covered as also effective for church. Jo Hewitt has taken over from Sarah Valentine. Handbook update? Being worked on SW to check. Need for a list of ? SW to sort.

Meeting closed with prayer at 11.11am.