

## Being Transformed by Jesus to see the Kingdom come



### PCC Minutes

**Approved by PCC on 11.06.16**

**Date:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Linden Gate Meeting Room  
**Chair:** Paul Langham  
**Present:** Helen Albon, Brendan Biggs, Patrick Bolster, Alexandra Creavin, David Daniels, Alice Denyer, Melanie Griffiths, Derek Hadden, Sian Lowe, Tim Meathrel, Val Moore, Di Noon, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Catherine Simmonds, Peter Smithson, Graham Stuart, David Troughton, Sara Wadsworth  
**Apologies:** Martin Freye, Janet Lee, Andrew MacPherson, Erica Bebb, Leighton Carr

**Conflict of Interests:** None declared

**Bible Reflection:** Paul Langham led a reflection around Psalm 130. A time of prayer followed.

#### **A** **MAIN ITEMS**

##### **1. Re:vision Process – next steps**

- **Mission & Identity**

It was suggested by a member that the proposed Identity strap line may include some “jargon”, particularly if this is planned to be included on the website. However, it could also be true that it is mostly Christians who will be seeing the website. A suggestion was made that there could be other boxes that could run alongside some of the phrases which would provide an explanation. The use of language always needs to be carefully considered. It was noted that a balance needs to be drawn between the website/communications being user friendly to both Christians and non-Christians. The meeting were encouraged to focus on the language of the identity strap line, irrespective of whether or not this will be included on the website. It was suggested that this dialogue is held in hand in order to see what further work and input comes out of the values and vision discussions. It was also noted that what we are (and how we are perceived) is more important than what we say we are....

The meeting split into groups to discuss

- **Values** – (two groups).

- **Group 1** discussed the fact that many of the words and couplets appeared to need further explanation. How will the words affect those outside and within the church?.
- **Group 2** – some similarity to the discussions within the first group. Tension between words that are distinctive and how does that risk losing bedrock values....love/generosity and welcome – is that a reasonable replacement. Who is it for? – values are inner guidance system which tells the church family how it feels to be part of CC. Could be more challenging to treat people with generosity etc. rather than loving them. When looking at the 6 – generosity and welcome was the questionable couplet. Additional word list – transformation was seen as being desirable as an addition.

It was reflected that none of the words speak clearly about being forgiven people.....? is our "list" missing the permission to fail? It was also reflected that there may well be too many values. It was clear that there will be more work to do at a future date (June 11<sup>th</sup>). A group will look at this in advance and make suggestions; provide explanations to couplets etc.

- **Vision** – (two groups)
  - **Group 1** – (MP has notes)
  - **Group 2** - (Tim led) – had discussions about some of what Ian Parkinson had said at services on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Wording needs to be sharpened and focussed. Missional disciples....discern where God is calling us to pioneer. Identify needs in parish, city etc. Order may not be as written.... Some of the suggestions in the paper provided would be the outworking of the values....Added "wider world" to the extent of the mission statement....

MP/TM/PL will meet to discuss further and make suggestions to the next PCC meeting.

Need to allow vision and values to drive what we do. At some point the values and vision will affect what we do on Sundays and prayer for this was encouraged.

## 2. **RENEW Update**

- 2.1. RENEW prayer** – Julia Patterson is heading this up and PCC members are encouraged to get involved by signing up for a weekly prayer email. Initial feedback has raised awareness of RENEW with people asking for more news on "what is happening". We need to emphasise that RENEW has not been dropped.
- 2.2. Meeting with Benjamin and Beauchamp Architects.** MP and PL have met with the new architect who is likely to be assigned to RENEW.

- 2.3. Café Project.** John Barratt is heading this up, and anticipates that café will be able to open on 1<sup>st</sup> September. More information was requested and this will be included in the next issue of Re:news.
- 2.4. Removal of the remaining pews.** This is a key requirement for the development of the café and a faculty application is being submitted. The PCC was asked to indicate its support of this application.

**Proposal:** The PCC agrees to seek a faculty for the removal and disposal of the remaining pews on the ground floor of Christ Church Clifton in order to complete the removal of the pews which was begun in 2013. Pews to be replaced by existing Howe 4/40 chairs. This was proposed by Sian Lowe, seconded by Mark Orriss and carried unanimously.

- 2.5. Organ.** The DAC has left the door open regarding the removal of the organ but it is difficult to gauge the feeling of the church family on this issue, especially whether there are strong feelings about this particular organ or just organ music in general etc. The RENEW group have asked the architects to consider alternative locations for the offices which don't involve removing the organ. It was noted that one of the drawbacks of not removing the organ is not being able to fully use the north-east door. This issue will need to be prayerfully and sensitively discuss further at some stage. PL is keen for the PCC to consider a church in Frome where an organ has been removed to make space for offices. MP will also put together a brief of activities that currently take place in Linden Gate.

### **3. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Accounts (paper circulated in advance)**

PB gave a brief update and advised that income is ahead of budget and expenditure is under budget. There have been some new ProVision givers in the last few weeks as well as a few who have left the scheme. PB advised the meeting that there are no areas of concern. The Finance Subgroup are considering the best timing for ProVision this year.

### **4. Appointment of a PCC member to the Standing Committee**

PL explained that the SC usually includes three elected members: the Secretary and Treasurer which leaves one vacancy. A method for discerning/electing the member were discussed and it was agreed that emails with suggested names should be sent to the wardens (ideally once being sure that suggested person is willing to stand). There is a need to fill the space soon. The way the SC works was briefly outlined. Mark Orriss advised that he is willing to serve having already served whilst previously on the PCC. PL reflected that each church has need of SC/PCC of differing sizes and "seasons". PCC subgroups will also need to be discussed in the future whilst noting that some are already in place; terms of reference for the groups are included in the PCC handbook. Meetings of SC are timed where possible to allow time to get paperwork together for the PCC.

## **B     STANDING ITEMS**

### **1.     Minutes – RH/MP**

- PCC Retreat 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 were approved.
- SC Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were noted.

### **2.     Matters Arising from any of the above minutes**

### **3.     Finance Report**

### **4.     Wardens Points – none raised**

### **5.     Paul's Points – none raised**

### **6.     Safeguarding Update** - GS provided an update. As of 9th May he had received a standard safeguarding policy from the Diocese which provides a template. An email will be sent to the PCC which includes useful documentation. SW is running a basic safeguarding course on Sunday 19th June (am) PCC members are required to attend safeguarding training.

### **7.     "PCC Tonight" evening on Thursday 9th June 7.45-9.45pm.** Recommended to attend. It was suggested that members may wish to go for a meal before the session. Alice Denyer/MP to co-ordinate numbers.

The meeting closed with sharing the Grace at 21.34pm