



CHRIST CHURCH CLIFTON

Being transformed by Jesus to see the Kingdom come

PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on 25th September 2017

STATUS

Approved
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Present	Helen Albon, Brendan Biggs, David Daniels, Alice Denyer, Derek Hadden, Rosemarie Hall (Minutes), Paul Langham (Chair), Janet Lee, Sian Lowe, Andy MacPherson, Adam Marriott, Val Moore, Di Noon, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Neil Shepherd, Catherine Simmonds, Peter Smithson, Kevin Stone, Graham Stuart, David Troughton
Apologies	Alex Creavin, Cluff Noon, Sara Wadsworth, Jill Garfitt

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
	Introductions and Bible Reflection	The meeting began with Rosemarie Hall announcing her resignation from PCC and the role of PCC Secretary with this being her last meeting; as agreed with Paul Langham. The meeting expressed great appreciation for her service and dedication over the last four years. The meeting were asked to be prayerful around finding a successor. Both Mark Parsons and Rosemarie would be pleased to discuss the role with anyone who may express an interest. It was noted that if the post is filled from outside the PCC the new Secretary would be co-opted for the short term and be asked to stand for election to the PCC at the next APCM.		
	Confidential Item This item was discussed at the start of the meeting (rather than during item B3)	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM The notes of the discussion on this item have been removed from the public minutes.		
A	MAIN ITEMS			
A 1	Report from the Interim Vision and Planning Group	<p>PL/MP gave a verbal update on the work of the Interim Vision and Planning Group over the summer. The group have spent extended time in Scripture and discernment, similar to that practised by the PCC at the Awayday in Nailsea earlier in the year. It was noted the desire to encourage all groups to learn how to lead in this way.</p> <p>MP asked the meeting to engage in an activity in pairs to discuss "How would you describe CC to someone who knew nothing about us?" and note down key thoughts. Groups then met together and common words/themes were shared:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word & spirit • Solid preaching and teaching (over a long time) • Church that builds up...reputation around the country • Inclusive – ages etc. • Traditional/Charismatic – make up of people • Sense of Family • Welcoming and friendly 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible teaching • Place for everyone • Great place for children x 2 • Worship • Preaching • Heritage • Vibrant • Flexible • Busy • Child friendly • Intergenerational • Self-contained • Accessible • Aware of HS and God's Will • Not intimidating for those not used to church • Parish Church takes responsibilities within City and aspire to be outward looking • Youth work • Encouraging new leaders • Exciting • On a journey • Meeting one another and God • Growing in relationship with God • Transformation (people/culture & community) • Identity <p>As these were shared MP grouped these around six themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting God Finding Family • Restoring Identity Releasing Purpose • Empowering People Transforming Culture <p>MP shared his personal reflection on the journey that had been undertaken in the last 6 months noting the importance of asking what God is saying and allowing him to speak through Scripture. The IV&P group have spent over 70 hours together since May including significant times of silence. The group have seen how God has spoken over time. Some work had needed to be done outside of the meetings and then discussed when the group re-convened. There was a commonality of what the group members have experienced; a collective sharing of Scripture and thoughts have been shared. Looking back it can be seen that God has been leading the group on a journey. What has been learnt is not just for that group but has relevance for other meetings.</p> <p>PL reminded the meeting that the family of CC had found the previously communicated vision to be "too wordy" and it needed to be condensed. A paper was distributed summarising the work the IV&P group have done in refining our vision. This is based around three key words which have emerged and remain significant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect - <i>Meeting God / Finding Family</i> • Grow - <i>Restoring Identity / Releasing Purpose</i> • Influence – <i>Empowering People / Transforming Culture</i> <p>The IV&P Group spent the Summer looking at these</p>		
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		<p>words again and again and remain convinced these are what God is asking us to do.</p> <p>The staff team took these words at their retreat and each member of staff had 30 mins to talk with 3 others as to how these words fit into their ministries.</p> <p>Members were asked to take paper away and reflect on how the words work in the specific ministry areas they are involved with. Further discussions will take place at the PCC meeting in October.</p>		
A 2	Parish Share 2018 Paper 01	<p>MP brought an explanation and proposal from SC based on a paper which had been circulated in advance.</p> <p>The Diocese has asked us to make a Parish Share pledge for 2018 and have suggested a figure for us which represents a considerable increase.</p> <p>The SC's initial feeling is that we are not yet in a position to make a pledge but could go back to Diocese and pledge not to give anything less than we are giving in 2017. PL is aware that a similar approach is being taken by other parishes. More discussions would be held at the November PCC meeting when the meeting will look at the overall budget for 2018 and with a view to being able to give the Diocese a final figure by the end of the year.</p> <p>PL outlined some of the funding challenges being faced by the Diocese, the significant areas of diocesan expenditure, how parish share is used to fund ministry across the diocese, and where central costs are spent. It was noted that larger churches contribute over 40% of total income.</p> <p>The PCC were in agreement with the proposal that we will advise the Diocese of our minimum commitment and that we would advise the final figure by the end of the year. It was noted that the information given was helpful and the diocese should be encouraged to continue supplying helpful information and background</p>		
A 3	New Bishop of Bristol Paper 02	<p>The Diocese has sought input from individuals and PCC's to guide the appointment of the next Bishop.</p> <p>Time did not allow a discussion at the meeting but members were encouraged to send feedback on the 3 questions posed on the paper circulated in advance of the meeting to Derek Hadden to collate.</p> <p>MP will circulate details of the public consultation evenings and how to participate to the Church Family via the Friday email.</p>		
B	STANDING ITEMS			
B 1	Approval of minutes Paper 03	<p>Notes of the PCC meeting 15th July</p> <p>An amendment to section B5 had been submitted and it was agreed this should be included. The minutes were approved with this correction.</p>		
B 2	Matters arising	<p>RENEW. The DAC are due to give feedback on the latest plans for the Crypt soon after which MP and PL will be meeting with the architect and will update the PCC in due course. It was noted that there has been little</p>		

		<p>communication around RENEW for some time. Information will be communicated to the church family as soon as possible.</p> <p>Sub Groups – MP advised that the new Risk Management Group has been established with Peter Smithson as Chair, David Troughton as Secretary together with Jen Ellis, Gay and/or Adrian Sawyer, Sian Lowe and Mark Parsons.</p> <p>Membership of the others sub groups is still to be sorted. However, it was noted that as the Personnel Group is mid-way through work on the staff terms and conditions so there would be no change to its membership until January 2018.</p>		
B 3	Other Minutes Papers 04 and 05	The approved SC Minutes from 10th July 2017 and draft SC Minutes from 11 th September 2017 were noted.		
B 4	Finance Report	MP advised that a full 3 rd quarter finance report and set of accounts would be available at the October meeting.		
B 5	Paul's Points	None raised.		
B 6	Warden's Points	Members were reminded of the "Living Out Local" Day on 27th September and were encouraged to attend.		
B 7	Operations Manager's Points	None raised.		
B 7	Safeguarding Update	PCC members were reminded of the need to do regular safeguarding training. MP reminded the meeting that members who still need training will be notified by email.		
	Review of the Meeting			
	Conflicts of Interest	None declared.		
	Confidentiality	The item discussed at the start of the meeting is confidential.		
	Communication	David Troughton will provide a summary for the Church Family for the for Friday email.		
	Next Meeting	Saturday 14th October		

The meeting closed with prayer at 21.44pm

Future Meetings: Sat 14th Oct, Mon 27th Nov, PCC & Staff Social Mon 11th Dec