



CHRIST CHURCH CLIFTON

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PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7:30pm on Monday 26th November 2018

STATUS

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Present	David Daniels, Errol King, Paul Langham, Sian Lowe (Chair), Andy Macpherson, Val Moore, David Newton, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Catherine Simmonds, Peter Smithson, Neil, Shepherd, Graham Stuart, Sara Wadsworth. Also present for the first part of item A1: Ruthy Lillington Chris Whitwell
Apologies	Alexandra Creavin, Ryan Langdon, Janet Lee, Cluff Noon, Di Noon, Kevin Stone, David Troughton
Minutes	Tavi Price

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
	Bible Reflection	PL read from Deuteronomy 32 v 44-52 PL drew a flipchart pictorial presentation of the journey ahead of Christ Church over the next 7 years, focusing on building legacy and investing in people. This outlined some significant changes in staffing anticipated, especially in the next year or so, as well as work on our small communities and the next phase of Renew. He reflected that as he comes towards the end of his time in stipendiary ministry, he now feels more like Moses than Joshua.		
	Introduction	PL took the opportunity to thank Jo Carter and Helena Whitwell for the amazing Christmas Market that took place at Christ Church on the 24 th Nov. Over 1,600 people came through the doors and some lovely feedback has already filtered through from stallholders and punters.		
A	MAIN ITEMS			
A 1	Transition	Reflections on the broader journey of transition ahead of Christ Church: Chris Whitwell and Ruthy Lillington had been invited to speak to the meeting. Chris Whitwell (Young Adult's Pastor) His personal time of transition started with a dream in late June where God spoke to him about a dual sense of transition: (1) Significant parts of his role are to be given away. He currently oversees various ministries; and (2) Seeking ordination training (possibly from September 2019). The specifics are unknown, but his role will be transitioning either way and the changes will be significant. As Chris had to leave at this point, PL added that Chris will come back at a future point to the PCC to answer		

		<p>questions and provide more info on what his role might look like. Chris does a lot of work with the Tuesday Community and with the team overseeing the 5 Gathering. He has 1-1's with some of the young adults so it would be good for him to share some more of his work.</p> <p><u>Ruthy Lillington</u> (Children's Pastor)</p> <p>Ruthy gave a brief overview of what is happening with kids work at Christ Church.</p> <p>Since September numbers are down to about 50, down from 70-80 on a Sunday morning, however what is happening during the week is exciting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240 kids at the most recent Light Party. Stories - a volunteer asked if Halloween is more important than Christmas?! Steady stream in the prayer space. A Muslim man used the space and also a Hindu woman. • Toddlers on Thursdays – building relationships, building on conversations. At max capacity some weeks. Lots of volunteers required to be able to run this. • Blurred edges of families coming into contact with the church family – in the streets around Clifton, at the school gate, pre-school, kids choir (37 members), in The Spire coffee shop, toddler groups, many people feeling that this is their church and think of it as a safe space even if not coming on a Sunday. <p>However, there is a massive gap – between the above and becoming a Christian and following Jesus.</p> <p>Not sure what the answers are.</p> <p>Don't think Alpha would work as this is not where most are at and committing to a 10-week course just isn't viable either. Think that "One Offs" maybe the way forward.</p> <p>Ruthy has had conversations at Christ Church school about the emotional and well-being needs of the children and it being a growing concern.</p> <p>In school last week talking to a teacher after a child had just been pressing a ruler so hard against his head it had broken in two as he was so distraught. The teacher went on to say that nearly half of the class are in "broken homes"</p> <p>What can the church do to help these children?</p> <p>TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) has 20 years' experience of helping churches to get alongside struggling children, to bring hope and a future.</p> <p>They go into schools alongside the child – training people to mentor so they can spend an hour a week with one child.</p> <p>Check out the website. https://www.tlg.org.uk/</p> <p><i>{Note from Tavi: just checked it out and can now hardly type as tears in my eyes from reading just a couple of stories! (one in 10 children in the UK feel unable to cope with the school day)}</i></p> <p>PL and the rest of the team thanked Ruthy.</p>		
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A 2	Budget for 2019 Paper 01	<p>DN introduced the draft Budget for 2019 by noting that there has been some really encouraging data leading to a very positive picture.</p> <p>DN, PL and MP had met with the Diocesan representative to explain our thoughts/concerns regarding Parish Share and they were understanding. They asked if we could consider a 4% inflationary increase. However, in line with staff salaries we are recommending a 2% increase, which will be funded from the legacy.</p> <p>DN presented the budget for 2019.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: what is the income from properties/flats for 2019? A: assumed 9 months of rent at £400/month for the basement flat and 12 months of rent at £1,200/month for top floor flat. Also assumed 3 months of rent from 60 Clifton Park Road, plus other rental income from the tower room and preschool. These are sensible assumptions, as there are unknowns such as the appointment of an Associate Vicar and where preschool might go once Renew begins. <p>SL commented that we should be thankful and full of praise for this year of growth in our finances.</p> <p>Over the Sundays in January – the budget, growth, renew etc. should be communicated by DN at the Gatherings.</p> <p>Proposal: <i>The PCC adopts the draft budget for 2019 as prepared by the Finance Team including 2% increase in parish share.</i></p> <p>Proposer: David Newton Seconded: David Daniels <i>Unanimously carried</i></p> <p>Huge thanks given to the Finance team.</p>	Communicate the financial position to the church family	DN Sundays in January

<p>A 3</p>	<p>APCM Elections 2019 Papers 02</p>	<p>MP explained that a number of members of the PCC are coming to the end of their three-year term at the APCM in 2019.</p> <p>Need to pray and think now about whether members intend to stand again – members to let MP know as soon as possible – also think of others who can stand – let Standing Committee know of who you are thinking before asking.</p> <p>MP then outlined his concerns with the number of vacancies up for election next year. 13 vacancies will be available at the next APCM. Ideally, the APCM would elect one-third of its membership (5 people) every year. Therefore, Mark proposed the following:</p> <p>Proposal: <i>Offer a resolution to the APCM of a temporary variation in the terms of service so that in 2019 we:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elect 5 places for a 3 year term</i> • <i>Elect 4 places for a 2 year term</i> • <i>Elect 4 places for a 1 year term</i> <p>Proposer: Neil Shepherd Seconded: Mark Orriss One abstention (DD) <i>Proposal carried</i></p>	<p>Organise APCM elections</p>	<p>MP April 2019</p>
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<p>B 1</p>	<p>Approval of minutes Paper 03</p>	<p>The minutes of the PCC Meeting on 20th October 2018 were approved with one amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VM was concerned that her wording recorded in minute B7 was not strong enough regarding the state of the dirtiness in and around the coffee shop area. <p>The minute will be updated as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP noted that a couple of people had asked about the Big Clean. This has fallen by the wayside since Gay and Adrian stood down. MP asked if any PCC member was willing to co-ordinate a Big Clean. If so, to get in touch with him. VM strongly emphasised the importance and urgency of dealing with this as some of the high-level areas around the Coffee Shop were now very dirty. 		
<p>B 2</p>	<p>PCC Action Tracker Paper 04</p>	<p>This was noted.</p>		
<p>B 3</p>	<p>Other Minutes Papers 05</p>	<p>The Standing Committee Minutes from 8th October 2018 were noted.</p> <p>Q: DD – B6 - Operation Managers points: re. hosting of wedding receptions - the wording implies that no more wedding receptions will be held at Christ Church – is that the right approach? A: MP – more discussion will be had regarding this but the main concern is to limit the impact on the office team and the impact on the building either side of the actual event.</p>		

B 4	Finance Report	DN gave a brief update on The Spire coffee shop income – on track to break even in 2019. Need to share this good news with the church family.		
B 5	Paul's Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half night of prayer – 30th November • PL speaking at Meeting Point (also on 30th) talking on same sex relationships • Bishop Viv will be at The Spire coffee shop tomorrow (27th Nov) • PCC / Staff Christmas Social – 10th December at Paul & Jackie's • Associate Vicar – skype call with potential candidate booked for 11th December • Be aware of a team patrolling the bridge for suicide watch (a member of the newcomers' group is helping with this) however there is no training being given and potentially lots of issues including safeguarding, personal safety and after care for those experiencing people actually jumping – Pray for PL as he sensitively talks to the person who organises this. • Members of the Staff Team will now be helping to supplement the Monday cleaning team. 		
B 6	Warden's Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep clean - Plan is to hire scaffolding to do various jobs including a deep clean – early in the new year. VM commented that something needs to be done now. 		
B 7	Operations Manager's Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Renew project – MP shared a 58 page heritage statement which will be submitted to the council as part of our pre-application. • An open meeting with the neighbours will be held after the pre-app response has been received. • Pray for a speedy and positive response from the Council's planning and conservation officers 		
B 8	Safeguarding Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safeguarding Officers have had a catch up – Valerie Groves has been on her official training. 		
	Next Meeting	Monday 10 th Dec (PCC Staff Christmas Social) Monday 28 th January, 7:30pm in Linden Gate		
		EK closed the meeting in prayer.		

Future Meetings: Mon 10th Dec (Social), Mon 28th Jan, Mon 25th Feb, Sat 23rd Mar