



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 25th September 2023

STATUS
Approved
30.10.2023
(Public)

Present	Chris Brown, John Butler, Barney Collins, Mark Ellis, Mei Yen Furey, Andrea Jeanneret, Janet Lee, Suzannah Mason, Paul Langham, Philip Miles, Di Noon, Cluff Noon, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Tavi Price, Hannah Rodgers, Chris Shaddick, Dave Vernon, Kamran Zahid.
In Attendance:	James Hall (2 nd Year Trinity Ordinand)
Apologies	Mike Innes, Danish Gill, Jack Reed
Minutes	Tavi Price

A	INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
A1 Apologies	Noted as above
A2 Conflicts of interest	Prior notification of conflict of interest – Chris Brown will be leaving from item C2 onwards.
A3 Prayer and Worship	PL welcomed the meeting and played a piece of music - a version of Psalm 25. Then each member read a verse from the Psalm. We then lifted our own prayers to God.
B	THE BIG AGENDA
B1 Autumn & Christmas 2023	<p>CB began with a recap of CC’s vision with a focus on our priorities for the Autumn Term and the lead up to Christmas.</p> <p>He then updated the meeting on what has been happening/working towards:</p> <p>Prayer – we spent the summer prioritising prayer particularly at the 10 gatherings but also at the other gatherings. Some things to come out of that is that at least 2 couples at midweek have felt prompted to pray midweek once a month (this is now happening) and there is a lot of prayer happening within the Encounter sessions on a Sunday evening. So, we are beginning to see an emergence of prayer amid our community.</p> <p>Welcome –Nick Carter and Mei Yen Furey are heading this up. There is lots going on behind the scenes – welcoming new people when they arrive, helping them getting connected and into new small communities.</p> <p>Leadership – The Leadership Hub began in September and was a huge success with some great feedback and points to work on. A whole year’s curriculum has been planned out.</p> <p>Small Communities – a small team has been formed to look at these, focusing on making it easy for newcomers to join a small community and encouraging all church members to join one.</p> <p>Equipping people and sharing the gospel – In November there is a focus on us being confident in the gospel – but how do we get to that point? We need to be ready and attentive to the Holy Spirit to understand and know when we are being prompted to share our faith with someone. It is difficult to do this on our own and we will get so much further if we look at this as church family. This is why we are looking at “what does it mean to be a community of disciples?”</p> <p>PL continued with sharing how the term plan is being supported.</p>

	<p>Connecting with people who don't yet know Jesus – A Newcomers' group – "Just looking" being led by Jackie and Paul is being started – pray for those who sign up to come along. The topics will be guided by those who attend and questions that are asking.</p> <p>Intentional bible teaching – Paul is starting a four week session at 5pm on a Sunday evening. The first one is on 29th October.</p> <p>Greg Downes, an evangelist, will be speaking at the 10 on Sunday 19th November</p> <p>We will be delivering Christmas Cards and prayer walking the Parish on Sunday 26th November</p> <p>As a leadership team they are sensing this is a season of needing to try new things. For example: JYC (Junior Youth Club) jointly being run by Mark & Jenn Ellis, Chris & Naomi Smith and Nick & Tavi Price. Aimed at kids school age Year 5 to year 8 (10 to 13) for a time of fun, games, tuck shop etc.</p> <p>Youth: Emelye Chanot has hit the ground running and is building team, CU's are being started so a whole lot of work going on there. AJ added that there are going to be cards being sent out to the cohort of young people that have left for either Uni or their next steps.</p> <p>Christmas plans - Paul began by saying that our aim is to give every member of the church family through the teaching of the term plan an opportunity to gain a greater confidence to share the gospel in their own way. The intentionality is that although there will be events going on at CC that all members will be more equipped to share the good news of Christmas in their own communities and in their workplaces etc.</p> <p>Paul then went through the plans for Christmas events and the many opportunities for the church family to get involved, each member was given a hard copy to take away.</p> <p>There are key events that will require members of the church for the events to be successful such as the distribution of the flyers, Street Carols and the Christingle.</p> <p>Thoughts on upcoming plans:</p> <p>JB – being intentional. People around to chat to people after each celebration/service – opportunity in January – just looking – what could be on offer in January if they have come along at Christmas and have questions?</p> <p>AJ – also mentioned how so many people she comes across reject Christmas (not just the Christian aspect) as they find it too stressful too busy etc. and that perhaps there will be opportunities to be able to offer people the chance to talk to find out what is going on and a space for some calm and for questions – for us to draw alongside them where they are at.</p> <p>Action: CB to send slides out / members to read and feedback any questions and pray through any promptings that may arise.</p>
C	OTHER ITEMS
<p>C1 Paper from John Butler Papers 01 and 02</p>	<p>John Butler had asked for his paper (Paper 01 – "The Church of Tomorrow? Some reflections and concerns") to be tabled at this meeting. The SLT and Standing Committee had also prepared Paper 02 as a response.</p> <p>Each member had read the papers and was invited to share their thoughts.</p> <p>There was a mixed response with the main consensus being that the meeting commended John for his research but John McGinley's book, <i>The Church of Tomorrow</i> had provided a good springboard for discussions and some themes to build on.</p> <p>The other points that came out several times were:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is not necessary to agree with every quote and every suggestion in any piece of literature to be able to enjoy it, be challenged by it and find it useful overall. • Trusting the leadership and their discernment is key as a member of the church family and particularly for those serving on the PCC. • The paper inferred that the bible had been replaced by John McGinley’s book at Christ Church and most members disagreed with this and noted that each week bible passages had been read and used as part of the talks. <p>The members then voted on whether the paper should be bought back for a fuller discussion.</p> <p>Proposed: JB Seconded: PM</p> <p>For: 2 Against: 12 Abstentions: 4</p> <p><i>Not carried</i></p>
C2 Confidential Item	The minutes of this item are confidential and have been removed from the public minutes
C3 Minutes Paper 03	Minutes of the meeting on 17th July were approved with one correction that Hannah was absent.
C4 Safeguarding	Nothing to report
Review of the meeting / actions / confidentiality	James Hall (Ordinand) – thanked the meeting for letting him observe, thought it was good that each member was able to contribute and share differing views
	Next meeting: Monday 30th October 2023 (Detail)

Future Meetings:

Monday 27th Nov 7.30pm
Monday 11th Dec Christmas Social
Monday 29th Jan (Detail) 7.30pm
Monday 26th Feb 7.30pm
Monday 18th Mar (Detail) 7.30pm