

All Saints' Church, Guildford. Notes on meeting of the Mission Vision Group held on 12th September 2018 at 35, Manor Way at 8 p.m.

Present: Peter Nicholls (PN) (in the chair), Revd. Beverly Watson (BW), Carolyn Nicholls (CN), Rachel Hubbard (RMH) and Richard Hemingway (RWH) (Secretary). Apology from Simon Moulden, and noting that Cally Burch was on ministry training.

1. Welcome extended to RMH on her first meeting. PN noted some of the main points from the notes of the previous meeting. CN would give publicity to the Koen's video link and the Friends International Walk would now be on 6th October. (See also item 5 a. below.)
2. The role of the MVG was discussed, in terms of it being in the business of promoting commitment to mission across the parish, in conjunction with the clergy. BW agreed that the concept of mission needed to be on the agenda of all the VGs. In 2018, the promotion of the Koen Project and Christian Aid had been important activities and the Syrian families had also been the subject of prayer and assistance. Ways of expanding the scope of the MVG might involve someone from the youth side of the parish, and possible names were discussed. It was agreed that the main profile of the MVG was best fixed outside the parish (possible change needed to its objectives published on the Church notice board?), and consideration was given to how we might create links with other local parishes, by way of mutual benefit. Pippa Ford's Motorhome Project was borne in mind, with possibilities opening up there. Other ministry possibilities might be explored, and to be borne in mind for the choice of 2019 organisations to support. However, continued support for existing charities was also stressed.
3. a. 5 criteria for defining mission, circulated prior to the meeting, were generally supported, though not to be more than a useful guide (agreed not to be used as a straitjacket!). BW suggested we might reduce number of charities to 5 (currently 7, plus the Koens'), but it would be more convenient to limit numbers to just 6, with 3 overseas and 3 UK based, on a more equal basis, and the Koens to continue as well as special project. This was all agreed, as was the proposal that 4 of the 2018 charities should also be supported in 2019, with 2 new ones. All this to be decided at the next meeting, to give time to the PCC to ratify the proposals before the year end. RWH undertook to circulate the 2018 list to all members of the group (done RWH).
b. This would enable each charity to be publicised twice a year in the Church magazine.
4. The PCC was to be requested to settle the amount of the 2018 disbursement in time for payments to be made before Christmas i.e. at its meeting on 19th November. The PCC was also urged to respect the existing commitment to pay out 10% of the likely estimated relevant income, as per previous years.
5. AOB:
 - a. Arrangements for hospitality to Friends International on 6th October were discussed. CN would take this on and RMH undertook to promote the link through her Uni connections.

b. Christian Aid was selected for support for harvest on 29th/30th September, and the street collection in December would also be supported, with publicity.

c. The draft itinerary for the May 2019 Pilgrimage prepared by RWH could now be forwarded to the PCC for approval (done RWH).

d. RMH talked of the local charity Five Talents, and support was given to the idea of including this in the 2019 list.

e. It was agreed that an upcoming concert at Emmanuel Church for Leprosy Mission be given publicity in the Weekly Newssheet.

Date of next meeting: PLEASE NOTE: The date given at the meeting of 5th November at 4, Litchfield Way at 8 p.m. is going to have to be changed. PN will advise the new date shortly.