

All Saints' Church, Guildford.

Notes of a Meeting of the Mission Vision Group held at 4 Litchfield Way on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Peter Nicholls (Chairing) (PN), Richard Hemingway (Secretary) (RH), Carolyn Nicholls (CN), Katherine Hopwood (KH) and Bruce Hopwood (BH).

The meeting was led in prayer by CN

1. Five Talents Open Forum session of 27th April reviewed. Excellent presenter, who was clear, informative and responded well to questions in the interactive times. A recording was available (PN).
2. Review of Christian Aid week. CN reported that a total of £1014 had been collected, of which £598 was from envelopes and £416 from the car wash event. There was also some Gift Aid to claim on the donations in the envelopes, and it was believed some people had sent funds direct to Christian Aid. The speaker at the 10 a.m. service was well received. Nearly 1000 envelopes had been delivered and the volunteers at the car wash had been kept fully busy for 2 hours. They had been thanked. The slip which had been attached to the envelopes this year was clear and useful. No recommendations were put forward for improvement in 2022.
3. Sponsored Walk for our Mission Partners the Koens in late August. Date to be confirmed with the Vicar on her return from holiday (Action PN). Detailed organisation was pending, and the possibility of an ad hoc meeting on this would be kept open. Possibility of involving post graduate students in Friends International Guildford (FIG) also was considered.
4. FIG picnic on church field was also confirmed. If Covid restrictions prevented more than 30 attending, a second picnic venue for another 30 in the vicarage garden might be feasible (ACTION: PN).
5. A speaker from A Rocha International had been engaged for the 10 a.m. service on 10th October and this was our chosen beneficiary for harvest 2021, as recently settled by the Pastoral Team, which also had decided on how other harvest arrangements should be organised. This would be communicated to the Vicar on her return from holiday by the Pastoral Team Leader, and PCC members would also receive notification in the Notes from the Pastoral Team, so that it was hoped that these arrangements would be respected. A Quiz on Saturday 9th October was also scheduled. (ACTION:PN to speak to the event organiser with a view to including a Round on Mission)
6. Invitations had recently been received from USPG and MME to attend online meetings. The USPG item was of general interest, and their email could be given wider circulation and one could feel free to join in as appropriate. The invitation from MME was addressed to the church, and as the vicar was on holiday and they wanted an early response, PN undertook to welcome the opportunity for us to attend on the afternoon of Monday 28th June. (ACTION:PN)

7. Possibility of new members joining the MVG? PN to take this forward at the PCC gathering and meal later in the month (Covid regulations permitting)
8. AOB: CN would put FIG as our monthly focus for September and the Food Bank for December, with donations invited. A possible future date for the Koens to join in a service was also mooted (ACTION:PN to approach the Vicar)
9. Date of next meeting: 20th September at 7.30 p.m., at 4 Litchfield Way, when consideration of the 2022 Mission allocation would be undertaken.