

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 19th September 2016 at 8pm

Present: Rev'd P Bradley, K Bell, S Smith, M Smith, N Dye, A Ramage, J Valpy

Apologies: A Grace, P Fray, R Saunders, E Walker

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with a Bible reading (Matt 6:7-13) and reflection.

1. Minutes from 14.7.16 were approved and signed.

The PCC agreed that, from now on, current minutes can be displayed in church and on church website once all have given approval by email.

2. Matters arising

Review of expectations of the Vicar to be carried over to November meeting.

PB to book meeting for Mission Committee in next 2 weeks. **Action - PB**

Still waiting for response from Heritage Lottery Fund regarding church building work.

3. Chair's Report (previously circulated)

About 15 people attended the 'Together we are Stronger' meeting at Reanne Masters' house. Lots of good ideas and notes to be circulated.

4. Finance Report (previously circulated)

Parish Share certificate is up in church. Information from it to be published in church newsletter.

Action - JV

5. Parish Share

Parish Share is the money that each church gives annually to the Diocese. It is a source of income for them and pays for many things inc. clergy salaries, training and the running of CE schools. Last year Bristol Diocese were operating with significant debt and they have had to make many cut backs as a result. Churches have also been giving less in 'share'.

This year the Diocese are suggesting the amount we give, according to size of congregations and amount of unrestricted income ie. anything not given for a specific purpose. Cricklade is considered an affluent area compared with other parts of the Diocese and we are also a growing church with increasing attendance figures. Because of this we are being asked to consider increasing our Parish Share from £40,00 (amount paid in 2016) to £49,300 for 2017.

The PCC noted that:

- we currently have some new church members who may become 'givers'
- PB planning to raise awareness of stewardship within church during November and December
- important to help congregations to understand amounts of money involved, including church running costs
- we have a high fuel bill

Following discussion, ND proposed and KB seconded that St Sampson's pay a Parish Share of *at least* £49,300 for 2017. Agreed unanimously. This will be reviewed at the March PCC to see if we can give more.

6. Leadership Team

PB will meet with team to review 'Church Vision' comments that have been recorded on flipcharts at each of the services over the last few weeks. Flipcharts to be at 4pm service again in 2 weeks. **Action - PB**

7. Deanery Synod

No meeting since last PCC

8. Church Teams (update previously circulated)

Communications team to review website for clear presentation of service dates and times, especially 4pm. Several families coming to church from outside Cricklade who don't have access to info circulated in the Chronicle, so the team may keep an 'out of Cricklade' email list to ensure info gets through. Pam Cowler has recently joined the team.

Action - Communications Team

9. Choir (update previously circulated)

No questions

10. Youth and Children's (update previously circulated)

No questions. There is a possible new female leader for Vibe.

11. Safeguarding

No new issues. Safeguarding policy to be displayed in church and go on website. **Action JV/PB**

12. Upper Thames Group Council (minutes previously circulated)

Harnhill Centre not available for Upper Thames awayday in 2017. Our old venue, Cotswold Farm, is too small. New location needed.

13. Jenner Hall

A reminder to contact Margaret Hunt for Jenner Hall bookings.

14. Events

Alpha starts 27th Sept, 10am at the Vicarage.

Content of Carol Service to be reviewed for 2017.

Ideas for Socials to be sent to PB. **Action - all**

15. Correspondence

Discussion regarding large cedar tree at front of church is ongoing.

16. Date of next meeting

Monday 14th November 2016, 8pm at the Red Lion.

New date to be circulated for January 2017 PCC. **Action - PB/JV**