

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 23rd January 2017 at 8pm

Present: Rev'd P Bradley, A Grace, P Fray, S Smith, A Ramage, J Valpy, R Saunders, N Dye, K Bell, S Danby
Apologies: M Smith

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with a Bible reading (John 16: 13-15) and reflection.

1. Minutes from 28.11.16 had been approved by email. Signed at the meeting by PB.

2. Matters arising

Some times for the Christmas services had been published wrong, but it didn't impact numbers at services.

3. Chair's Report (previously circulated)

The PCC is pleased that PB encourages us all to get better at listening to God and noted that connecting with God is also a priority within the Diocesan strategy.

4. Expectations of the Vicar

PB expressed his thanks for the responses from the PCC, was pleased and agrees with them. He sees it very much as a vote of confidence. PCC can support PB as he leads the vision. The PCC also recognised that many of the expectations listed involve us making connections with each other (also Diocesan strategy). 'Together we are Stronger' group also links in with this and aims to grow a pastoral team. PB hopes to spend time with home group leaders this year - these groups also offer connection with each other and God.

5. Finance

Current Account:	£7,330
Fabric Account:	£18,762
No. 2 Account:	£5,225.68

AG circulated the annual accounts. The annual audit of accounts will take place this week.

There is a general deficit in running costs. The PCC agreed to check financial position in June and discuss with the Diocese if there are likely to be problems meeting our pledge commitment. PB requested that AG keep a monthly record of financial activity. **Action - AG**

AG expects the accounts to be signed off once audited and PCC can approve at next meeting, in time for APCM.

6. Buildings

PB and AG to put fundraising notice in March's Chronicle. **Action - PB and AG**

2 lights have been repaired in the nave.

The tower cross lights will be switched off for Lent, until Easter Sunday.

7. Leadership Team

No meeting since last PCC. PB to arrange a meeting for March. **Action - PB**

8. Deanery Synod

No meeting since last PCC. New area Dean is Rev'd Christopher Bryan.

9. Church Teams

Communications team - PB has arranged for someone to check our website in detail.

10. Choir (update previously circulated)

Evensong will be advertised around the town and members from the choir of Christchurch Swindon may join to sing too. PB expressed thanks to Rosemarie and the choir for a wonderful carol service.

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

The youth work team from Wiltshire Council have been very active in Cricklade recently, following anti-social behaviour in the town. PB also in touch with Bob Jones on this issue.

12. Safeguarding

AG and SS carried out Safeguarding Audit from the Diocese. Results are back with the Diocese and they will present action plan. PB and AG to gather team to carry out necessary actions as a result.

Action PB and AG

13. Upper Thames Group Council

No meeting

14. Jenner Hall

Nothing to note at PCC

15. Events

Alpha is going well, 2 leaders and 5 guests.

Away Day will be 20th May. No venue yet, any suggestions to PB. SS to contact Graham Reed re. Nationwide venue. **Action - SS**

16. Correspondence

The Diocese have written to thank us for 2017 Pledge.

Coffee morning/evening at Reanne Masters' house on Bath Road. All invited to go and take along someone who may be lonely/appreciate company. 6th Feb @ 7.30pm and 15th Feb @10.30am

PB and Reanne plan to form a pastoral team. Are there people on pastoral groups list who may like to be invited?

17. Date of next meeting

Monday 6th March at the Red Lion

APCM - Sunday 2nd April 2017, 11.30 in the Jenner Hall