

St Peter and St Paul, Blandford Forum

Our Mission: **Transforming our Community, one life at a time.**

Our Vision: **Growing and Nurturing Disciples who are confident, Connected and Compassionate.**

Minutes of PCC meeting held on Thursday 12 January 2017
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Present: Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Dan Roberts (DR), Heather Stringer (HS), Carolyn Telford (CT), Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Anita Roberts (AR), Barbara Curtis (BC), Sara Loch (SL), Clive Newlin (CN), Sue Metelko (SM) and Sophie Bowerman (SB)

1. **Opening Prayer:** Led by JT

2. **Apologies:**

Graham Poynter (GP)

3. **Minutes of Last PCC:**

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 24 November 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Centre Caretaker: Cleaning of the Centre is currently being done on a temporary basis. **JT** will circulate the advert for caretaker shortly but asked PCC permission to include 2 extra hours to help with church cleaning. The money to finance these extra hours will come from church funds. Agreed unanimously.

Office move: The office move is on track to happen after Easter and new furniture and upgraded computer will be purchased. **JC** to work out the costings and this will come back to PCC for approval. Curate will not have a home based office so may need to use these facilities.

5. **Correspondence:**

Deanery Synod Elections: These are due this year and will happen at APCM. Notification will go out to parishioners prior to the meeting **BC**.

Christmas numbers: The Church Wardens will submit numbers to the diocese before the end of January **SL/RS**

6. **AOB:**

Christmas feedback: A very encouraging Christmas with more people than last year attending events.

- Festival seasons are a win for the church and need many events
- Church must be ready to invite people to the next event

There will be a traditional Carol Service in BPC next year.

CT to take lead on organising Church Christmas cards to sell next year.

Mission Giving: Currently CMS, CWS, BYT and Sudan. It was agreed to support a local, national and global charity. For 2017 these will be BYT (to continue til July 2017 when KR retires), Foodbank and CSW.

In addition a one-off donation for Juniper Tree will be made and during the year there will be a collection for the work in the Sudan.

A Rector's discretionary fund will be set up for missional need.

Changes will be notified in the APCM report. **JT** to write to the Marshalls.

Marriage and Funeral Fees: JT has clarified the situation regarding payment of fees. PCC members can be paid for verging and employees can receive the full amount of payment if it is outside their normal working hours. Further agenda item for February **BC**.

Baptisms: **JT** will discuss with families about location, date and timing of baptisms.

Welcome and refreshment follow up: **SM** to email her summary of comments to PCC. **JT** and **SM** to look at checklist and decide what immediate improvements can be made.

Dementia: 'Just as I am' service on 29 January in afternoon. **AR** working with Methodist church on this.

Milldown Foundation Governor: Juliet Wareham has offered to fill this post and will complete the necessary forms. Her appointment was proposed by JT, seconded by BC and agreed by all.

Family Film Night: A new projector bulb is needed at a cost of £324 incl VAT. CN advised that it would make more sense to purchase a new projector which would cost up to £550. PCC gave **CN** permission to go ahead with this but if the cost is likely to exceed this amount then it must go back to CMG/PCC for approval.

Church Spring Clean: Saturday morning 18 March.

7. **Safeguarding:**

JT to meet with JC to check DBS current situation.

8. **Reports:**

Financial Report: All share payments for 2016 have been made.

JT advised that an offer has been made, by the diocese, on a house on the Persimmon estate for Neil and Sarah, who will start as curate in June 2017.

SL suggested that a Rectory/Clergy house fund should be set up by **HS** as the budgeted amount for this year has not been spent. This can then be used in the future. SL proposed, CT seconded, JT abstained, all others agreed.

Wardens Report:

A limited photoboard will appear this month. **RS**

Centre Management Group: Report circulated. No matters arising.

Cupola Project: HLF have now paid the final amount in full. No meeting til later in January.

9. **Next PCC Meeting:** 9 February.

S Crompton and C Curtis to attend. APCM to be an agenda item.

10. **Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with prayer at 9.15pm

2017 Meetings:

9 March, 20 April, 25 May, 15 June, 20 July, 14 September, 19 October,
30 November