

St. John the Evangelist, Waterbeach Parochial Church Council

A meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Church Room
on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Paul Butler (PB) – Chair, Michael Williamson (MW) – Treasurer, Jennie Brandon (JB) – Secretary, Linden Leeke (LL), Adrian Wright (AW), Jane Williamson (JW), Ingrid Tregoing (IT), Sarah Edwards (SE), Stuart Morris (SM)

1. Opening prayers

The meeting opened with Evening Prayer

2. Apologies for absence

Richard Oakes, Katy Astley, Dorothy Druitt, Ben and Hannah Cons sent their apologies

3. Items of AOB for discussion at end of meeting.

The items raised were linked into scheduled items.

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 (circulated previously)

4.1 Approval of minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved with the following amendments. In 6.3, the discussion was meant to be about 254 Bomber command, not 514 squadron, but as LL was not present, this discussion was postponed in any case.

AW proposed. PB seconded.

4.2 Matters arising from minutes

None.

5. Minister's Items

5.1 Mission Action Planning

We have a rolling MAP which we keep under review. We are now required to produce Parish development plans and will need to translate our MAP into the new structure and language of the implementation plan. It will require a small sub-group from the PCC to finalise it. We still need to complete the current MAP so will translate the MAP into the new structure and language of the Implementation plan.

Teaching on biblical literacy is included in our MAP and will start with a session with Hilary Marlow in February. Other speakers are booked or in the process of being booked.

5.2 Lent Programme

Details have gone to Home group leaders. We are following the Diocesan Lent course *All Loves Excelling* which uses material from Philippians and the epistle readings during March and April will shift to the relevant passages from Philippians.

IT mentioned that Chris Barter will be holding an MU Eucharist on Tuesday 11th April, at 7.30 pm.

5.3 Parishes Weekend 2017

PB has changed the parish weekend dates to 24th/25th September as he is unavailable the previous weekend. Harvest at St John's will be moved to the 24th. JB will coordinate the weekend with the help of Jane Oakes, Mike Roca-Terry and Tiffany Langton.

PB has asked Dr Ruth Perrin from St John's College, Durham to speak at the weekend. The weekend will include biblical teaching and group work. She will also be coming in May so people can hear her before the weekend.

5.4 PCC meeting dates and APCM 2017

Dates for PCC are 2nd March, 25th May, 13th July (in the church), 28th September, 23rd November and the APCM is on the 19th March.

5.5 Approval of new members of electoral roll

The following were approved: Fernanda Cathcart, Neil Dudley Orbell, Leslie Malcom Dewer, Paul James Tregoeing. The Electoral Roll will be open to new members in the run-up to the APCM.

5.6 Avrille connection

JB read out a new year's greetings card from our twin parish in Avrille and stressed how keen they were to strengthen the connection between the 2 parishes.

5.7 Fresh Expressions

Sue Butler has been given some money to start a Fresh Expressions community in the school in Waterbeach, similar to the Thirst community at St Philip's School which she already runs. This will overlap with the Children and Families worker's remit but will not mirror the work or be in competition. Sue has been able to access funds which are unavailable to St John's.

5.8 Agape

The Maundy Thursday service and the Agape meal afterwards will be at Landbeach this year.

6. Building for Mission

6.1 Church lighting and sound

Most people agreed that sound was now the priority to move forward on as the system is now working increasingly erratically. Adrian Popplewell (St Barnabas) and Damien Egan were mentioned as possible people to consult. JB will contact Adrian Popplewell and will ask Great St Mary's and Hemingford Grey who did theirs.

6.2 Potential Chapel of Remembrance/reflective space/possible memorial to 254 Bomber Command

LL gave a report on the plans which she and Beryl Flack had put together for a reflective / prayer / memorial space. LL said that the task of discovering the missing names of servicemen (brought up by a query from a gentleman who contacted us from Australia) was not hers. Beryl and LL want to know if the church wants a space for reflective prayer and, if so, whether it should potentially be where the children currently are. AW suggested a small, permanent cross in the North Aisle for now. He has a wooden cross available and will put it in place.

6.3 Kempe Window

AW had distributed information in advance about the increasing amount of standing water on the ledge. The Friends would like PCC to agree to either entrusting the Friends with the whole job (and funding it) or appointing a project manager for the job. PCC agreed to entrusting the Friends with the whole job unanimously. A warden will be copied into all relevant e-mails and PCC will own the Faculty.

7. Children and Families' Ministry (standing item)

7.1 Children and Families' Minister Post (PB)

The diocese have given us £13K p.a. for 3 years which we must match fund but we will probably only be able to advertise for a for a half-time post for now based on current funding levels at the church. Urban and Civic are positive about contributing to the match-funding but need to seek approval from the MoD. A draft job description has been produced and is being reviewed by DD. We need to liaise with Diocese and have a diocesan member on the interview panel. SM felt publicity and invitations to stewardship had been too few.

8. Treasurer's Report

MW presented the draft annual financial report. Financial contributions are consistent but did not cover our expenditure in 2016 and there is likely to be a £5K deficit in 2016. MW and KA will meet next week to review ways of stimulating additional giving at the church. PB will address stewardship at St John's at the APCM. JB will send out a financial stewardship form with the APCM reports. PCC approved a continuation of giving to the Melanesian Mission at £850. PB thanked MW for his hard work.

9. Churchwardens Items

9.1 Church Cleaner

We need a new cleaner as the current one has a new job at Hatley Court.

9.2 Church Room lettings

We were asked give a 4 hour letting of the Church Room for a charity auction. PCC agreed to this. PB thanked AW for his hard work in exceeding his income target.

10. Correspondence

There was none.

11. Any Other Business

There was none.