

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 19th March 2015 at 8pm

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

Apologies: B Blyth

PB welcomed everyone to the meeting and began with a Bible reading and reflection.

1. Minutes from 22.1.15 were approved and signed.

It was clarified that the 4pm service is called Informal Worship, the 4th Sunday 10am, Morning Worship, and monthly 6.30pm, Something Different.

Vic Gilks has resigned from PCC. He will be thanked formally at the APCM, along with Tanya Garstone and Sarah Townsend. **Action - PB**

2. Arising

The screen is now up and in use. The cherubs have gone to be repaired following agreement from DAC. It will take up to 8 weeks. An application for the removal of the clock is in progress.

Action - AG

3. Pastoral reorganisation

PB clarified that the Diocese are currently formalising the way in which North Wiltshire parishes are organised. The Upper Thames Group will continue to work as it is now. All PCC members had previously voted in favour of this arrangement, by email, in response to letter from Diocese.

4. Chair's report

There are currently 2 vacancies on our PCC. All PCC members to prayerfully consider individuals who may join. The vacancies will be advertised in the April newsletter. **Action - SS**

5. Deanery Synod update

The draft Diocesan strategy for 2015 - 2018 was presented at Deanery Synod (see attached). Bishop Mike's talk on it can be heard on the website <http://www.bristol.anglican.org/2015/bishop-mike-hills-address-to-synod-feb-2015/> and it is suggested that all PCC members take the time to listen to or read it. There is also information in the Diocesan newsletter - paper copies to be circulated. The link to Bishop Mike's talk will go on St Sampson's website and into church newsletter.

Action - JV, SS

PB commented that the strategy is in line with thinking right across the Church of England and specifically aims to reach the 10-40 age group. PB intends to present more on this at APCM and further discussion at next PCC.

ND suggested we could involve someone from our local community in PCC activities.

6. Leadership Team

Notes from the leadership team meeting had previously been circulated, along with additional notes from PB. The first 3 items in PB's notes come under the heading of Discipleship, the second 3 items are Intentional Evangelism. These 2 areas have emerged as priorities for Cricklade and Latton for 2015/16 (APCM to APCM). Leadership Team will discuss further ideas on the implementation of this at their next meeting.

7. New Services

PB presented a SWOT analysis of 4pm Informal Worship (attached) taking views from 4pm congregation, and 10am people who attend both services.

Various points were raised:

- good to keep the 4pm service going
- it may take longer to grow
- celebration services would be of great benefit in order to keep congregations connected

In the light of Diocesan strategy, option 1 in SWOT may be preferred. 4pm service will continue and 2 feedback sessions are planned for the week ahead specifically to draw ideas together for developing and improving this service. The PCC voted unanimously to provide children's work at both the 10am and 4pm services - there are children who attend the 10am, but currently have no provision. Also, discussed finding a way to move the children's corner in church to a more inclusive location. This is something to be looked at by Buildings Team.

The 6.30pm monthly service, Something Different, is going well and this will also continue.

8. Finance update

The accounts will be ready for April's APCM. Overall our financial situation is healthy. Summary as follows:

Current account	£35,184-69
Fabric Account	£23,161-01
Number 2 account	£ 9,709-62 of which £6,534-85 is organ fund.

3 lots of gift aid have boosted current funds, giving to Sunday collection has also gone up and we can now reclaim gift aid on Sunday collection. No.2 account holds funds for organ restoration. AG commented that the odd discrepancy may arise because the Diocesan 'package' does not put in odd pence, but rounds up or down. PB thanked AG for all of her work with the finances.

9. Church teams

Work in progress. **Action - PB**

10. Choir update

The choir will compete in Swindon Choral Festival on 20th March. 27th June will be Hollywood Greats night to raise funds for organ restoration and the choir are aiming for a summer concert too.

11. Youth and children's

Vibe are enjoying 'Something Different' and doing social activities too. S Club, higher numbers of children on some Sundays, but this is not consistent.

12. Safeguarding

PB to organise teams to tackle actions following recent audit. PCC members may need to attend 2.5 hours safeguarding training. May be possible to combine with United Church and invite trainer to Cricklade.

Action - PB

13. Upper Thames Group Council

Report received by all, no questions.

14. Jenner Hall

Following Vic's resignation, the PCC will need to appoint a new rep to sit on Board of Trustees.

15. Events

13th May, St Sampson's is hosting the archdeacon's visitation, to include a swearing in of all wardens. We need to provide refreshments and PB is looking for volunteers.

Action - PB

UTG away day is on 6th June. Highworth Church have offered to run children's work for us if we reciprocate in September for their away day. The PCC agreed to accept this arrangement.

16. Correspondence

The Bishop has sent a letter to the PCC thanking them for their Parish Share contribution.

17. Date of next meeting

APCM 26th April 2015

PCC 3rd June 2015