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Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024, 7.15pm in the Reid Room

Present: David Goodhew (Chair), Lindsey Goodhew, Ruth Ritchie, Phil Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Thom Mallam, Paul Bury, Andrew Devereux, Alistair Bolton, James Cawdell, Sue Bell, Ali Ward, Malcolm McGregor, Fiona Houldsworth.

1. Worship

Malcolm led the PCC in worship and read John 21:15-17. The PCC prayed for Festival Teesside.

2. Apologies for absence

Lynda Walker, Gail Roberts, Tony Hutchings

3. Children and Families and Schools Review

Schools: Sam Durant reported on behalf of Big Kids about work with the three primary schools in the parish. In the last few months Years 1-5 from Linthorpe have been in church. Big Kids are doing a project with a class at Sacred Heart to decorate an alleyway and links are being built with staff at Ayresome. With good links to all three schools, Big Kids need to look at capacity.

Children and Families at St Barnabas: New leaders have come forward for the younger Sunday groups. There is a regular pattern of lunches for people interested in helping with children's work.

Immy Burgess-Hale and James Cawdell are changing the format of Cyfa and moving it to a Tuesday to run alongside Explore in the autumn.

The Baby Bank is being established, linked with the Grocery and Mini Praise.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 5th February 2024

There were no amendments and the meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 5th February 2024.

5. Matters Arising

a) Fire Marshals – The churchwardens asked to be able to assume that all PCC members were happy to be fire marshals and to be invited to the training, unless PCC members let them know to the contrary.

5. Correspondence

Festival Teesside thanked St Barnabas for the £1400 donation.

6. Vicar's Report

The Baptism and Confirmation service will be on 26th May. Preparation will start after Easter for the candidates. David asked the PCC to pray for the candidates. There are 12 candidates and there will probably be a joint service at 10.30am.

The Bible Focus on John's Gospel took place in February. There will be another on 11th May with Dr Lizzie Hare and one on 19th October with Revd Dr Nick Moore about the temple in the Old and New Testament. Mark's collation at St Chad's was a joyful evening and we continue to pray for Mark and Alice and the family. About 2000 people attended St Barnabas in the 3 weeks running up to Christmas. 1000 attend in an average week.

The Archdeacon's Visitation takes place on 9th May.

The staff had a meeting in the staff room at Ayresome School. David suggested that the PCC might meet there at some point.

7. Mission Action Plan

There had been a small amount of feedback from the congregation, which was shared with the PCC. It was proposed by Paul Bury, seconded by Fiona Houldsworth that **the PCC adopts the Mission Action Plan**, all in favour. It was agreed to ask the green group to look at the feedback on the Green Plan, with a view to the PCC approving it by July.

8. Safeguarding

Ali Ward, Fiona Fletcher and Immy Burgess-Hale continue to work on the Diocesan safeguarding hub.

9. Financial Update

There will be a stewardship push in late April/early May, aiming to increase the number of people who give regularly.

10. Deanery Synod

Alistair Bolton reported on the recent meeting of the Middlesbrough Deanery Synod. It had been encouraging to hear what was happening in St Cuthbert’s Marton and St George’s Normanby and Christchurch Eston parishes. There had also been a report from General Synod and news about Festival Teesside. A Deanery day is planned, to discuss the Deanery’s priorities.

11. Facilities Management Report

This was circulated.

12. Festival Teesside

Details were circulated and are attached to the minutes.

13. APCM Preparations

The APCM is on Monday 13th May. Nelly and Nixon have stepped down from the PCC and there will therefore be 2 vacancies for 2 years, in addition to the 3 for 3 years. David encouraged PCC members to pray about possible candidates. It was suggested that it should be explained from the front what it means to be on the PCC.

14. Plans for Easter

The choir plan to perform Stainer’s Crucifixion on Saturday 23rd March. There will be a daily devotional posted each day of Holy Week. There will be a quiet morning on Saturday 30th March. Maundy Thursday Communion will be followed by a worship night.

15. AONB

Funding has been received for an arts based community project through the Grocery café. The grant will include a project management to allow Katharine to lead it.

16. Date of next meeting

Monday 22nd April, 7.15pm in the Reid Room.

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