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## **Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

Present: David Goodhew (Chair), Lindsey Goodhew, Ruth Ritchie, Phil Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Andrew Devereux, Alistair Bolton, Sue Bell, Malcolm McGregor, Lynda Walker, Gail Roberts, Tony Hutchings. Fiona Fletcher, assistant parish safeguarding officer, was present for the first part of the meeting.

### **1. Worship**

David led the PCC in thinking about Romans 15:13. We can overflow only if the Holy Spirit is filling us up and making us into people who overflow with the hope of God. There was a time of prayer.

### **2. Safeguarding**

Fiona Fletcher told the PCC about the diocesan safeguarding dashboard and a couple of safeguarding administration matters which needed PCC involvement. There was one amendment to the parish safeguarding policy, which had been circulated before the meeting. **The parish safeguarding policy was approved by the PCC** proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Barbara Edwards, all in favour.

The arrangements for the storage of safeguarding documents were discussed, including in the event of a vacancy.

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Paul Bury, Ali Ward, Thom Mallam, Fiona Houldsworth

### **4. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

There was one amendment. Item 3: Cyfa will move to Tuesday and run alongside Explore in the autumn. With this amendment the meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **5. Matters Arising**

a) Arts-based community project – Lindsey gave some more details about the grant received through Borderlands, funded by the Arts Council to engage local people in arts. The grant covers workshops, materials, people to run courses and salary for Katharine to work additional hours on the project to produce an interactive recipe book.

### **6. Correspondence**

An invitation to St Barnabas had been received from the Message Trust to a celebration evening on 21<sup>st</sup> May in Newcastle.

David passed on an invitation from Sacred Heart church to a centenary mass on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **7. Vicar's Report**

The Baptism and Confirmation service on 26<sup>th</sup> May will be a joint service at 10.30am. David asked the PCC to pray for the candidates. Bishop Paul retires in July and this will be his last Confirmation at St Barnabas. It was agreed to invite the congregation to give a contribution to a gift.

David said that Sister Aba had been to visit and the young adults and students had enjoyed a weekend away at the Jonas Centre.

It will not be possible to meet for a PCC meeting at Ayresome School, as they do not have evening meetings. It was suggested that Emmanuel Alawode, student worker, could be invited to present a report on student work at a future meeting.

### **8. Senior Administrator**

Imogen Burgess-Hale was unable to attend the meeting. Some PCC members said that they were still getting to grips with ChurchSuite.

### **9. Festival Teesside Update**

Lindsey reported on the plans. Ministry leads had been appointed in each church to cover the areas of prayer – Linda Peacock and Simon Honeysett, children – Big Kids, youth – Ray Durant and Jess Fletcher, men – John

Downs, women – Mel Downs, prison and marginalized – Ann Watson and Katharine Jones, students – Emmanuel and James and follow-up, including Alpha – Oli and Malcolm. The event at Stockton Globe marked the end of church facing publicity and a switch to outward focussed publicity. There will be a litter pick on 4<sup>th</sup> May with other churches. Friendship evangelism training takes place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. There will be events for men and women only in the week before Festival Teesside. Tickets are £5 and churches are being encouraged to buy a table. There will be follow up lunch the week after Festival Teesside. Volunteers are needed for stewarding, and welcoming. There will be prayer opportunities in the week before. There will be events to invite people to in the summer, leading to Alpha in September.

#### **10. Facilities Management Report**

This was circulated. The higher offer made on Linden Grove has been withdrawn. The PCC authorized Andrew Devereux to go back to the agent and ask them to tell the person who made the lower offer that we would accept £180,000. The finance sub-committee will look at how the proceeds of the sale should be used and come back to the PCC with a proposal.

#### **11. Church Hall Risk Assessment**

It was proposed by Gail Roberts, seconded by Alistair Bolton that **the PCC approves the church hall risk assessment, as circulated**, all in favour.

#### **12. Review of Church Buildings**

The MAP said that the PCC should oversee the review of all the church buildings during 2024, with the aim of making them in excellent condition by 2029, fully able to support mission and ministry up to 2050. David said that the hall is showing its age and there may be new calls on the building in the future. David asked the PCC to think about the process of reviewing the church buildings. It was agreed that there is much work needed on the hall and that it has been neglected over a number of years, with just cosmetic work being done. As a congregation we need to ask what we need in a church hall going forward and what does the community need. Grant funding will be needed and it may be necessary to pay someone to apply for grants. The deprivation in parts of the parish may be a source of grant funding.

#### **13. Homelessness**

Lindsey reported on homeless provision in Middlesbrough. An increasing number of people are sleeping rough. A year ago conversations started, looking at what provision there is currently and what churches and community groups might do. Lindsey is the coordinating chair of Faith Tackling Homelessness, which meets every few months with individuals, churches and other groups including Salvation Army, Middlesbrough Community Church and De Paul. The Upper Room, previously at the now closed John Paul Centre, has restarted at the Salvation Army, providing a weekly Saturday lunch and meeting place, run by the Roman Catholic Diocese. The hope is to open a homeless hostel run by De Paul. Two positive meetings with the mayor and council have already taken place.

#### **14. APCM**

Ruth Ritchie, Lynda Walker and Thom Mallam were stepping down from the PCC at the APCM. David thanked them for their contribution to PCC. There will be two casual vacancies at the APCM, one for two year and one for one year.

#### **15. Dates of PCC Meetings**

These were circulated with the agenda.

#### **16. AONB**

The Grocery has received funding from Warm Grain to host a meal for 10 people, as part of the North East Thrift event.

#### **17. Date of next meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.15pm in the Reid Room.

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