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

Present: David Goodhew (Chair), Lindsey Goodhew, Phil Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Alistair Bolton, Gail Roberts, Tony Hutchings, Debs Smith, Paul Bury, Chinedu Anioke, Fiona Houldsworth, James Cawdell, Malcolm McGregor, Helen McGregor, Sue Bell.

1. Worship

Gail led the PCC in a reflection on Psalm 8, a psalm of praise to God for his greatness, sovereignty and creativity. God cares for all his children, which includes all the members of St Barnabas.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ali Ward, Mark Allan, Immy Burgess-Hale, Andrew Devereux.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2024

There were two amendments: Tony Hutchings was listed in error as attending as well as giving his apologies; Fiona Houldsworth, not Fiona Fletcher seconded the proposal at item 10. With these two amendments, the meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 7th October 2024.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Correspondence

The treasurer reported that the Borderlands project had finished and the grant money had been received.

6. Vicar's Report

The PCC reviewed harvest, one of our larger festivals. There was much to celebrate: schools coming to church and assemblies done in school; Big Kids' harvest video; the Cubs leading the prayers at the parade service; donations made to Foodbank, church lunch and a sense of celebration at all the services.

David said that he and the wardens were still working on finding a new churchwarden.

Middlesbrough Baptist Church is now a plant of the Beacon Church at Coulby Newham.

7. Baptism Review

David reported that there have been 26 baptisms this year, across all services and some on a Sunday afternoon.

Two have taken place in the sea at Saltburn. A quarter are adults/teenagers, the rest infants or small children.

David and James are looking at how we operate with these numbers. There was some discussion about follow-up and how links could be retained with families after the baptism.

8. Proposed EPCM

The EPCM to elect a new churchwarden will take place after the 9.30am service on Sunday 15th December.

9. Buildings Task Group

Alistair reported that he was in the process of putting the group together and it would hopefully meet in late November.

10. Evangelism Task Group

David reported that the group had met a couple of times, including a prayer walk. The group is Helen McGregor, Malcolm McGregor, Oli George, Immy Burgess-Hale, Hazel Hutchings, Lubna Simon, Caleb Serebour.

11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

12. Financial Report

Phil Edwards, the treasurer, informed the PCC that cash from October had not been banked so that it can be used for float at Craft Aid, as agreed by the PCC last year.

Phil reminded the PCC that all money received should be banked and paying out done by submitting claims to the wardens. There was some discussion about whether small amounts might be exempt from this. Phil will investigate with the independent examiner.

Gift Day: The amount of cash and cheques is not yet known, but about £3000 was received via the card machine and online.

13. Facilities Management Report

The report had been circulated and details of the proposed heating in the vestries. Both are attached to the minutes.

It was proposed that **the PCC approves the installation of IR heating in the Vicar's and Dales Vestries, as per the circulated document, up to the price of £4400 + VAT**, proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Sue Bell, 12 in favour, 1 against, no abstentions.

The PCC accepts that the heaters may be purchased prior to full faculty approval, subject to conversation with the DAC to give assurance that there will not be a problem, proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Alistair Bolton, all in favour.

Tony is taking over as chair of the FMG, from their next meeting.

In reply to questions, Tony said that any grouting needed in the chancel would be done in-house. It was agreed that the hall windows were in urgent need of attention.

14. Approval of Policies

These had been circulated and copies are attached to the minutes. Gail outlined the changes made since last year. It was proposed by Gail Roberts that **the PCC accepts the Health and Safety policy**, seconded by Tony Hutchings, all in favour.

After discussion the reference to a smoke alarm in the church was removed from the Church Fire Risk Assessment. It was proposed that **the PCC accepts the Church Fire Risk Assessment with the changes outlined**, proposed by Gail Roberts, seconded by Alistair Bolton, all in favour.

The Church and Hall Risk Assessment is now one document. With the addition of that being noted in the revision history, **it was proposed the PCC accepts the Church and Hall Risk Assessment**, proposed by Gail, seconded by Debs Smith, all in favour.

15. Deanery Synod Report

Alistair Bolton reported on the meeting of the Deanery Synod on 8th October. There had been a parish presentation on St Barnabas by David, a General Synod report from Neill Burgess and a report on finance. Preparations were made for the Deanery Day on Saturday 19th October, which had been a great success and well attended. Officers from the Diocese and Bishop Barry were there and the Deanery Leadership Team was beginning to look at feedback from the 70 attendees. There is still a lay vacancy from the Deanery for the Diocesan Synod.

16. Craft Aid

Craft Aid takes place on 16th November, raising funds for Jackie Eye Clinic.

17. Christmas Plans

In addition to the usual services, an act of worship for New Year's Eve is being planned.

18. AONB

None

19. Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd December, 7.15pm in the Reid Room.