

## **Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 7.15pm in the Narthex**

Present: James Cawdell (Chair), David Goodhew, Barbara Edwards, Gail Roberts, Richard Peacock, Tony Hutchings, Fiona Houldsworth, Alistair Bolton, Ali Ward, Malcolm McGregor, Helen McGregor, Sue Bell, Mark Allan, Andrew Devereux, Lindsey Goodhew, Debs Smith.

### **1. Worship**

James Cawdell led the PCC in prayer. The PCC was reminded of the fruit of the Spirit, fruit which applies to us individually, as a PCC and something to pray will spill over from the congregation into our area.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Paul Bury, Immy Burgess-Hale, Chinedu Anioke.

### **3. Minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

There was one amendment: Richard Peacock was present at the meeting. With this amendment, the meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

### **4. Matters Arising**

None

### **5. Correspondence**

The PCC had received an invitation to attend a meeting about next year's freewill offer, at St Barnabas on Monday 23rd June, at 7.30pm.

Julia Ardley had written to the PCC to update members about her role with the Diocesan Vocations Team and this email was circulated to the PCC after the meeting.

### **6. Vicar's Report**

David reported on the Grocery Café and activities taking place on a Thursday, with baby bank, singing group and keep fit run by the MFC foundation. Most attendees are not congregation members. Leaflets about Easter services are being distributed to the parish and there is an Easter page on the website.

### **7. VE and VJ Commemorations**

A special event for VE day is planned for the Grocery Café on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May and there will be short service of commemoration at 5.30pm.

### **8. Congregational Survey**

A word cloud had been circulated, based on responses to the survey. Further reporting was postponed.

### **9. Safeguarding**

Nothing to report.

### **10. Prayer Meetings and Prayer**

Lindsey said that St Barnabas was a prayerful church, but there was a need to refresh our prayer life, particularly in the area of intentional gathered prayer. There will be a half day of prayer on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, which will act as a launch for the new pattern. It is proposed that then there will be a monthly prayer meeting, 7-8pm, possibly on a Monday, focussing on the MAP and local needs. The Wednesday prayer meeting will move to 8.45am, starting in the Dales Vestry, with a plan to move into the church to link it to the Communion service. It was also suggested that prayer resources could be developed, such as a prayer diary and that church members could sign up to support a particular area of church ministry and receive regular updates. The prayer ministry team have a training half day at the end of May. The PCC was encouraged to get behind these developments. The possibility of a prayer space in the side chapel was raised.

### **11. Lottery Money**

This was a continuation of the discussion at last month's PCC.

There was a lengthy and thoughtful discussion. Concern was expressed that a decision in favour of taking lottery money might cause others to stumble. Members were reluctant to display the National Lottery logo. The view was

also expressed that this is the way the government has chosen to fund certain areas and there is a lot of good that we can do with that money. It was suggested that it was hard to know the origins of any finance, money from business may have been invested in things we do not approve of. A lot of bodies are now funded by the lottery and if we are not prepared to go to them, there is very little funding available. It was acknowledged that opinions on the PCC are divided, and that the PCC would have to be prepared to stand by the decision, when it was made.

It was proposed that **the PCC is willing to apply directly to the National Lottery for grants**, proposed by Andrew Devereux, seconded by Malcolm McGregor, 4 in favour, 8 against, 1 abstention.

It was proposed that **the PCC is willing to apply for grants to bodies who may themselves receive money from the National Lottery, but not directly to the National Lottery**, proposed by Barbara Edwards, seconded by Sue Bell, 11 in favour, 3 against.

## **12. Finance Report**

Phil Hale is stepping down as Gift Aid secretary. **The PCC approved Mary Devereux as Gift Aid Secretary**, proposed by Barbara Edwards, seconded by Helen McGregor, 13 in favour, 1 abstention.

The treasurer proposed that **there should be 4 new designated funds: Criccieth Camp, CYFA Weekend, Pathfinder Weekend, Students and Young Adult Weekend**, proposed by Andrew Devereux, seconded by Alistair Bolton, all in favour.

## **13. CCTV Policy**

Tony Hutchings had circulated this policy by email, with proposed updates. Some suggestions had been made and more can be sent to Tony, who will bring the policy back to the next PCC for approval. It was pointed out that people need to be aware of our policies and comply with them.

## **14. Facilities Management Report**

This was circulated and is attached to the minutes. The fire alarm has been tested and needs to be louder or have an extra bell so that it can be heard throughout the hall. It was proposed that **a new gas boiler should be installed in the Reid Room, at a cost of no more than £2560 including VAT, the FMG to decide which quote is most acceptable**, proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Sue Bell, all in favour.

## **15. Buildings Task Group**

Things are progressing. There will be a questionnaire to church hall users.

## **16. Evangelism Task Group**

This hopes to report in June/July.

## **17. APCM**

David thanked Barbara Edwards for her work as secretary and Sue Bell, Fiona Houldsworth and Helen McGregor, for their contribution to the PCC, as they would be stepping down at the APCM. Nomination papers will be available from 27<sup>th</sup> April for new PCC members.

## **18. Practice Evacuation of Church Hall**

Training will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> June and the practice after that.

## **19. Date of Craft Aid**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **20. Date of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.15pm

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