

MINUTES

Present: Revd. Henry Curran, Kate Curran, Fiona Houghton, Ian Knight, Stacey Mutch, Kathryn Hubbard, Becca Haines, Joyce Cooper, Lawrence Ward, Jonathan Larsson, Chris Drew, Rosie Adsley.

1. **Opening Prayer**

Led by Henry from I Chronicles 5:18-22.

2. **Apologies**

Debs Hunt.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting (1st July 2019)**

Approved and signed.

a. **Action Points and Matters arising**

Item 3a: The heaters and hand driers have been installed.

4. **Vicar's Report**

No questions were asked.

5. **Report from Standing Committee**

[confidential item removed]

6. **Safeguarding Report**

Henry updated us on two safeguarding issues mentioned at our last meeting.

Fiona proposed and Becca seconded *that we adopt the proposed changes to the church's Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy and Procedures*. Thanks were expressed to Debs Hunt for her work on this.

We are looking for a replacement Safeguarding Officer to be appointed at our next meeting.

Action: all to think about suitable people.

The PCC wanted to look into whether romantic relationships between junior leaders and group members should be disallowed. **Action: Henry** to add to a future agenda.

Becca led us in prayer.

7. **Finance Report (up to 30 September 2019)**

Stacey answered questions on her report.

8. **2020 Budget**

We thanked Stacey and the standing committee for their work on this. Stacey asked us to delete the budget lines Service Refreshments and Hall Supplies as these are included under other headings.

Kathryn proposed and Joyce seconded *that we adopt the proposed budget for 2020 (after the amendments above)*. Passed unanimously.

Kathryn led us in prayer.

9. **Review of Mission Partners** (Kathryn declared an interest as she works for AIM).

Currently we give £170/month to Africa Inland Mission for Tony and Cath Swanson and £255/month to Crosstech. We had received mission funding requests from former church

members John levins and Claire Newton, but decided *not to support them*. **Action: Henry** to communicate this and encourage them to contact their friends at St. Mary's to ask for support.

Whilst the PCC is hugely impressed by the work of Crossteach Nottingham, we are frustrated that Crossteach nationally does not seem better organised in terms of its financial planning, after they failed to reply to our request for information about their financial needs ahead of this meeting. **Action: Henry and churchwardens** to write to Crossteach National Director.

Chris proposed and Stacey seconded *that we divide our mission giving equally between Crossteach Nottingham and Africa Inland Mission (Tony & Cath Swanson), with each receiving £212.50/month, beginning in January 2020*. Passed unanimously.

Action: Henry to communicate this change to our mission partners. **Action: Kathryn** to organise Christmas cards to our mission partners.

Kathryn led us in prayer.

10. Spring Term Programme

We decided *to have a church weekend on 8-9 February 2020, but not to have any evening service or café on 9th so that people can rest*. We agreed with Henry's other proposals.

11. Evangelism

The Chris Wilder magic evening was very popular and well received. Christianity Explored is going well with 18 participants. The recent café evening on suffering was well attended. Henry is encouraged. Fiona led us in prayer.

12. Sunday Service Review

Jonathan proposed and Becca seconded *that we accept Henry's proposals on page 23, and in addition add "times of silent prayer" to the list of prayer styles and keep the trial format of having quiet organ or band music before the service on alternate weeks*. Passed with 11 votes for, 1 abstention.

Action: Henry and PCC to share with congregation.

Action: Henry to address issues raised about outdated wording in hymns, making prayer at services more outward-looking. **Action: all** to help parents of young children join in social times before and after services when they are also looking after their children.

13. AOB

- a. We gave our support to Henry in accepting a request to join the team running the next CPAS Arrow leadership programme.

14. Date of next meetings:

- a. PCC: 27 January 2020 (Half agenda with prayer time. Agenda to include Christmas Review, Buildings and Children's Ministry)
- b. Standing Committee: 24 February 2020

15. Determination of Confidential Items

Item 5: Point 5.

Item 6: Safeguarding issues mentioned.

Item 9: Background information given about Crossteach. Our decision on mission partners to remain confidential until communicated to them.

16. Review of Meeting

Joyce closed in prayer.