

MINUTES

Present: Lawrence Ward, Kathryn Hubbard, Revd. Henry Curran, Kate Curran, Becca Haines, Ian Knight, Katherine Bulleid, Joyce Cooper, Revd. Tom Devas, Daniel Bauhahn, Fiona Houghton. Chris Drew joined us at item 3a.

1. **Opening Prayer** led by Henry from Acts 2.

2. **Apologies**
Debs Hunt.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting (9th July 2018)**

Agreed as an accurate record.

a. **Action Points and Matters arising**

Item 3a: Lawrence has amended the standing order to Crossteach.

Item 10: We now have a contactless card reader.

Item 12c: After more research Ian updated the cost of hardback Bibles to approx. £20 each. We are purchasing 3 x Chinese/ESV and 1 x Arabic.

4. **Schedule of Meetings for 2019**

Henry had rearranged the order of items from previous years to better consult the PCC and to help Lawrence prepare finance reports. We asked Henry to add reports on Safeguarding and Seniors ministry, to move the end of year finance report from January to March, and to consider moving the Standing Committee day to June. **Action: Henry**

5. **Vicar's Report**

We praised God for the success of the new rota system. Daniel suggested we review how we made the change work well.

Henry updated us on the funding campaign – the total increase in giving, including Gift Aid, is now £447.69/month or £5,372.23/year. Henry is encouraged by members' sacrificial decisions to give. Henry advised that we should be able to meet Parish Share next year. We are far short of being able to employ an administrator, but members are giving as much as they can.

The changes to Henry's working pattern are working so far. He will keep under review whether it is sustainable to work without a church administrator and may need to ask Kate to step back into an administrative role.

a. **Discussion on priorities for the term**

Daniel noted that the autumn term is a useful time for evangelism, with new students arriving and Christmas events being an easy invitation.

Henry suggested running an evangelistic course with the Wollaton Park Connect Group, and afterwards dividing into two groups. Tom asked us to pray as he works on raising up more Connect Group leaders. **Action: All** to pray.

Henry asked us to keep him and Tom accountable for keeping our focus on student ministry. We must not let it be side-lined again. Henry asked us to be close allies in leadership who can ask difficult questions, whether at PCC meetings or in-between. Becca led us in prayer.

Action: All to hold clergy accountable.

6. Standing Committee's Report

7. Finance Report

Lawrence felt this was broadly encouraging. Henry thanked Lawrence for his work. Henry asked to move Sarah's training costs to from General Worship Costs to Other Staff Expenses.

8. Request for support of Tom Parfitt (This item was chaired by Revd. Tom Devas)

There was equal feeling for and against resuming support of Tom Parfitt in his new church-planting ministry. We are not sure we are still Tom's sending church, relationships have become looser. *Because there was not united support for it we agreed to decline Tom Parfitt's request for support.* Tom Devas led us in prayer.

9. Review of Easter services and events

- The Maundy Thursday supper had been cancelled due to a virus at the Vicarage. Henry felt that this will continue to be an issue until we have a properly equipped church hall kitchen. It was suggested we bring our own food if needed next time. Henry had also received suggestions of sharing food before Praise & Prayer evenings.
- The quiet Good Friday service was appreciated.
- The Kids Easter Fun party with an Easter talk was well attended, including people from outside St. Mary's, and seemed to be appreciated.
- The Easter Sunday all-age service and egg hunt went well.
- Henry noted the power of invitations after someone attended an Easter service having seen a flyer which David Gibson had left at the barber.

10. Appointment of new churchwarden

Becca proposed and Joyce seconded *that we appoint Chris Drew as churchwarden from the date of the Bishop's acceptance of Daniel Bauhahn's resignation.* Passed unanimously. Becca led us in prayer.

11. Appointment of new deanery synod rep

Joyce proposed and Daniel seconded *that we appoint Ian Knight as a Deanery Synod rep until the next Deanery Synod election.* Passed unanimously. We hope that Ian may have the chance to stand for General Synod and uphold the church's faithfulness to scripture.

12. Appointment of new standing committee members

Katherine Bulleid formally announced her resignation from PCC, effective 11th September 2018, as she is moving on from St. Mary's. Henry thanked Katherine for her service. As both Katherine's and Daniel's positions on Standing Committee were now vacant (Chris was already a lay member of Standing Committee), Kate proposed and Ian seconded *that we appoint Joyce Cooper as a lay member of Standing Committee until the next AGM.* We prayed for the new appointments.

There are now two lay vacancies on PCC. They do not need to be filled, but members may suggest to Henry anyone we think should be asked.

13. Any Other Business

14. Date of next meetings:

- a. PCC: 15 October 2018
- b. Standing Committee: 12 November 2018

15. Determination of Confidential Items

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16. Review of meeting

17. Closing Prayer led by Henry.