

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Tuesday July 13th 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

1. **Opening Prayer** – SB Romans 8:21-24
2. **Apologies** John and Lis Arthurs, Amiel Osmaston, Michael Fieldhouse, June Donnelly
3. **Approval of Minutes:** of meeting held on May 18th 2021 - minutes accepted
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - i. Mission Committee – are in the process of setting a meeting date
 - ii. New Graveyard – The legal people have concluded the formal handover of the land which is now registered to the Church at the Land Registry. The developers are doing some tidying up including a small wall repair and hope to open the footpath in the next two weeks.

5. **Update on Team Situation / Re-organisation:**

There is a proposed ½ time interim post – paper attached to agenda

In principle we are happy for this it to go ahead. When we have a date for the interview, we will find two representatives for the interview panel.

Action JL to contact Vernon Ross to see what progress has been made following his meeting with the new safeguarding Officer.

JT suggests another letter to Derek Hurton to keep the pressure on. SB has already thanked DH for his original response but suggested a further letter should be sent to DH. **Action** JA to draft one??

CHull written to Bishop and was offered a meeting with the Bishop and Archdeacon. Is it worth them meeting with us all as a PCC or one/two others with Carole?

Action - MJ to ask Carole to reply to this effect.

Some months ago, SW met with VR and school chair of governors and were promised a pioneer minister but this has never materialised so a warning not to get our hopes up too much!.

There was much further discussion about pausing the parish share. Some are uncomfortable withholding parish share but we have been put into a position where we have little choice. We feel that the CofE are not fit for purpose and at the moment and they are holding our mission back in the community. Further discussion to be had in September and in the meantime prayerfully consider what we do with the money that has been withheld so far. We need to be good guardians of our money and its use. We have until Dec 31st to decide what we should do with this money.

See end of these minutes for suggested amendment to this paragraph.

6. **Team funds** – GOS and Allithwaite currently pay into this account, fund still needed for clergy expenses and photocopying and to pay Linda Brown. The accounts seem to be in a mess and no one really knows what is happening.

Action - Church wardens to meet to try to resolve this issue and to try to access and understand the funds especially if the team dissolves soon.

7. **Continuing Pattern of Services and Guidelines:**

Proposal to continue current pattern in August and September and then review in light of promised support discussed above.

Covid measures – continue to wear masks, and socially distance but sing under masks, socialise outside afterwards. This is for the month of July and then reviewed for August.

Future midweek communion services discussed – **Action** Elaine to discuss the possibility with Bryan Williams and George Wilson.

8. **Finance update:** Current accounts circulated. Accounts for June - no major issues. In September will have a budget review. A number of gifts have been received recently especially from those that have not given during lockdown.
9. **Away weekend:** Pat R and JT feel that it should go ahead. Currently only 5/6 paid but another 5/6 interested.
Action - JT to contact those that were interested and cancelled last year. Needs further advertising (Suggested Jim Bruce as potential speaker – ask Amiel what she thinks?).
10. **Community and Youth Worker Post:** Helen Hoyle has been appointed and starts in September. Six people in management group - MHull and MJ share line manager role (in absence of vicar), JT and JB to be church reps and CMason and one other from CTYT. Jo Rand as mentor.

There are lots of opportunities for her to get involved in potential new projects eg toddler music group, food hub café, monthly community lunch etc.

JT made finance policy for this post – paper attached to agenda and a few alterations made. Expenses shared 50/50 unless there is a huge expense for one party.

Action- JT to notify our insurers of this post and check liability.

11. Facilities within Church e.g: use of vestry, provision of WiFi etc:

Proposal that the Wardens buildings team with Helen to explore options and costs.

12. Any Other Business

- a) Proposed grounds tidy day + picnic; September 18th – **Action** - A Sherwin to organise and advertise it in ‘In touch’ and put on website!
- b) Sue attended training to become a ‘sight loss friendly church’, other training to happen which Sue will feed back to PCC.
Action - Pastoral team to take on some of these ideas.
- c) Use of church building on Weds or Friday for a toddler music group – further details needed to make a decision – **Action – SW**
- d) Organ to be tuned – **Action MJ**.
- e) Photos in church need updating – **Action ALL to send photos to SB to update board**
- f) Amanda to put DBS forms in church for all to complete.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday September 14th

Suggested amendment to item 5: “There was much further discussion about pausing the parish share. Some are uncomfortable about withholding the parish share. *Some feel that we have been put into a position where we have little choice, that certain organisational structures within the CofE are not fit for purpose and that, at the moment they are holding our mission back in the community.* Further discussion to be had in September and in the meantime prayerfully consider what we do with the money that has been withheld so far. We need to be good guardians of our money and its use. We have until Dec 31st to decide what we should do with this money.”