

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

## Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Tuesday November 23rd 2021 at 7.30pm in Church

**Present:** S Bell (chair), J Bell, A Sherwin (via Zoom), John Tindale, Janice Tindale, J Donnelly, A Hill, S Wymer (via Zoom), John Lanham, M Jackson, J Maycock, J Arthurs.

- 1. Opening Prayer** – S Bell read from 1 Corinthians 1, and prayed for God's guidance and grace as we serve our purpose to be a light and a mission church for all; to be of one mind and purpose.
- 2. Apologies:** M Fieldhouse, E Baldry, L Spring, E Arthurs, Julie Lanham, A Osmaston
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the PC meeting held on September 14<sup>th</sup> were approved and signed by the chairman.

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

"Team Funds" - JL reported that there is £2500 in the team account and St Mary's are currently contributing £550 per quarter, leading to a discussion as to whether we should review our contribution. JM reported that she and JB would be meeting with the Team Administrator to review all the processes, and would then report back to the PCC. **Action: JM**

The meeting agreed to continue the current funding but would keep an eye on the build-up of any surplus.

Mission Committee – the meeting thanked Alison G for her hospitality and organisation during the recent visit of our Mission partner, Andy. A letter of thanks to be sent to Alison. **Action: JA**

Away weekend – 43 people are now signed up for the weekend in January. A small group is meeting to prepare the programme.

#### **5. Standing Committee Meeting:**

The notes from the Stg Cttee meeting held on November 9<sup>th</sup> had been previously circulated. Various matters were discussed:

Structure of meetings – a review of small groups e.g. Worship leaders, buildings etc. to take place after the Mission planning meeting in the new year.

Communion options: we would continue to recommend the wearing of masks at services. JM outlined various options for the delivery of Communion. It was agreed that reference to bread and wine would be included in the Eucharist Prayer and that Communion would be offered as "wafers dipped in wine by the President", or "bread only". These decisions will be outlined in "In Touch".

**Action: JA**

JM reported that she and JB were meeting regularly with Nick Devenish.

Garden of Remembrance: although it was agreed to retain the current arrangements whereby individual place markings are not allowed, there are still concerns that families are unable to identify specific plots. The Churchwardens to consider whether some extra information regarding the Book of Remembrance is needed at the site. **Action: CW's**

#### **6. Mission Action Plan:**

The meeting agreed that we should re-visit the plan, although recognising that the basic aims remain the same. JM suggested that we use the 4 themes of the "God for All" initiative as it recognises all aspects of Mission whilst acknowledging what is already in place. It was agreed to hold a review meeting, open to all, on the afternoon of Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>. JM to lead the session.

As part of this review, a Stewardship Campaign would be held. Services leading up to Easter Sunday would reflect this theme. **Action: Worship leaders**

**7. Home Groups:**

These were recognised as an important part of the Church fellowship. An appeal to be put in “In Touch” for people to host groups – note: not necessarily lead. **Action: JA**

**8. Allithwaite School Foundation Governor:**

A vacancy will occur when SW stands down in the new year. This connection between Church and School is very important. An appeal for someone to volunteer to be put in “In Touch”. **Action: JA**

**9. Christmas Service Arrangements:**

The following arrangements were confirmed:

Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> 4pm Communion leader: JM

Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Carol Service leader: JM

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service leader: SW

Christmas Day 10am Family Communion leaders: JM and JL

Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship (with Flookburgh) leader: JM

The next Community lunch will be on Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>

**10. Finance update:**

The meeting considered the proposal from the Standing Committee that we increase our Parish Share by 2% but continue to withhold 25% in a separate pot until such time as the situation regarding the Team Vicar is resolved.

There were various views around this proposal, including the specific circumstances that would cause the situation to change. It was therefore agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this one item, using the Stg Cttee’s proposal as a starting point. The meeting to take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, to be facilitated by JM.

In the meantime the Treasurer would inform the Diocese of our decision to continue withholding 25% pending the review in January. **Action: JT**

**11. Web Site:** JL would report to the next PCC meeting. **Action: JL**

**12. Any Other Business:**

- Noted that Helen Hoyle’s review meeting is taking place next week, any observations to be passed to MJ.
- SW reported on the changes to the Lay Training Pathway course that she is attending.

**13. Dates of Future Meetings:**

Standing Committee: Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup>

PCC Special Meeting: Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>

Regular PCC Meeting: Tuesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

MAP Review session: Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>