

**Minutes of St John's PCC Meeting**  
**Held at St Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The following members were present:

Edward Armitstead, John Brookes, Jam Cary, Elizabeth Crawford, Rob Dean, Beth Farrington, Jane Hiscock, Lin Hann, Les Jackson, Phil Juggins, Charley Maidment, James Maitland, Jennifer Matthew, Keith Ovenden, Tom Putt, Jenny Salberg, Mike Streatfeild, Helen Truett, , Kath Upton, Robert Warr, Sandra Warr. Chairman: James Dudley-Smith. Secretary: Janet Dean

1. **Apologies:** Stefan Davies, Nick Scorer, David Upton.
2. **Minutes** of the PCC meeting held on 30 January 2018 were agreed and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** The Secretary had written to the Archdeacon on 31<sup>st</sup> January regarding the future of the Associate Minister post for our parish, and to date there has been no reply.
4. **Reading:** James read from Psalm 117, which happens to be the central chapter of the Bible. It asks us as a church not to be a 'holy huddle' but to turn outwards with the wonderful news of how great our God is.

There followed a short time of prayer.

5. **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> April when we need to elect five members to the PCC. James has created a pamphlet to help people decide who should stand and to encourage membership of the PCC.

**6. Outreach and Evangelism**

- Art for Easter: Set up begins this Friday and will open on Monday for Easter Week, 10am to 4pm daily. Information cards are in all Yeovil churches as this is a joint venture. Volunteers are required to steward and it is hoped that many will visit: the venue is in the Quedam, opposite HMV.
- Men's and Women's breakfasts: the next Men's Breakfast is on 24<sup>th</sup> March and a good number have signed up already. The next women's breakfast will be on 26<sup>th</sup> May when Katy Jack will be the speaker.
- The Christianity Explored course has just finished and those who attended will hopefully soon join a fellowship group. Another course is set to commence after Easter on a Thursday lunchtime.
- Outreach Weekend. Tom Putt is organising this to take place over the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May.
- The recent fundraising concert given in St John's raised £1568 for the Lily Foundation in memory of Charlie who sadly died earlier this year.

**7. Finance Report**

John Brookes had circulated his report and accounts prior to the meeting and asked that the PCC approve them. Proposed by Rob Dean and seconded by Mike Streatfeild. All in favour.

Reserves Policy. Rob Dean had circulated a copy of this to the PCC prior to the meeting and a discussion followed regarding the use of the Peter Wakely fund in particular: £120K to go towards the reordering project and the rest will be available to fund the Pastoral Care Coordinator's post over a five year. James asked for the policy to be approved: all in favour with three abstentions.

**8. Fabric Report**

Work resulting from the Quinquennial Report continues. Sally Strachey Historic Conservation have visited the church regarding repairs to the stonework highlighted in the report and their quote for the work is awaited. The concrete repairs done to the roof as a result of WWII bombing can be replaced by us.

**9. St Andrew's Report**

- Sandra Warr reported that, due to the snow weekend on 4<sup>th</sup> March, they were unable to hold their service due to safety concerns.
- Their new sound system is to be fitted in May.
- Their organist, Derick Wood, continues to organise a sing-along every few weeks followed by fellowship with tea and cake.
- The craft group continues although the recent weather and various illnesses has affected attendance.

