

Minutes of St John's PCC Meeting
Held at St Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday 2nd April 2019

The following members were present:

Edward Armitstead, Stefan Davies, Rob Dean, James Dudley-Smith, Chris Frazer, Lin Hann, Beth Farrington, Mary Irwin, Caroline Jeeves, Phil Juggins, Iain Maitland, James Maitland, Jennifer Matthew, Tom Oaks, Keith Ovenden, Tom Putt, Jenny Salberg, Nick Scorer, Tim Thurgood, Helen Truett, Kath Upton, Anne Wicks. Chairman: James Dudley-Smith, Secretary: Janet Dean

1. **Apologies:** John Brookes, Jam Cary, David Maynard-Griffin, Sandra Warr
2. **Minutes** of the PCC meeting held on 16th January 2019 were agreed and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** There were none.
4. James read from John 15: 1-8 concerning Jesus talking to his disciples the night before his death. "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". This applies to us in Yeovil today as much as it did to the disciples then.

A time of prayer followed.

5. **Review of Annual Meetings.** James asked for comments regarding these and it was generally agreed that they went well and were well attended.
6. **Election of two members to the Standing Committee.** As there were three candidates, an election was held and Lin Hann and Mary Irwin appointed.
7. **Evangelism and Outreach.**
 - Talking Jesus course. It was agreed that this was a good course run by Jam Cary and attended not only by members of our parish but other churches too.
 - Evangelistic leaflet. Tom Oaks has worked on creating this to be more of an invitation than an evangelistic leaflet.
 - CAP: Defying the Odds. This was to take place the following day to which all churches and CAP clients had been invited.
 - Super Saturday: this is a good outreach event and takes place each September. This year, bright displays will be created to demonstrate all that we have to offer at St John's; and the Friends will hold a stall selling DVDs and books.
 - Other matters: men's and ladies' breakfasts.
8. **A vision of St John's Yeovil.** James had produced a proposal which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and regarding which a discussion followed. Various suggestions and modifications were made, all of which were noted by James.

A time of prayer followed.

9. **Finance Report.** John Brookes was unable to be present but had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The PCC were encouraged by the increase in donations generally.
10. **Report from St Andrews**
 - Tree maintenance had been carried out on the huge cedar at the west end of the hall.
 - Twenty people had attended the recent APCM
 - Expenditure for the coming year is like to exceed income, despite two recent bequests.
 - The electoral roll stands at 43 though a number of long-standing members have yet to return their forms.

Beth Farrington first asked that the parish website should display more detailed information about St Andrew's. This was noted. She then asked St John's to pray for them. New people have got to want to come and this will require much prayer and a sense of the Lord's timing.

A time of prayer followed.

11. Fabric Report

More people are needed to do the odd jobs around the church. To date, St John's has relied on Eddie Brooks and Les Whittle but a team of younger and fitter people will be needed in the longer term. Also, Phil asked the PCC if anyone can recommend a builder to undertake some of the larger tasks as the elderly builder currently used is not well.

12. Associate Minister Post

Tom was congratulated on his appointment as Rector of the Burford parishes and he confirmed he will be leaving in the summer, ready for the start of the school term for his children.

Despite letters and meetings with the Diocese, there is still no indication that our plea for a new Associate Minister has been heard. Val Barker has been asked to produce a report on our need, and it was agreed that we should have a fall-back plan should a replacement not be found in the immediate future.

13. Children's and Youth Work

- James Maitland reported that thirteen 11-14 year-olds had attended the recent weekend away at Brunel Manor and that everyone had enjoyed it. He asked that we pray for their continued journeys in faith. He also confirmed that numbers are heading for 30 on a Friday night which is excellent.
- Plans for Holiday Club are underway, though Lin Hann was disappointed that the number of volunteer helpers is down for various reasons.
- Faith in Kids have a Job Description for a Children's Worker on their website, but JDS wishes to talk through some specifics with him. It is hoped that a firm proposal for a decision can come for a vote at the next PCC meeting.
- The next confirmation service is scheduled for 7pm on 30th May at St John's

14. **Reordering at St John's.** Rob Dean was due to meet with the architect the following day so had nothing new to report since the APCM. The size of the servery was discussed and this will be looked at.

15. **Safeguarding matters.** Ros Bush has dates available for training; and Ann Thurgood is willing to do face-to-face training.

16. Any Other Business

- a) A list of those helping with communion had been circulated and this was approved by the PCC
- b) RD commented that the commissioning of LPAs the previous Sunday was well done
- c) RD asked the PCC for guidance regarding which socio-economic group St John's should place itself. We are currently in group C and it was agreed that we should remain in this group.

A time of prayer followed and the meeting closed at 9.50pm