

The United Benefice of St. Mary's, Goudhurst With Christ Church, Kilndown.

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. Meeting held on Thursday 15th September 2016, 7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

Present:	Rev. H. Nelson	Mr S Taurins
	Mrs P Springett	Mrs C Lloyd
	Mrs S Donkin	Mrs K Ogden
	Mrs J Dunstall	Mrs A Pakenham-Walsh
	Mr J Wickham	Mrs A Williams
	Mr B Mayhew	Mr D Sargeant
	Mrs B Addis	Mr K Draper

1. <u>Prayers</u>	Action
Barney opened our meeting with prayer.	
2. <u>Apologies for absence</u>	
Apologies were received from Richard Vinton, Dave Lodge and Tim Wormington.	
3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 21.7.16.</u>	
These Minutes were approved and signed,	
4. <u>Matters Arising</u>	
a) Church w/e away 7th-9th July 2017 – Hugh and Becky to organize sub-committee.	H.N./B.A.
b) Job Description for a Parish Development Manager – this will be discussed at our next meeting.	
5. <u>Mission and Ministry</u>	
a) Parish Development Plan A Parish Meeting was held on Saturday 10 th September and arising from this Hugh asked the P.C.C. if they felt the church should have a role in this plan. It was felt that the church ought to be involved and Hugh will make contact with the Chairman and Secretary of the Parish Council to let them know that we are interested. Following this a note will be printed in the Weekly Sheet asking if anyone is interested in representing the church, and if so, to let Becky know. It was felt that Father Vic might also like to be involved.	H.N.

<p>b) Refugee Support Money from the King Singers concert on the 20th Sept is going towards helping the refugee boys at the Swattenden Centre. These boys are between the ages of 15-18 years and are only at the centre for a very short time. Hugh will ask Anna Draper and Val Lodge what the best use of this money will be.</p>	<p>H.N.</p>
<p>6. <u>Teaching and Worship</u> a) <u>Service pattern update</u> Hugh circulated a draft form of service for our comments. It was strongly felt that the service should start on time, and the welcomers will be briefed. The screen will be down every Sunday although not necessarily used each time. Catherine questioned the layout, saying pages should be numbered, and it was agreed that Hugh would ask Josie Parsley to comment on the layout of the next draft. Hugh asked that members look at his draft and let him have any comments by 25th Sept. He will then circulate another draft to members for their approval. b) Music – as reported in Hugh’s report, we have had an application for the organist/choirmaster post. The lady will be invited to a choir practice on Saturday 1st October, and then Hugh, Ali, Angela and Barney will hold a short interview with her. Angela wanted to confirm that we still wish to have an organist and the band, and the P.C.C. agreed that this was our wish.</p>	<p>H.N.</p>
<p>7. <u>Fabric and Finance</u> a) Screens - Simon confirmed that we need new screens on the pillars in the north aisle and additional speakers for sound at the back of the church. An estimate has been obtained and the cost will be around £15,000. It was thought some people might like to contribute to this work. Our architect is in agreement with this idea and the P.C.C. agreed that a Faculty be applied for, although exact details of what we require will be discussed at the next P.C.C. meeting. b) Noticeboard - it was suggested that an electric screen be placed at the back of the church, giving information of services and what’s going on at St. Mary’s. c) Churchyard wall – the tender for the repair of this work is shortly going out. The Parish Council has agreed to pay for work to the wall not covered by insurance. d) Callflow – see Hugh’s report Callflow, who have high-speed broadband aerials from the church tower, have asked permission to upgrade their equipment, which has reached capacity. Hugh has been in</p>	

<p>touch with the Commissary General's office, and they have replied to say that they will favourably consider the change, subject to the licence between Callflow and St Mary's being updated to show the detail of the new aerials, and some kind of material exchange taking place. It is for us to decide whether to seek an uplift in the fee. Kat offered to speak to a friend who could help us assess the level of the current fee being paid by Callflow. Simon will then follow up with Callflow.</p> <p>e) Finance – Dave Lodge was unable to be present but had sent a brief report as follows:- “On the finances, we were behind expectations to the end of July, but I’m looking to August/September catching back a bit; we had some hefty Alpha costs in June/July which knocked us off course a little, but there has been less ‘one-off’ spend over the summer. I need to prepare the August accounts to confirm this, but that’s my expectations at this stage.”</p> <p>8. <u>Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults</u> Andrea is proposing to hold a Safeguarding and Training session for Sunday Club Teachers, and anyone else interested, on Saturday 12th November.</p> <p>9. <u>Communication</u> The secretary distributed Giving for Life questionnaires, with the aim of reviewing our practice on stewardship matters, which will be discusses at a future P.C.C. meeting.</p> <p>10. <u>Any Other Business</u> Hugh asked that we keep informed on the Reform and Renewal subject.</p> <p>11. <u>P.C.C. Meeting Dates</u> Thursday 20th October Thursday 24th November <u>(Please note changed date)</u></p>	<p>K.O. S.T.</p>
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