

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. Meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016,
7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

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| Present: | Rev. H. Nelson | Mrs A.Pakenham-Walsh |
| | Mr T Wormington | |
| | Mrs S Donkin | |
| | Mrs J Dunstall | Mr R Vinton |
| | Mr B Mayhew | Mr D Sargeant |
| | Mrs B Addis | |
| | Mr K Draper | Mr S Taurins |

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| <p>1. <u>Prayers</u> Barney Mayhew was acting chairman and opened the meeting with prayer. Hugh welcomed Anthony Farnfield to our meeting, to give the P.C.C. the opportunity to thank him for all his work as Treasurer. Angela presented him with 2 tickets for Glyndebourne and the promise of a picnic prepared by her, Hugh also gave him a framed print of the plan of the re-ordering of St. Mary's. Anthony replied saying that he has enjoyed most of the work involved and also gave thanks to John McCaig for all his help with Gift Aid.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Emma Sibree, James Wickham, David Lloyd and Craig Huxley.</p> <p>3. <u>Minutes of Meeting held on 21.1.16.</u> These Minutes were approved and signed,</p> <p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u> There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.</p> <p>5. <u>Church Warden nominations</u> As discussed at our last meeting, many of a churchwarden's duties can be shared between several people. Tim commented that the Fabric of the church, Setting up ready for a service, Funerals/Weddings are all tasks that could be undertaken by someone other than a churchwarden. Hugh informed us that Ali Williams had agreed to stand as churchwarden and he was in discussion with another person.</p> | |

Both Angela and Tim were happy to act as deputy wardens.
Hugh commented that he needed faith filled strategic leaders to work with him.

6. **A.P.C.M.**

Simon Taurins, Richard Vinton and James Wickham were willing to stand for re-election as P.C.C. members. Hugh informed us that Cat Ogden would also like to stand.

Becky Addis may stand down as a member of the P.C.C. as she is our Parish Administrator, but attend P.C.C. meetings when necessary.

The P.C.C. felt it would be advantageous to invite a young member of our church to one of our strategy planning meetings.

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7. **Priorities for 2016/17**

See Hugh's report and separate paper

Children, young people and families strategy 2016.

This subject was discussed and it was agreed that our overall vision would be "To follow the call that God has laid upon us to build community with the children and young people of the local villages and their families, to introduce them to Jesus Christ, offer them the opportunity to commit their lives to him and equip them to live as disciples who know they are loved by God and are open to the Holy Spirit" A shortened title was suggested "Growing young disciples in faith and action"

The Preaching, Teaching and Discipleship Team have adopted the slogan "Not only love much but love well"

The P.C.C. agreed to embrace and champion this vision and these principles as we develop the specific plans that will see this area of our ministry grow.

It was also agreed to deepen our contact with local schools

8. **Teaching and Worship**

a) Music Director – see Hugh's report

b) Service pattern – see Hugh's report

c) Preaching, teaching and discipleship team – see Paper 1

Hugh made the suggestion that there would not be a collection at Family Services, The P.C.C. discussed this option and the following was agreed:-

1. For the next 4 Family Services we will not take a collection for the church

2. The collection that we do take will be given to a relevant charity, to be chosen to reflect the theme of the service, or an issue in the news

3. This will only apply to cash given at that service, and where it is gift aided, only to money received in yellow envelopes.

4. Money given in blue envelopes and regular giving by standing order

is entirely unaffected by this proposal

5. The total sum given in these 4 services will be deducted from the total sum that we give to charities at the end of the year, so there will be no impact on our overall income or bottom line

6. We will review this at the PCC meeting in July. Our options then will be:

i. To continue to take a collection and to give it away

ii. To stop taking a collection altogether and to have a retiring collection instead

iii. To return to having a collection during the service, for the benefit of the church

7. We will continue to teach about regular giving being a basic expression of discipleship, and will do so specifically on 8 May which has been set aside as Finance Sunday

9. **Fabric and Finance**

Fabric

Tim reported that the gate to the west end of the churchyard is to be replaced, either by St. Mary's or the Parish Council.

Finance

David Lodge was unable to be present but had circulated a Finance Report and the Budget for 2016. The P.C.C. approved the Budget.

A.V. screens – due to shortage of time, this item was postponed.

Property Team terms of reference. – See Hugh's report and Paper 2. It was thought the bells and clock could be added to the list.

Hugh proposed that Don Sargeant join the property team, to which the P.C.C agreed.

10. **Communication**

The Friends of St. Mary's have kindly offered to take over the opening of the church tower. The P.C.C. need to make sure that the opening is properly covered by Insurance and has asked the Friends for a report. The tower remains under the auspices of the P.C.C. and the P.C.C. should have ultimate control. The Friends report will be sent to Tim for his approval.

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