

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2016, 7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

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

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<p>1. <u>Prayers</u> Rev. Hugh Nelson opened the meeting with prayer.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Patrice Springett, Emma Sibree and James Wickham.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of meeting held on 3.12.15.</u> These Minutes were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u> Readycall – Hugh reported that a second meeting had been held on 14th January and progress was being made. People were still needed to co-ordinate some areas of assistance. Intern – Hugh was investigating a placing for Anne Orr. Alpha – Hugh reported that approximately 50 people were taking part, plus helpers. Two sessions had been held so far which had been well received and the catering arrangements were going well.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Teaching and Worship</u> a) Music Director Hugh reported that the members of the M.D. group had met and agreed the wording of the new advert for an organist, which would go out very soon. It was decided not to advertise for a Worship Leader for the 1st and 3rd Sundays at present, as we may be able to fill this post in house. At present the band will be leading worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and the choir will sing at Kilndown.</p>	

<p>6. <u>Fabric</u> a) AV screens See Paper 3 of Hugh’s report – the P.C.C. agreed that an AV specialist be asked to advise and quote, preferably with Jonathan Deeming present as well, to assist with structural matters. It is hoped to have additional screen/screens up and running by Easter.</p> <p>b) Church Room Car Park The P.C.C. agreed that the re-surfacing needs to be done immediately. Hugh, Becky and Tim will agree which of the 3 quotes we have received to accept</p> <p>7. <u>Mission and Ministry</u> a) Sri Lanka Link See Paper 2 of Hugh’s report The P.C.C. discussed the 3 options listed in this report, and agreed to option C. “We attempt to rejuvenate the Link over the next year.” Hugh and Jo Meyer will draw up a plan for the next 9 months. Richard Vinton is willing to assist. It was recognized that we need to person to lead the Link.</p> <p>8. <u>Church Warden Nominations</u> See Paper 1 of Hugh’s report – this paper was discussed and it was suggested that the many areas listed could be covered by people other than churchwardens. It was also suggested that deputy wardens are appointed. Although Tim is due to step down, he is willing to serve another year, either as churchwarden, or alongside a new churchwarden.</p> <p>9. <u>Priorities for 2016/17</u> Hugh reported that our overwhelming strength is our children, with 50 – 60 attending St. Mary’s. We have a far higher percentage of children attending our church than most churches, and we should build on this. Hugh posed 2 questions; 1) Is it right that we focus on reaching out beyond our church next year, and 2) Is it right that our strategic focus for this is developing our work with children and young people? Hugh commented that we have the chance to enable children to meet God through all local schools. The P.C.C. agreed to this priority and Hugh said that those involved with our children, will meet and draw up detailed plans to grow youth work, which will be discussed at our next P.C.C. meeting in February. Barney commented that we should serve the whole village and those in particular of need</p>	<p>T.W.</p> <p>H.N./T.W./B.A.</p> <p>H.N.</p> <p>H.N.</p>
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<p>10. <u>Finance</u> David Lodge circulated a Finance Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.</p> <p>11. <u>Deanery</u> Hugh reported that Bishop Trevor would be conducting a Deanery Confirmation at St. Mary's on 17th April.</p> <p>12. <u>Any Other Business</u> Richard Vinton informed us the date of the Village Fete is 11th June. He stressed that we must do better than last year and urged members to think of new ideas and support St. Mary's stalls.</p> <p>13. <u>Future Dates</u></p> <p><u>P.C.C. meetings</u></p> <p>Thursday 25th February</p> <p>Wednesday 16th March</p> <p>Sunday 24th April APCM</p> <p>Thursday 26th May</p> <p>Thursday 16th June</p> <p>Thursday 21st July</p> <p>Thursday 15th September</p> <p>Thursday 20th October</p> <p>Thursday 17th November</p>	<p>P.C.C.</p>
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