

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

**MINUTES** of St. Mary's P.C.C. Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016,  
7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

Present:           Rev. H. Nelson  
                      Mrs P Springett  
                      Mrs S Donkin                         Mrs K Ogden  
                      Mrs J Dunstall  
                      Mr D Lodge                             Mrs A Williams  
                      Mr B Mayhew                         Mr D Sargeant  
                      Mrs B Addis                         Mr K Draper

1. <b><u>Prayers</u></b>	<b>Action</b>
<p>Barney opened our meeting with prayer.</p>	
<p>2. <b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Richard Vinton, Simon Taurins, James Wickham and Catherine Lloyd.</p>	
<p>3. <b><u>Minutes of Meeting held on 26.5.16.</u></b></p> <p>These Minutes were approved and signed,</p>	
<p>4. <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>a) Church w/e away 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – no further news.  b) Music Director - the person Hugh had met with (as reported in the Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> May) needed at least 3 days work, which we would be unable to give him.  c) Election of Vice-Chair – Rev. Hugh Nelson was elected unanimously.</p>	
<p>5. <b><u>Flourish; plans for growth</u></b></p> <p><b>See Hugh's report and Job Description for a Parish Development Manager.</b>  The Job Description paper was discussed at length, and although it was recognized that Hugh cannot do all the work involved, it was felt that he was the best person to oversee the various projects and he is also familiar with members of our church family which would enable him to recognize who would be best for each task. Someone new</p>	

<p>to the job would have to spend time getting to know people and what they were capable of.</p> <p>Projects identified were, Parenting, Teenage Wellbeing, Oversee Sunday Club, Holiday Clubs, Free Games, Marriage Guidance and engaging with parts of the community that we are not currently serving.</p> <p>A final decision was not reached, and Barney urged the P.C.C. to pray for discernment for the way forward.</p> <p>6. <b><u>Mission and Ministry</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Using data more accurately</b></p> <p>Becky and Ali are currently composing a spreadsheet, combining information on the Electoral Roll and Mailchimp to make it easier to get a picture of our church family.</p> <p>It was suggested that an audit will be taken on a specific Sunday of the month to ascertain which services our congregation attend. It was suggested that P.C.C. members are given 10 – 20 names of our church family, so that a friendly eye can be on the lookout for anyone ill etc.</p> <p>Kat suggested a photo of our church family be placed in the porch. Andrea will be asked to check this against Safeguarding requirements.</p> <p>7. <b><u>Teaching and Worship</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Proposal for changing the pattern of Sunday Services</b>  <b>See Hugh’s report – Paper 1</b></p> <p>This paper was discussed and the P.C.C. agreed to Hugh’s proposals, which will be reviewed. It was stressed that communication is important.</p> <p>8. <b><u>Fabric and Finance</u></b></p> <p>a) <b>Finance</b> - Dave Lodge reported that we are 6%– 7% behind budget, but our expenses are below budget.  A copy of the May accounts will be sent with the Minutes.</p> <p>b) <b>Church Wall</b> – Hugh reported that we are still waiting for instructions from the DAC.</p> <p>c) <b>Noticeboards</b> – Hugh had asked our architect for ideas for tidying up the bookcases and noticeboards, which had resulted in a set of drawings, costing £900. It was suggested that a sub-committee looked into the various options, and Barney, Becky, Don, Sue and Ali volunteered to be on this committee, with Hugh if he wishes</p> <p>d) <b>Screens</b> – this item was postponed until the next meeting.</p> <p>9. <b><u>Communication</u></b>  Nothing to report</p>	<p><b>K.O.</b></p> <p><b>Next Agenda</b></p>
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<p>10     <b><u>Church Room</u></b>  a) Awning – the Pre-School wish to have an awning over the balcony area and asked if the church would contribute to the £6,500 cost, plus repointing to the wall after it was installed. The pre-school has raised £2,000 so far. The P.C.C. wished to know a) what would be the life of the awning, b) if it was weather proof and c) do we need planning permission.  The P.C.C. agreed to support this scheme with £3,250 (half of the cost) plus the repointing of the wall.</p> <p>11     <b><u>Sri Lanka Link</u></b>  See item in last Minutes of 26.5.16.  The secretary will request Joe Meyer to write a letter of instruction to Dave Lodge instructing him to ring fence the balance of the Sri Lanka Link fund, and how it should be used.</p> <p>12.     <b><u>Deanery</u></b>  Nothing to report</p> <p>13.     <b><u>Any Other Business</u></b>   Hugh reported that our Parish Council proposed to compile a Formal Parish Plan for our village and a meeting is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30.a.m. for all members of our community.</p> <p>14.     <b><u>P.C.C. Meeting Dates</u></b>   Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September  Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October  Thursday 24th November <b><u>(Please note changed date)</u></b></p>	<p>Sec.</p>
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