

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2015,
7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

Present: Rev. H. Nelson
 Mrs P. Springett Mrs S Donkin
 Mrs J Dunstall
 Mrs E Sibree Mr J Wickham
 Mr T Wormington Mr D Sargeant
 Mrs B Addis
 Mr K Draper Mr S Taurins

	Action
<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 Angela Pakenham-Walsh, Richard Vinton, David Lloyd, Craig Huxley and Barney Mayhew.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of meeting held on 24.9.15.</u> These Minutes were approved and signed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u> Readycall – Hugh reported that a meeting was held on 13th October, which was very well attended. Four subjects were identified as first priorities, Transport, Visiting, Meals on Wheels and Practical help. Transport – the possibility of a Community Bus is being investigated. Bethany School pass on their buses after ten years, but work is required then to bring them up to standard. Meals - Our primary school are willing to provide a meal once a week, alternately with the Lunch Club. Several offers of help have been received following the meeting, but as yet, no one has stepped forward to coordinate the tasks. The next meeting is to be held on 14th January at the Ex-Service Men's Club.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Mission and Ministry</u> a) Update on intern See Hugh's report. It was agreed that there were several concerns regarding taking on Anne Orr, such as her not being used to a rural area, not being able to drive and not an experienced youth worker. Hugh will help her to look into other options.</p>	H.N.

<p>b) Update on Alpha See Hugh's report The P.C.C. agreed to the budget of £4,000 for the catering for Alpha, less donations.</p> <p>c) Priorities for 2016/17 Hugh highlighted the fact that Angela and Tim are due to retire as churchwardens at the next A.P.C.M. Tim is willing to assist after this if it would help. Hugh said we need to ask ourselves, What do we need and What is the role? Hugh undertook to prepare a paper for discussion at our January meeting, on the different tasks required.</p>	<p>H.N.</p>
<p>6. <u>Service to the Community</u> a) Community pub briefing. Catherine Lloyd came to tell us of the committee's ideas regarding purchasing The Vine as a Community Pub. The P.C.C. asked to be kept informed of progress, but recognized there were several obstacles to be overcome. Hugh will write to Catherine with our thoughts.</p>	<p>H.N.</p>
<p>7. <u>Teaching and Worship</u> a) Update on appointment of a Director of Music See Hugh's report to the P.C.C. Hugh reported that a second interview had been held, and arising from that one of the two will be offered a 3-month trial, taking 3 Family Services, 2 3rd Sunday services and perhaps 1 evening service. An advertisement for an organist will go out in the New Year.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Community and Belonging</u> a) Community and Belonging team terms of reference Draft Terms of Reference are attached to Hugh's report. Hugh ascertained that a Team Leader would be appointed by the P.C.C. Please pass any thoughts you may have on this subject to Hugh.</p>	<p>P.C.C.</p>
<p>9. <u>Fabric and Finance</u> a) Finance report, including Parish Share update. David Lodge was unable to be present but had sent a Finance Report, which was circulated, to members. The Parish Share will rise to £62,640 in 2016, from £60,797 in 2015.</p> <p>b) Architect c) Church Wall d) South Aisle screens e) Candelabra f) Path lighting See Hugh's report for these items.</p> <p>g) Church Room car park re-surfacing 3 quotes have been received for this work, £4,000, £3,500, and</p>	

<p>£1,800. Emma Sibree recommended contractors who had done work for her and they will be asked to quote for this work. It is questioned whether this land belongs to the Diocese, but it was felt that the resurfacing needed to be done to avoid accidents</p>	<p>T.W.</p>
<p>10. <u>Child Protection</u> A report had been circulated from Andrea Kirkby, in which she asked the P.C.C. to give their approval for Climbers to use Grand View (Andrea's home) when the Village Hall is in use. The P.C.C. were happy to give their approval. Tim will check hiring charges with the Village Hall.</p>	<p>T.W.</p>
<p>11. <u>Future Dates</u> <u>P.C.C. meetings</u> Thursday 21st January 2016</p>	