**CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, ABINGTON**

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th July 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH ROOMS**

**PRESENT:** Rev Byung Jun Kim (Chair), Damian Pickard, Alan Sutton, Jim Mercer, Malcolm Ward, Donald Loe, Douglas Rutherford, John Wishart, Liz Kelly, Jane Evans, Simon May, Jeanette Mallard, Anne Quinn, Bob Purser, Melissa Tallack (minutes)

**17/19 OPENING PRAYERS AND DEVOTION**

**18/19 APOLOGIES:** Elizabeth Loe, Alison Barnes, Andrew Munns, Rev Chrys Tremththanmor, Hazell York, Alistair York

**19/19 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2019**

The minutes were proposed and accepted as a correct record of the meeting subject to two changes:
- correction of John to Matthew regarding the reading in item 06/19

- addition of a note to clarify that Andrew Munns had also been asked to represent the early service congregation in item 08/19.

**20/19 MATTERS ARISING**

(03/19) Melissa to check with Victoria that the thank you letter regarding Elizabeth Westley’s legacy has been sent.

(11/19) Damian reported that the work to install wifi in the church is in progress.

(10/19) The noticeboard work has been done and the donor has kindly offered to fund work to the poster case too.

**21/19 RECTORS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Jun introduced and the meeting discussed two readings: Matthew 16. 19 and Ephesians 2. 19-22. When we truly recognise that we are the rock on which the church will be built, we will open up ourselves to God’s support to help.

**22/19 REVIEW: WORSHIP, WELCOME, WHAT HAVE WE BEEN THANKFUL FOR?**

We have been thankful for Chrys’s ministry, seeing people in the congregation we don’t recognise. For the Ekins Trust for providing another £10,000 to support our childrens work. For Jun’s ministry. For having more preachers, as it is good to hear different perspectives. For the fine weather for the fete.

Finally, it was noted that worship flows better having the notices at the end of the service.

**23/19 SAFEGUARDING**

Some PCC members still need to complete their C0 training – reminder of link and instructions:

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**24/19 FINANCE UPDATE**

Damian shared the financial report with the meeting. For the first time in quite a while, we have a level of actual income that reflects our expected amount. Fundraising is also currently ahead of target which is probably due in part to takings from antiques fairs catching up from the previous year. Currently on track with regard to both income and expenditure (£1,096 variance on income minus expenditure). Damian will apply for a debit card for both Jun and Damian’s use for church purchases (see Any Other Business item).

**25/19 PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

We will commence transfer from one scheme to another from 1st January 2020. The protection that is associated with direct debits is stronger than with any other arrangements and so it is hoped that no-one will have any reason to fear the change. Once we have registered onto the scheme, we will receive the direct debit forms with the parish number on. People can choose to gift aid or not and can opt to donate monthly, quarterly or annually. More information and forms will be distributed during the September stewardship campaign.

**26/19 GAP REVIEW TASK GROUP**

Jun proposed that a small team made up of Jun, Bob and Peter Aiers be gathered to review the GAP. This was unanimously approved.

**27/19 DEANERY CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Jun circulated background material on the Deanery Consultation and posed three specific questions to the PCC:

1. As a member of the PCC, would you be open to the idea of working even more closely with other churches in the deanery?  eg. Christ Church

2. As a member of the PCC, would you be willing to consider or agree with paying more parish share to help a poorer parish in the deanery?

3. Given that the deanery might be operating with fewer clergy, would you be open to the idea of Pastoral Reorganisation (eg. merger with other parishes, sharing clergy with other churches) and potential changes in worship?

Our planned giving is currently greater than our parish share but the surplus gets returned to us to cover our additional running costs. The PCC agreed that we are open to being supportive of parishes who are unable to pay but not those who are not prepared to pay. Whatever gets offered has to be sustainable. Options such as our readers supporting other churches and sharing our successes with other churches in areas such as stewardship were discussed.

Jun will collate the views and submit our response to the consultation. There is also an open Deanery meeting on the matter at St Benedicts, West Hunsbury at 7.30pm on Tues 16th July.

**28/19 EARLY SUNDAY SERVICE TIMING**

Jane presented Andrew’s letter to the PCC. The summary is that the majority who expressed a preference would prefer to move back to 08:00. Douglas also echoed the comment that trying to set up and clear down between the 08:30 and 10:00 was proving tricky.

Jun reported that some reservations had been expressed from the ministry team which he is also conscious of. A compromise of 08:15 was also suggested and Jun suggested an experimental period to see how it goes. Jun will write back to Andrew and will present the proposal to the 08:30 congregation.

**29/19 PARISH ADMINISTRATION**

Victoria has handed in her letter of resignation for the post of Parish Administrator. We would like to express our thanks to Victoria for her time in this post. Matthew and Simon will take on preparing the parish bulletin from the end of July – arrangements will be agreed and communicated. Jun asked for volunteers to help with printing to share the load.

**30/19 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings**

Work in the parish rooms is progressing well.
Ray has been over and strimmed down the growth out of the top of the wall between the church and the park. He has also strimmed at the parish rooms. The PCC extended many thanks to Ray.

**Fundraising**

The last two meetings were focussed on preparations for the fete. The final total raised was £2,068. The next event is a Parish BBQ at Damian and Jill’s house on the 10th August.

**Outreach**

Has not met since the last PCC but Malcolm mentioned that Liz is struggling to fill all the times on the open church rota and asked for support.

**Stewardship**

Focussed mainly on the stewardship campaign in September.

**Childrens**

Sunday school is now called Junior Church, and it will be more fun based (but still structured). This was the second week running with the new structure and there was an improvement.

On August 13th there will be a church family picnic from 11:00 in the churchyard. Anne is hoping to arrange a bouncy castle at the event and will see if she can source this for free.

Family trip to be considered for October half term at Wicksteed Park.

**Ministry**

Jun now has a full list of the Eucharistic Assistants and will submit the list.

**Footsteps**

We will be studying Acts mid Sept for 10 weeks at four locations – all the details can be found in the minutes.

**31/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you letter has been received from Christian Aid and Jane Wade for inviting them to preach and Jane has invited Jun to reciprocate. Mandy (from Christchurch) also wrote a letter of thanks for inviting them to our service.

**32/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jeanette queried where the new Parish Directory is. Bob is making the final checks and will then send it to print.

Damian proposed that we pass a resolution to approve a change to the signatures on the bank account and to apply for a parish debit card. This was unanimously approved.

**33/19 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Parish BBQ 10th August 4 till late at Damian and Jill’s House
Antiques Fair 7th September 10-3 at the Parish Rooms

Standing Committee meeting 12th August 7.30pm at Melissa’s house

Next PCC meeting 9th September

**THE MEETING FINISHED WITH THE GRACE**