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

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th September 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH ROOMS**

**PRESENT:** Rev Byung Jun Kim, Bob Purser (Chair), Damian Pickard, Alan Sutton, Jim Mercer, Donald Loe, Elizabeth Loe, Alison Barnes, Liz Kelly, Simon May, Ashley Ashiru, Dianne Ward, Anne Quinn, Melissa Tallack (minutes)

**34/19 OPENING PRAYERS AND DEVOTION**

**35/19 APOLOGIES:** Andrew Munns, Jeanette Mallard, Malcolm Ward, Douglas Rutherford, John Wishart, Paul Tharby

**36/19 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th July 2019**

The minutes were proposed and accepted as a correct record of the meeting subject to the addition of Dianne Ward in the names of those present.

**37/19 MATTERS ARISING**

(20/19) Bob to send Melissa the headed notepaper template and Melissa to send thank you letter.

(32/19) The parish directory is almost ready to be issued.

(23/19) Bob and Jun to check with Esme who has and hasn’t completed their C0 training.

**38/19 LAY CHAIRS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Bob reminded everyone of the stewardship campaign and asked for PCC to show leadership.

**39/19 REVIEW: WORSHIP, WELCOME, WHAT HAVE WE BEEN THANKFUL FOR?**

We enjoyed the Parish BBQ and many thanks to Damian and Jill for hosting. The Parish Picnic also went well (the bouncy castle was enjoyed very much). The Churchyard Service was nice because it was different and there was good attendance. The continued use of the projector. The hymns appear to be with lighter, more melodious and more modern settings. There are regularly new people in church. A number of positive comments have been received about the Choir coming and sitting among the congregation and finally, running out of communion wafers (for the second time!)

**40/19 SAFEGUARDING**

Bob and Jun to confirm who has and hasn’t completed the training with Esme.

New Parish Safeguarding poster has now been put up on display.

**41/19 PCC VACANCY**

Due to the resignation of Hazell and Alistair York from the PCC, Bob proposed that Simon May be elected as a member of the PCC.

**42/19 TREASURERS UPDATE**

Susannah Mackay has offered to do the bookkeeping for the Church which will help Damian. We are heading for a £10k deficit this year.

**43/19 UPDATE ON PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

We are now registered for the parish giving scheme. ‘Date to start’ needs to be confirmed and put in the notices this weekend (correct date to start should be 1st November 2019). Notices in the bulletin need to go in by close of play Wednesday.

**44/19 CHURCH OPENING PROPOSAL**

Liz’s proposal was discussed. Liz clarified it would only be left for the odd hour which cannot be covered. If it is for a longer period, it will be closed. Jun requested that the proposal be accepted as is. The only thing that has been requested is that the guidance instructions to the sitters be updated. Our aim is to be as open and as hospitable as possible. This was approved by the PCC. Liz is planning to continue church opening into Oct on reduced hours (12-2) as a trial.

**45/19 DEANERY CONSULTATION UPDATE**

Our official response has been circulated. Our priority is to pay our share first and we think it is important that that priority is shared with other churches in the Deanery. We would be very willing to cooperate to make ourselves available to help other churches. We now await the Deanery response. Thank you to Jun for pulling our response together.

**46/19 EARLY SUNDAY SERVICE TIMING UPDATE**

Experimental period has passed and it has been confirmed that it has been going well so we seek to approve that this is the policy and a permanent change. This was unanimously approved. The noticeboard has now been altered but the website needs to be updated by Bob.

**47/19 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings**

The Nursery have had their OFSTED inspection last Friday and are waiting to hear if they have passed. Snagging list issued. Waiting for Building Regulation sign off for the toilets. The Buildings committee will consider whether to make the toilets unisex.

Repair is needed to some splintered boards in the large hall. Lobby creation around the fire door also being discussed at the Standing Committee.

We now have Diocesan permission to dispose of the six pews within the church rooms and are currently looking into ways to sell them. Jeanette has suggested that they be offered for sale to the Parish congregation first. It was suggested that we keep two shorter ones. Donald will seek views.

Outside decoration will need doing again, it has been five years since the last re-decoration and the front doors need replacing.

Projector system and whether or not we replicate onto two repeater screens so the choir have visibility. We have a donor for one of the screens (£850+ wiring cost). Donald suggested we approach the DAC to see if the proposal to install repeater screens would be approved. Damian asked if the work could be deferred until next year.

In relation to complaints about the audio system not working, it was discovered that the master output had been turned down.

Celia Urwin has agreed to do another remembrance event and to undertake some collaborative art events with the children of the church.

The south gate is not working properly.

Roxanne Minter has asked if we would be prepared to put up a banner advertising that the Police force are recruiting. Donald suggested the south east corner. There were no objections to this request.

Thank you to Donald and the Buildings Committee for all that they do on our behalf.

Thank you especially for Donald’s work in arranging the rooms lettings, This has been a lot of work and we are grateful for the income this will generate.

**Childrens**

Junior church - Sandy, Jun and Anne had a meeting to decide what to use Junior church for. Considering a weekly register to reward regular attendance.

We have held 12 baptisms since Jun arrived with more coming through each week.

Umbrella church is launching 6th Oct at 3pm

Uniformed organisations will be attending the Harvest service doing the story of the Little Red Hen.

School visits have been completely booked up for the current school year.

At the start of each ‘Experience…’ event there will be a short period of prayer with a period of reflection at the end.

Anne is currently arranging the art events with Celia.

**Footsteps**

Have decided to have a change of name to ‘Search the Scriptures’. We have 36 people signed up this year with 3 additional people following with the study guide at home. Due to how many people have signed up this year, Dianne’s sessions will run at the Parish Office.

**Fundraising**

Since the last PCC we have had the Parish BBQ and the September Antiques Fair. We are currently planning the Parish Quiz on the 11th October (tickets now on sale).

**Ministry**

Worship review is positive, with an increasing number of attendees and events such as baptisms.

The meeting also discussed expanding our collaboration with Celia.

**Outreach**

Parish welcome pack and information card in progress but likely to be available next year. We are also reviewing the church website and is also work in progress.

Still need volunteers for AHoF.

The foodbank at St Albans really do value our contributions. Dianne queried whether the Harvest donations would be donated to the foodbank or the Hope Centre. It was agreed that it would be best to donate to the foodbank this year as they are struggling for donations. Alan to put a note in the bulletin with a guide as to what is needed and not needed.

**Stewardship**

Nothing additional to report beyond the update on the Parish Giving Scheme. Forms need to be returned before Harvest.

**48/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter of thanks from Mr and Mrs Meanwell following the wedding of her daughter.

**49/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Anne raised her concerns about the small hall and the running of tots and teddies which will be reflected on and then discussed further at the Standing Committee. Jun acknowledged Anne’s concerns and there are many ways of looking into the matter to reach a satisfactory outcome.

Bob thanked everyone for their contribution.

**50/19 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

 OCTOBER

 Saturday 5th – Antiques Fair
 Friday 11th – Parish Quiz Night
 NOVEMBER
 Saturday 2nd – Antiques Fair
 Saturday 30th – Christmas Coffee Morning
 DECEMBER
 Saturday 7th – Antiques Fair

**51/19 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2019-20**

Standing Committee: Mon 28th October, 7.30pm Melissa’s house

PCC: 2019: 11th November

 2020: 13th January, 9th March, APCM date TBC

**THE MEETING FINISHED WITH THE GRACE**