

St Michael's Church Minutes of the PCC 21 November 2016 in the WCC at 7.45pm

1. Attendees: Rev'd Derwyn Williams, Mike Ashwood, Angela Barton, Alasdair Evans, Margaret Fox, Chris Hooper, Heather Johns, Rob Klincke, Graziana Maddalozzo, Peter Mannings, Terry Pigram, Peter Rixson, Graham Savage, Roger Sudbury, Philip Smith, Rosemary Thomson, Margaret Webb.

2. Apologies: Rev'd Emily Davis, Ailsa Dalmeida, Vivienne Emmett

3. The meeting opened with prayer by **DW**.

4. Minutes from the meeting held on the 19 September were reviewed, approved and signed.

5. Matters arising: Garden of Remembrance had been dedicated by the Archdeacon on 25 September.

The new projector screen arrangement had proved unsuitable but the replacement found by **RS** worked well at Parish Praise in November.

The offer of a portable amplifier suggested by **RS** was declined by the Standing Committee and the PCC were in agreement with this decision.

6. Mission Action Planning –

A draft **Vision Statement** had been drawn up by **DW** following discussion at the last PCC and other views being put forward. (How to carry on – what kind of Church are we). 3 Priorities to be considered:- To go deeper into God, To transform Communities and To make New Disciples. (This was endorsed by Bishop Michael on his visit in October). Groups of 3 discussed this at length and then offered a few additions/suggested which were noted by **DW** to be edited and sent out to members.

Emerging MAP – there is no recent progress on Stortford North although Tim Weeks, CTBS, has been in contact with the Archdeacon and **DW** will be included in any future conversations.

DW, RK, PH and RT are attending a Diocesan led Baptism Ministry course on 24/11.

All groups include the MAP on their committee agenda.

RS (Outreach) is suggesting a new management system to replace the current database which would be much easier to use overall. He is currently looking at 5 different systems which could prove to be a fundamental tool for us in the future. **RK** queried transferring from the old database but we may not wish to do so. **DW** asked about costing – could be from £30 per month upwards but the benefits outweigh any costs. Agreed to include this investigation in the MAP.

Making new disciples: **RT** spoke on having an AWAY day, possibly led by Tim Lomax, Diocesan Director of Mission open to the PCC and other church members. Suggestion was made for newer members to attend, perhaps for part of the day. Agreed to go ahead.

Post Meeting note: Vision and MAP have been circulated.

7. Group reports: Nothing from **Charities Support**.

Social accepted as was the **WCC**.

Pastoral to include a visit to Frere Court re possible pastoral care and Home Communion.

Margaret Fox investigating possible involvement at Elmhurst.

Education group met and will ensure that Safeguarding issues are reported to every PCC meeting. A draft policy is to be ratified by the Education Committee and then confirmed by the PCC. Bill McDonald able to report that no incidents have occurred since the last PCC. **RT** to check with him about DBS clearance and to invite him to the next PCC meeting. **PS** suggested that all PCC members should read and understand the Policy and sign the final version as a matter of importance. Agreed by the PCC.

Worship and Music: **GS** highlighted that charges for wedding flowers are too low and that flower arrangers should be reimbursed for any expenses incurred. This is to be discussed at the forthcoming Finance committee. It was noted that the MU provide flowers for the Lady Chapel for festivals. The Organ Recital by David Briggs planned for 2017 has been cancelled. However, St Albans Cathedral Choir will visit in the New Year and full support is requested.

Finance last met on 12 September and so two additions to their report:- payment of the quota is now up to date and the Social committee donated £350 towards the central feature in the Interment area. The CCTV will cost around £700 (not £200 as reported).

Fabric received but in addition the Faculty for work on the George Duckett tomb has been granted and work will begin on 12/12. An offer has been received from the War Memorials Trust to clean and renovate our Memorial by 2018, funded by the Trust and the Town Council. Agreed by the PCC.

Outreach received.

No Deanery report but invitation to attend the Deanery Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church on 30/11 with Tim Lomax as the visiting speaker. Thanks were expressed for support for the Living God's Day on 4/10.

M.U. report received.

St Michael's Youth Group offered their first report which was well received. **PS** asked about attendance and **AE** was able to confirm that the numbers fluctuate but an average of 8/9.

8. Bell Tower: the bosses have been replaced as a matter of urgency. In 18 months/2 years the bells need to be refurbished and there is extensive work linked to Health and Safety issues. A specification is required and, although there is no confirmed cost yet, it will be around £150K+. Funding is available but a substantial sum will be requested from the Church. We, therefore, need to start the process now: someone to assist Nick Hughes, Tower Captain. Already referred to the DAC and on to the Bells Adviser to be incorporated in the planning. Nick and Dick Prime have attended the Fabric Committee and will also attend the next Finance Committee meeting. It was agreed that this should all be spearheaded by the bellringers themselves.

9. Christmas services have been planned in the usual format. **PS** confirmed that a smaller Christmas tree will be delivered before the Holly Fair and so help required to erect it.

Holly Fair preparations are all in hand but the advertising banner has gone missing – expensive and so we need to find it if at all possible.

10. AOB: None

12. Date of next meeting: 13 February 2017 7.45pm (**RK** offered his apologies).
The meeting ended at 9.45pm with The Grace