

St Peter and St Paul, Blandford Forum

Our Mission: **Transforming our Community, one life at a time.**

Our Vision: **Growing and Nurturing Disciples who are confident, Connected and Compassionate.**

Minutes of PCC meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2016
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Present: Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Graham Poynter (GP), Dan Roberts (DR), Heather Stringer (HS), Carolyn Telford (CT), Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Anita Roberts (AR), Barbara Curtis (BC) and Sophie Bowerman (SB)

1. **Opening Prayer:** Led by JT

2. **Apologies:**

Pat Ellen (PE), Clive Newlin (CN). Absent Sara Loch (SL)

3. **Minutes of Last PCC:**

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 29 September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Fun Day and abseil: £616 and £7000 raised, respectively

Children's worker: A theatre voucher was presented to Pippa. Her role will not be replaced but Stourpaine benefice is currently advertising for a Priest-in-Charge with Schools Mission. One third of this post will be specific to schools' work.

CMG: JT will meet with wardens on 2 November to discuss issues

Family Film Night: 40 adults and 16 children attended. Next film will be The Good Dinosaur on 13th November.

Carols on the Green: JT, DR and RS meeting with BEC to plan.

5. **Correspondence:**

Giving For Life: BC has received a letter from Bishop Nicholas about sustainable giving and the need for an increase in the Parish Share. JT will study the paperwork and BC will forward workshop dates to JT.

6. **AOB:**

Baptisms: JT is planning to hold baptisms after the usual Sunday Morning service at 12 noon. The service significantly changes the nature of the morning service and it is having a detrimental effect on the regular congregation. There are 5 further baptisms booked for this year. Following discussions it was agreed that JT will give families the choice. Item to be revisited in January.

Christmas Cards as fundraiser: CT made the suggestion that we should have Blandford Church Christmas Cards. It was agreed that it was too late for this year but should be followed up for next year.

Church Directory: CT asked if this was now completed and if so please could it be circulated. JT to discuss with PE and combine it with a prayer diary.

Welcome and refreshment follow up: SM will share the outcome of the July meeting with PCC in November's meeting.

7. **Safeguarding:**

JT to talk to JC about DBS and which ones are up to date. Safeguarding training needs to be offered.

8. **Reports:**

Financial Report: Pension rules have changed recently and HS has checked that we comply with them.

The Parish Share for this year is £33,000, down from £47,000 last year. All monthly payments have been paid so far this year.

Since the report was produced another £500 has come in from fees for a funeral.

There is an anomaly - £3,000 from Molly Wilson's estate has gone into general unrestricted funds when it was specifically left for organ repairs. With PCC agreement this will now be transferred back to restricted funds and an organ fund will be set up.

By the end of September the income was above expectations and expenditure was lower than budgeted, meaning that the balance is looking favourable.

HS has been treasurer for 10 years and would like to train someone up to take over from her next year. The PCC are grateful for HS's contribution.

JT was pleased that we have met this year's Share and at an appropriate time will formally ask for our £85,000 arrears to be removed.

Wardens Report: North porch is cordoned off due to falling masonry. It needs urgent attention as it is an emergency exit and is needed especially when the church is full with school children.

JT reminded the PCC that there is 1 year left on the planning permission for the disabled access at the front of the church.

Centre Management Group: Next meeting on 9th November.

On a couple of occasions recently the kitchen has been in a bad state and unacceptable to hirers of the Centre. JT felt that a refund would have to be offered and that cleaning was needed more than once per week. JT to discuss with JC. Coffee machine needs to go down to Church kitchen.

Cupola Project: Marcus Chantry is to be invited to talk to the PCC about the way forward with the building works and to share ownership and vision with the PCC. This will be an extra meeting in November.

Geo-phiz and 3D images need to be shared with the PCC and Marcus is to be asked to bring these along to the meeting.

Clarification is needed on the shortfall. JT suggested that there might be a surplus when all grant money is collected in.

Marion Miles: Her funeral is on Friday 28 October in Blandford Parish Church at 3pm followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. JT asked for permission to charge only the fee that has to go to Salisbury Diocese as a token of our respect and thanks for her ministry. All agreed.

9. **Next PCC Meeting:** 24 November 2016. Date of meeting with Marcus Chantry to be advised.
10. **Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with prayer at 8.50pm

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