

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 30th January 2019 at 8pm

Present: P Bradley, K Bell, A Grace, R Masters, M Smith, G Otter, B Hammond, J Valpy

Apologies: L Dodd, D Rowley

Also present: A Coleman, T Dodd

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 14.11.18 had previously been approved by email and displayed in church and on website.

PB signed a copy.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

GO reported that progress continues slowly with the CAREC project. There is no need for any further action at present. GO will be stepping down from PCC at the APCM, but Marilyn Sweet and Nick Dye from St Sampson's are also involved in CAREC and should be able to update with any future developments.

JV thanked Ron Atkinson with a card and gift, as previously agreed.

3. Chair's report

PB expressed his thanks for all the support he has received from the PCC whilst being off work. PB still experiencing a lot of tiredness, but has benefitted from some quality prayer times with others. He has been reminded of the vision for St Sampson's, that we are a church that 'Makes a Difference'. This is an aspirational vision and we are on the journey to realising our vision. PB read from Luke 4: 16-21 and very much sees our mission in line with that of Jesus as recorded in this passage - to preach good news to the poor etc. PB believes that Jesus is calling us to minister to the poor, needy, suffering, broken etc. He also suggested questions to consider such as: what do people outside of our church want from church and what makes people want to be part of a church?

There is considerable financial investment from C of E to enable church growth. Bristol Diocese have identified 3 Mission Areas and plan to share out the money to facilitate activities across our churches with a focus on mission. North Wilts (30 odd churches) is one of the areas, with Malmesbury as its hub. Catherine Price has been appointed to lead the project (paid role, not voluntary) and plans are in initial stages. Ministers across the Deanery have been able to have input into the vision/aims and hold the collective view that they hope to see Holy Spirit bringing about transformation to enable the churches to reach out to those who need Jesus. These words mirror Jesus' mission of ministering to the broken. This needs to happen firstly within our churches/for ourselves, then we can be enabled to minister to others outside church. PB said that all our 4 churches will be directly involved and that this is part of an exciting future for us.

The information will be shared with wider congregation in due course to ensure it becomes a discussion across all churches. Concrete actions need to start within 3 years.

4. Youth and Children

It was noted at the last PCC that numbers at both Vibe and S Club had dropped significantly. The PCC discussed youth work in general, including Monday Youth Club at the Vicarage. RM will investigate the Monday Youth Club at the Leisure Centre to see if our Monday group could connect with them in some way. **Action - RM**

Overall, the PCC recognised that it is time to change/adapt current arrangements in order to meet the needs of our young people and to address the need for more leaders. We identified broad aims for our young people as:

- to help them grow in faith
- to reach all ages with Jesus
- to grow our church
- to be welcoming to all ages

Other possible activities were suggested including football/sports night in the sports hall at the leisure centre for an hour. Are there any other opportunities to connect through St Sampson's School?
As the main Vibe leader, PB requested that GO write a few words for the PCC about Vibe and how it is going generally. **Action - GO**

Nick Dye has agreed to continue as a Foundation Governor at St Sampson's School for a second term of office. Proposed by PB and seconded by RM, 7 in favour, 1 abstention. The PCC approved Nick continuing in this role. PB signed relevant document and JV will return to Diocese. **Action - JV**

5. Finance (reports previously circulated)

Accounts for 2018 have been audited and signed off by Anne Garnett. We have ended the year with a small surplus. AG proposed that the PCC accept the accounts, BH seconded, all in favour. The accounts will be presented at the 2019 APCM in April.

AG presented a budget for 2019. There is an expected shortfall of around £2000. It was noted that music costs have increased. Also, actual income versus planned income may vary. More people may yet sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme. AG and PB to discuss parochial fees. **Action - AG/PB**

Current balances:

Main account: £ 3,081

No2 account: £ 24,493 broken down as follows:

Vicar's discretionary fund:	£ 0	(£752 transferred to fabric fund for new boiler burner)
Organ fund:	£ 3,820	
Fabric:	£ 7,033	
Regeneration (includes roof):	£ 8,459	
Children's Educational charity:	£ 4,103	
Funeral Donation:	£ 1,078	(use for this to be agreed with family)

The Main Account is low, but we are buying £1000 worth of oil every 6 weeks or so. 2 more deliveries before the summer. Parochial fees for 2018 were £3,931 and have been paid. 3 individuals have committed to give through the Parish Giving Scheme on a monthly basis. We have received several small donations and £300 from Cricklade Half Marathon for the regeneration project. The choir will discuss whether the money in the organ fund can be used for organ repairs. Fabric fund is also running low following significant general repairs, boiler repairs and asbestos removal. AG will write another notice in the Chronicle outlining financial needs of church and asking whether locals would like to make a donation. PB thanked AG for her work with the finances. **Action - AG**

6. APCM

This will take place on Sunday 28th April in church, immediately after the morning service. It will now be advertised. **Action - JV**

7. Fabric (report previously circulated)

The faculty for the railings around the boiler house steps has been granted so this work can go ahead. The pew in front of the organ is loose and therefore a safety hazard. BH has spoken to the choir, organist and bell ringers and all are happy for the pew to be moved. The choir will use chairs if necessary. The pew will remain in church, along the wall where the lead sheets are currently on display. However, these are also to be moved and will be stored safely in Cricklade Museum. Graham Light has offered to take photos of them which we can display on the wall if we want to. The PCC all agreed with this arrangement and BH will action. **Action - BH**

8. Church Building Regeneration

BH requested agreement to continue process with architect for church roof repair. PB and all agreed.

9. Deanery Synod

No meeting

10. Together We Are Stronger

Family games night is planned for 2nd March in the Town Hall. It has been well advertised and tickets are selling. It is not a fundraiser.

RM reported that coffee mornings at her house have been running for 2 years and it is time for a change. Suggestion of a coffee morning in church, once a month, advertised for the whole Cricklade community and free to everyone. RM will start it up. **Action - RM**

St Sampson's is now on a rota with other churches to provide sandwiches/cakes etc for The Filling Station, a Swindon based church group that offer food to homeless/low income people. We will be providing food for 28th Feb and RM will co-ordinate a group to make it beforehand. TD to send email request for helpers.

Action - TD/PB

11. Safeguarding

JV completed a basic level safeguarding course on the Bristol Diocese website. BH in process. JV to check records with Avril Fray to see when others completed. **Action - JV**

12. Prayer

A second prayer weekend is being planned. All agreed that the prayer network emails are a great way to share prayer needs. Thank you to Sarah Smith.

13. Jenner Hall

Extensive work on the fire alarm system means it is now more integral and functional. The north wall appears to be bowing out and has been reported to architect.

14. Correspondence

AG received an email of thanks for St Sampson's 2019 Parish Share commitment. PB received a booklet from the Diocese on Discipleship and a request that it becomes a topic for discussion. All agreed that this will happen naturally within the context of Mission Areas.

14. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27th Feb 2019, 8pm in the Red Lion

APCM - Sunday 28th April 2019, 11am in church