

PCC MINUTES FOR THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S PLAS NEWTON, CHESTER

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2023 at the Kings Way Café, at 8pm.

Present	Pete Rugen (Chair)		Anne de Reybekill
	Chris Jones		Andrew Evans
	Peter Caldwell		Martin Smith
	Ali Gibbons		Alison Friery (Secretary)
	Alan Gray		
	Ruth McKew		
	Steve Powell	Apologies	John Stockdale
	Phil Roberts		Anne Stockdale
	Andy Thorne		Sas McConville
	Peter Webster		Martin Smith
	David Blackmore		John Allan

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Pete welcomed Members of the PCC and opened the meeting with a Bible reading and a prayer.		
	Minutes from November PCC Meeting	The minutes were approved by Members of the PCC. Proposed by Ruth McKew and seconded by Steve Powell.		
	Matters Arising	Phil Roberts presented the finance report which had been circulated to PCC members for their perusal before the meeting. Highlights of the discussion included the saving on youth work costs, whilst there remains a vacancy for our Church youth worker, and the disclosure in the accounts of items which are being discussed with the auditor. The format of the Annual Report was discussed. The full report will be many pages long, and when finalised and approved, will be made available to those Church members who wish to read it in full.		Phil R
2308	Living in Love and Faith	Further to item 2307 in the January minutes, the General Synod has now voted to welcome plans to offer “prayers of dedication, thanksgiving and for God’s blessing” for individuals who have been through a same-sex civil ceremony, whilst stating that they are not altering the church’s doctrine of marriage as being between one man and one woman. Clarification is required on this, which is likely to come in July at the next General Synod meeting. At the moment, understandably, there is some confusion, and correspondence on this matter has been received from Bishop Keith Sinclair of the CEEC (Church of England Evangelical Council) and from the Bishop of Chester, which Pete will summarise for us at the next meeting. This matter will continue to be discussed at future PCC meetings.		Pete R
2309	CYSG	All of the children’s and young people’s groups have now been visited by the members of CYSG		

		<p>to help and encourage them. Two leaders have recently resigned and there are a number of gaps to fill, to prevent there being too much pressure put upon existing leaders. Little Tykes is running with four leaders but the 226 group has stopped for now. The families who have attended 226 are being invited to Meet and Eat.</p> <p>We were updated on the situation with Sas, our Children and Families worker, and the possible timescales for a return from sick leave.</p>		
2310	Safeguarding Update	The monthly report, having already been circulated to PCC members before the meeting, was discussed.		
2311	APCM	There was a discussion on who would be in charge of refreshments, and options for the young people to be involved in the evening. The meeting will be on Monday 24 th April in the church, at 7.45pm, preceded by the Vestry Meeting at 7.30pm.		Pete R
2312	AOB	Chris Jones gave an update on the demonstration pack of staging, which has now been delivered to the Church office and needs to be examined.		CJ
		The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace.		
	Next Meeting	Wednesday 22 nd March 2023, at the Kings Way Café, at 8:00pm		