

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at the Kings Way Café, at 8pm.

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

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Pete welcomed Members of the PCC and opened the meeting with a prayer.		
	Minutes from November PCC Meeting	The minutes were approved by Members of the PCC. Proposed by Andy Thorne and seconded by Anne de Reybekill.		
	Matters Arising			
2301	Letter of Resignation	The letter of resignation from the PCC, from Andrew Harrison was noted. A reply is to be sent, thanking him for his service.		
2302	Financial report	Phil R reported that the annual accounts have been sent to the Independent Examiner tonight.		
2303	CYSG	Ruth McKew, Andy Thorne, Ali Gibbons and Pete have had a meeting about this on Zoom. In the Scramblers room, there is still space in the rota for helping with the small children. The toddler leaders have met with Pete for direction. There was a meeting a few weeks ago with the Friday youth leaders to offer support and to clarify queries. There are 26 young people signed up for this. Ruth is working on procedures for each group, starting with the older group.		R McK
2304	Building Update	The report from Steve P regarding the building update has been circulated. The church building is owned by the Diocese, but the hall by the PCC. Before Christmas there was a flood in the Vicarage due to a burst tank. The plaster needs removing from a large section of wall upstairs and downstairs. Pete is going to speak to a loss adjuster, and it seems possible that he and Cath		

		<p>may have to move out and live elsewhere for six months.</p> <p>Church building: The flat roof of the link room needs attention, and a quote has been obtained. The TV screen is to be replaced rather than repaired. The hearing loop system has now been fixed.</p> <p>Mannings Lane House: work is needed to windows, plumbing and bathroom. It needs keeping up to specification for tenants.</p>		PR
2305	Safeguarding Update	<p>Anne S gave the report and mentioned that there are some issues, which are being dealt with according to the correct procedures. There have been some changes to the Diocesan safeguarding personnel. Anne has been confirmed as correct in her understanding that all PCC members need a DBS. Further training for PCC members, on recognising situations of domestic abuse is recommended.</p>		
2306	Missionary Report	<p>Budget for 2023: Martin presented the budget for discussion. It was proposed to PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. that we support the Vergaras for the first half of 2023. (There is the possibility of moving to support their son-in-law Dany who takes on major responsibility for the urban churches, but this will be considered later.) b. that we continue to support Stephen for a further two years following the end of the commitment at the end of 2022. c. that we continue to support Matt and Andrea Vaughan for a further two years following the end of the commitment at the end of 2023. (PCC is responsible to write to our mission partners a year in advance of withdrawing our support, when that time comes.) <p>The committee agreed with the Treasurer's suggestion to pay our funds to our Mission Partners in advance, and to pay monthly unless this incurs extreme extra bank charges. They are happy to continue to call this group of people World Mission Committee for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Hugo and Techi Vergara are travelling to Spain and to see us in April. The adoption of the report was proposed by Anne de R and seconded by Anne S.</p>		
2307	AOB	<p>The House of Bishops published a document last week regarding proposals to pray prayers of blessing over same-sex couples. Bishop Mark wrote to clergy explaining this, shortly before the public announcement. This follows the Living in Love and Faith course and consultation, and is a proposal to introduce liturgy to Synod. This is recognised as being a divisive issue. Various</p>		

		amendments are proposed. It is said that the doctrine of the Church has not changed, but that it is thought possible to bless the people without blessing the relationship. We need to await the findings of General Synod, and ultimately PCCs will have to discuss this, but not yet. The best advice at the moment is to pray.		
		The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace.		
	Next Meeting	Tuesday 21st February 2023, at the Kings Way Café, at 8:00pm		