

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at the Kings Way Café, at 8pm.

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| <b>Present</b> | Pete Rugen (Chair) |                  | Anne de Reybekill         |
|                | John Allan         |                  | Andrew Evans              |
|                | Peter Caldwell     |                  | Martin Smith              |
|                | Ali Gibbons        |                  | John Stockdale            |
|                | Alan Gray          |                  | Anne Stockdale            |
|                | Ruth McKew         |                  | Alison Friery (Secretary) |
|                | Steve Powell       |                  |                           |
|                | Phil Roberts       | <b>Apologies</b> | Sas McConville            |
|                | Andy Thorne        |                  | Andrew Harrison           |
|                | Peter Webster      |                  | David Blackmore           |
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| Ref  | Item                                    | Notes  | Action (req'd) | Who and by when |
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|      | <b>Welcome &amp; Prayer</b>             | Pete welcomed Members of the PCC and opened the meeting with a prayer.   |                |                 |
|      | <b>Minutes from October PCC Meeting</b> | Following some amendments to the draft copy, the Minutes were approved by Members of the PCC.  |                |                 |
|      | <b>Matters Arising</b>                  | <b>Warm Spaces</b> – The Church and Café are now registered as a Warm Spaces, separate applications for each venue having been required. Ongoing staff absence and support given by the church was discussed, and more detail on this is shown in an appendix.   |                |                 |
| 2283 | <b>Financial report</b>                 | Phil presented his Financial Report, previously circulated by email. He pointed out that it is always possible that we could end the financial year with a generous surplus, because of the goodness of our God.<br>Gift Aid forms need bringing up to date, to cover any changes of circumstance.<br>The aim for the Café is to break even, but this is challenging because of rising energy costs. A price increase was discussed, but this would adversely affect local people who are not so well-off financially.<br>The main three areas of the Church's outreach were highlighted as mission, the café and youth work.<br>Phil proposed and John S seconded adopting this budget and this was approved. Phil was thanked for his hard work. | Phil R         | Phil R          |
| 2284 | <b>Missionary report</b>                | Anne de R presented the report on behalf of the Mission Committee and spoke on it in detail, this is an appendix to these minutes. This included the suggestion of the Hospice of the Good Shepherd as the chosen charity for this Christmas, with the   |                |                 |



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|      |                            | lower cost option, a compact system of staging blocks. A set with steps would be £2,518. It was questioned how often the staging needs to be changed, and whether this expenditure is necessary. A demonstration set can be obtained, and a visit could be made to Liverpool Cathedral to see it in action there. A small group will meet to consider options. Communion, and the existing dias, are issues.         |  | CJ                     |
| 2287 | <b>Building update</b>     | The roof is leaking in the Church hall and link. This is a problem in heavy rain. The roofer needs to come back to take a look when the weather is better.<br>The planned partitioning of the church is being started in early December.<br>The floor is going to be polished.<br>The work to the main window in the Church will happen. The option of paying £8,500 for the repair is not one which will be chosen. |  | SP, PW<br><br>AT<br>PW |
| 2288 | <b>Safeguarding Report</b> | Anne S gave the report and mentioned that there is currently an ongoing issue which is being dealt with according to the correct procedures.   |  | AS, Ali G              |
| 2289 | <b>AOB</b>                 | Alan asked how we can best support Pete. It was discussed how some issues can take up a lot of the Vicar's time. Pete said that Alan and Steve as wardens are a great support, and we extended our thanks to Pete.   |  |                        |
|      |                            | The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace.   |  |                        |
|      | <b>Next Meeting</b>        | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at the Kings Way Café, at 8:00pm   |  |                        |
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