

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th June 2024, at the Kings Way Cafe, at 8pm.

Present	<i>Steve Mckew (chair)</i>		Apologies	<i>Andrew Evans</i>
	<i>Peter Webster</i>			<i>Matt Hilsden</i>
	<i>Steve Powell</i>			
	<i>Derek Taylor</i>			
	<i>Bec Benson</i>			
	<i>Andy Thorne</i>			
	<i>Ben Toan</i>			
	<i>Anne de Reybekill</i>			
	<i>Jess Coates</i>			
	<i>Yasmin Mattison</i>			
	<i>Ruth Mckew</i>			
	<i>Ali Gibbons</i>			
	<i>John Stockdale</i>			
	<i>Anne Stockdale</i>			

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Ruth opened with John 17:1-5 and a prayer of encouragement		
	Minutes from May meeting	May's minutes were discussed and approved, proposed by Steve P and seconded by Ben		
	Matters Arising	-Communication job-feedback from PCC and job application is in notice sheet. -Ruth started welcome packs but they need finishing -Anne deR investigated what the church wardens do, their job specification and their legal responsibilities. Currently more responsibility while we have no vicar, they are responsible for the church and vicarage, Mannings Lane house, Devon Rd and the café. On Sunday we are short of stewards, so their jobs include putting out chairs, general set up, communion set up, clear up, as well as being available to talk to various people. Admin is a big job as they receive lots of e mails and WhatsApp messages. They are on Standing committee and have extra jobs, such as work going on in church, the staging and windows which require them to liaise with diocese. PCC challenged to consider if there are opportunities to support them with some of this. Big thank you to Steve and John for all they do, and John officially welcomed.	Ruth Mc	

2440	Expanding the Diocesan Vision	Deanery synod documents circulated before the meeting, Anne deR recapped the documents for PCC outlining the ambition to introduce those to Jesus who don't know him, there are 1.5 million in the diocese who don't know Jesus and as a church how are we reaching them. Anne deR discussed ideas such as setting up plants to extend our church and the need to try new things to encourage more people into church. The church needs new leaders but also to find ways to support the ones we have. The PCC talked about how important it is to share positive stories about our faith and church as an encouragement, such as the Benson's lovely service of testimonies a few weeks ago, PCC all felt this was such a positive service and one to be repeated. There is money available for strategic action, PCC challenged to pray on all of this. Anne deR has started the OWLS programme, at some point in the future this may be a requirement for anyone who is an occasional worship leader, it is a 4-week programme.	Anne deR will update PCC at end of programme.	
2441	Café discussion	Jess sent a report to PCC members after a conversation with Ruth at the café, she outlined the main points for us. The café requires more volunteers, they don't need any training and there is no age limit. Jess has considered Cheshire West Voluntary involvement. PCC discussed if volunteers from the community are okay or if they need to be part of the church. PCC felt that community volunteers need to be happy with the values of café and there needs to be a balance of church and community volunteers. Ruth struggles with no central contact if ill etc, suggestion of a WhatsApp group with few people on for her to contact. She emailed standing committee this week when poorly and that was picked up. Discussed Ruth being included in meetings, mentoring etc along with other church staff (Jenny, Fiona, Lynn), a breakfast meeting might be convenient for Ruth. Ruth has been involved in monthly mentoring with Pete Rugen which has now finished. Suggestion of youth help to fill the gaps over the summer (good for their personal development and CV) and of help from a PCC member to plug the gaps on the rota. The café celebration service will	Andrew and Steve	

		potentially be in September, date to be agreed. The television in café needs updating or mending, it could then be used to advertise church life, suggestion of an electronic donation machine for café and church.		
2442	Roles and committee members	Anna completed a report of all the committees and their members. From a governance point of view PCC need to be on certain that all committees have PCC members on, the finance committee was highlighted. Steve Mck meeting Phil this month. PCC discussed whether we need a café committee, however it has not worked in the past and needs to work around Ruth.	Steve Mck	
2443	Safeguarding update	Anne S shared her report. Anne attended a meeting last night promoting a new safeguarding system called DASH board. All safeguarding in St Michael's is up to date and Steve Mck on board as deputy.		
2444	Comms committee	Bec shared the comms committee update, the advert for the comms job has gone in the church notice sheet, a few names have been suggested by PCC members, no applications yet. Bec asked for prayers for the right person. Suggestion of the Comms committee sharing the job role at the front of church and to consider personally approaching people who may be suitable.	Bec and Anne deR to give notice front of church.	
2445	CYSG committee	Andy presented the CYSG report, Fiona and Lynn are both getting on well and are positive about their roles. Lynn is reorganising the Sunday school groups to make numbers more even and is running a holiday club and requires helpers. Little tykes is at capacity and has the potential for a second group. Fiona is also running a care for family course on teenagers. Their mentoring sessions with Pete Rugen have now finished. CYSF are now looking forward to the Jennie starting in September and any preplanning. Training is available for leaders through Chester Schools Christian Work. PCC members suggested that it would be helpful for new leaders and helpers to have a brief training, could Lynn provide something for new leaders for Sunday school. Another suggestion was Sunday school leaders and helpers having a role description, to clarify their	CYSG	

		role and what's expected. Anne S asks for references if the leaders are new to the church. PCC discussed a photo board for both PCC members and the Sunday school leaders, helpers, youth, and children. At present a written list for the board would be useful, Anna to liaise with Jenny.	Anna	
2446	Service update	Services planned till September.		
2447	Wardens' news	John officially church warden, his warden training and DBS are complete and there is further training for John and Steve in autumn. There is a garden work party on Saturday organised by Derek. Manning's Lane is having some work done to resolve some damp. Devon Road house has a fence issue which is being dealt with.		
2448	APCM date	PCC discussed having the APCM as part of a Sunday service in April rather than a weeknight, the date would need to avoid Easter and school holidays. Standing committee to discuss.	Standing committee	
2449	AOB	-Ben-church suite concerns. This will be discussed by standing committee and put on the agenda next month. -Bec asked for a donation for Chester schools Christian work to provide workshops and booklets for year 6's who are transitioning to high school. Andy proposed £300, approved by all PCC members.	.	
		The meeting concluded with a prayer.		
	Next Meeting	Tuesday 23rd July 2024, 8pm, at the Kings Way Café.		