

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, at the Kings Way Cafe, at 8pm.

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

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Jennie welcomed everyone and started by praying for us and the meeting, she shared a reading from John 17 where Jesus prays for all believers.		
	Minutes from previous meeting	September's minutes were discussed and approved by all PCC members. Ruth proposed and Ben seconded.		
	Matters Arising	-CYSG to meet with Jennie in the coming weeks. -Safeguarding report-to be shared by Anne S within the meeting -IT report-from Steve Mc within the meeting including discussion on IT storage -Finance discussion-ongoing, report from Standing committee next meeting. -Comms group meeting-with Jennie and Tom E in the coming week -Small group meeting regarding safety during services to be arranged in the coming weeks between Andy T, Ben, and Steve Mc. -Letters to inform our mission partners of changes to their support have been written by Anna and the World Mission committee and sent. -Church building insurance-awaiting full document from Phil -Electronic giving-Jess is arranging to borrow a device for 4 weeks and Jess is setting up the account with Andrew E's support. Jess has applied for a grant application for the café to 'February		

		foundation,' Jess is in the process of completing this.		
2470	Safeguarding	Anne S and Jennie have met to discuss safeguarding within St Michael's, Anne S has had support from Matt H, Ben T, Lynn, and Fiona to complete the current documents. It continues to be an ongoing process, but the diocese is happy with our progress and Anne S is very grateful for everyone's cooperation and help.		
2471	CYSG	CYSG met and reviewed age provision within the children and youth groups. Youth leaders and helpers are invited to a thank you lunch next week to share and pray for the youth. Suggestion that safeguarding training could be carried out at the lunch, Anne S to arrange if this is possible. CYSG planning a meeting with Jennie to discuss the children and youth work going forward. Derek met with Katy Herrera the families, children, and youth advisor, she is happy to offer training and support. A letter from Ken and Michelle Owen, and Louise Wright was shared with PCC regarding their disappointment of the current age boundaries at youth. Over 18-year-olds are invited to the young person's group on a Monday night, and steps are being taken to ensure the youth feel welcome and engaged in the Sunday services. PCC discussed the safeguarding implications of age mixed groups and giving our young people and their leaders a positive explanation of our decisions around age boundaries. PCC felt it was important to encourage our young people to grow and take responsibility for their faith, and that it was good to clarify the groups, their ages and what we expect from each group and their leaders. Andy T asked if we wanted 19-year-olds to join youth what would we need to do? PCC felt that working on Sunday morning services to ensure the services are more accessible is more important than trying to keep the 19-year-olds in youth. Anna will reply to the letter and Jennie will arrange a discussion with Ken, Michelle, and Louise.		
2472	IT planning	Steve reported on our IT storage, he has been discussing with Jenny and Stu Davies about how we store our data, how it could be accessible from home, with safe e mail		

		addresses for employees, and how we abide by safeguarding regulations and control the access. Various options including charities Microsoft and google offer what we need, including staff e-mail addresses. Diocesan don't offer advice on this subject. It will require paying someone to set it all up and decide who has access to passwords. Suggestion of a small group to discuss how we go forward-Stu, Jenny, Andrew E, in consultation with Tom E. Staff keen to use own devices if possible. Ruth Mc brought up that when we have events within church, we need to remind anyone taking photos not to share on social media.	Andrew E	
2473	Warden's report	Steve P gave the warden's report-new headsets and microphones have been purchased and are being used, the communion cup and flagon have been sent off for mending. The diocesan has been contacted about the replacement dais and awaiting a reply. An electrician has investigated the café's electrics as it was due its 5 yearly electrical installation condition report, they noted power outages and poor connection of card reader and have quoted £1600 to resolve the issue. PCC happy for this work to be carried out. The Dyson hand driers in the gents' toilets stopped working, spare parts were ordered, and they have been successfully mended, the ladies' driers may also need mending.		
2474	Vicars report	Jennie thanked us all for the welcome and the work in the vacancy. Jennie is planning to keep the church and the services as they are for the present as she settles in, however after a period of settling in she wishes to work with the PCC and the whole church to discern a fresh vision and strategy for St Michael's, and so she is very happy for people to share their feelings and thoughts with her. Plans for a possible confirmation service with Bishop Mark on the 11 th of May. Jennie will offer an 'Enquirer course' in early January on a Sunday evening for those expressing an interest. Andy T proposed a 'Children's ministry' course for Lynn and Fiona the cost approximately £500. PCC felt this would be beneficial, Andy T to arrange.	Andy T	
2475	Snagging list for vicarage	There are just a few items to be mended, some plumbing to complete and the alarm to mend.		

2475	AOB	-Anne S reported on 'welcome churches' which Pete Rugen and Anne S were involved in, Pete needs replacing in the role. The church office e mail will become the contact till we require their services. -Peter W shared a few concerns regarding the building's insurance, it only insures people up to 80 years old and concerns over rented properties. Awaiting full document from Phil, Peter has offered to read and liaise with Standing committee. -Christmas services-suggestion of 10am communion family service on 25th with no 9am. Agreed by PCC. Other services 15th nativity, 22nd carol service, 24th Christingle. Mince pie refreshments to be arranged.	Standing committee and Peter Anna	
		The meeting concluded with a prayer.		
	Next Meeting	Tuesday 19 th November 2024, 8pm, at the Kings Way Café.		