**Minutes of the PCC Meeting**

**Wednesday 23rd January 2025 at 7.30pm,**

**St Gregory’s Church, Dawlish**

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|  |  | **Action/Proposal** |
| 1 | **Meeting began 7.30pm**  **Opening Prayers led** by IB  **In attendance**: Rev L Cronin, L Halse, R Sulch, N Twibill (secretary), P Jones, A Fuller, A Pugh, I Bartlett, W Halse, C Chappell, T Hickson, M Andrews, C Slade, R Smith, A Leigh. C Lee & A Say.  **Apologies**; J Workman, M Moulds, K & L Chambers.  **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and signed  **Matters Arising** None |  |
| 2 | **Parish Matters**   1. **Rectors Report - Rev L**   Working together with other ministers and churches in the area. This has meant being involved in the Lantern Parade, an Ecumenical Advent service the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and daily prayer gatherings around the various Church’s.  LC been into local Primary schools with Adam the ROC Schools Worker, as well the schools coming to St Greg’s and into St Mary’s Cofton for their Christmas services.  Margaret has been into Sefton Hall and conduct Holy Communion and a Christingle service.  Services over Christmas have included; Dawlish Funeral Care Memorial Service.  Lc Been to Luscombe Chapel for the AIMS carol service with Revd Helen Bays.  Amongst all the Advent and Christmas festivities among our 4 Churches, including the Christmas Tree festival, also a number of funerals, and Baptisms St Greg’s and St Mary’s.  Thanks to Chris Wall who has stepped down from leading the Music Group. The group will continue to lead Gregs@10; Ailsa will co-ordinate songs with the service leader and Nicola ‘conducting’ the group.  Ash Wednesday 5th March there will be service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at 10am at St Greg’s and an evening service at 6pm – venue to be confirmed.  We will be holding Lent Groups across the Dawlish Coast Mission Community.  Mothering Sunday (30th March) will not be a Benefice Service.  Margaret Noel will be retiring as an LLM on Palm Sunday – 13th April  St George’s Holcombe is celebrating its 80th birthday on 27th April – there will be a 10.30am Benefice Service followed by a lunch.  Sunday 18th May is Bell-Ringers Sunday  St Gregory’s celebrating it 200th anniversary with a special Benefice service on Sunday 21st September at 10.30am and +Mike will be conducting this service. Flower Festival that weekend.  Sunday 28th September is Harvest Festival at St Mary’s Cofton  Sunday 5th October is Animal Welfare Sunday/St Francis of Assis – there will be a Pet Service at Greg’s at 10am  Sunday 12th October is Harvest Festival at St George’s Holcombe  Sunday 19th October is Harvest Festival at St Greg’s`  The Legacy Project – this is specific to St Greg’s. A 5-year plan onto paper and into action, to attract funding and support  Sun 21st Sept 10.30am – Benefice Service with + Mike  Acknowledge; C Wall stepping down  MN finishing on Palm Sunday – how we acknowledge her service in St G  PA to the Rector to be decided.  **Churchwardens Report – RS/LH**  Choral Society Concert and the Annual FuneralCare Service, before we started our usual extremely busy 'run-up' to Christmas.  The 3 weeks prior to Christmas included Christmas Tree Festival with its Bric-a-Brac stall and the ever popular associated Charity Concert. The stall raised £300 whilst the Concert raised £1100. All monies raised were donated to Dawlish Community Transport and HITS.  West Cliff school rehearsals and Christingle and Nativity play, Gatehouse school rehearsal and Carol service, and 2 funerals during this time.  Carols by Candlelight service, Christmas Eve Crib and Midnight Services, and Family Holy Communion on Christmas Day, and the Benefice Service was at St George's Holcombe.  5 funerals, and the lift has had another of its regular inspection / services completed. The organ has had repairs to the swell box, and West Access have inspected our roof and gutters and issued a report which requires actions to be authorised, to initiate some minor repairs asap.  TDC have still not yet given us a date when they will trim the yew hedge that surrounds the Garden of Remembrance.   1. **Treasurer’s report – PJ**   Account signatories are Treasurer, Churchwardens, Fees Treasurer and one other, which for several years has been Margaret Noel.  Our accounts are now managed online but MN does not have online access, so PCC asked to agree to replace MN as an account signatory with GR.  This would make the list of signatories Paul Jones, Leena Halse, Richard Sulch, Roz Smith and Graham Reynolds.  Prop AF sec WH All agreed.    Tower Pinnacles  Tower pinnacles initial costing. Now looking for 3 quotes – need funding  Quote of £90,000 but had £40,00 quote to do with firm from ropes; recommended by architect.  Reserve funds; £80,000 unrestricted that could be used.  Grants available from Heritage & National Lottery possible but usually pay before work done. IB & AF look into grants also ask R Moore to help.  Needs to be done by 2026 Quinquennial.  Approve accounts to go to independent examiner.  £20 surplus! – no big insurance, split across year.  No legacies this year.  Reserves have gone up a little as well as our Diocesan holdings.  Few adjustments to accounts document-  Organ fund show as separate item on the accounts.  Happy to go to ind examiner CC PAL All agreed.   1. **St George’s Report - AT**   Our Carol Service on 19 December was well attended (78) and a joyful occasion. Likewise, the Crib Service on Christmas Eve (43+7 children) with participation by both adults and children carrying the figures to the manger, building up the nativity scene. There followed a 6pm Holy Communion.  Drop -in on the first Wednesday of the month throughout the year. Warmer Place on 19 February and 19 March (winter time only) offer soup/roll/cheese scones for lunch and funds raised are donated to the Children’s Hospice S.W. St George’s celebrates its 80th anniversary this year (church consecrated 1945) and plans and ideas will be discussed to mark this occasion.  BR met with Tess Hickson to update Dashboard, identify where further training is needed.  St George’s continues to manage without church wardens - good teamwork and communication are keeping things running. |  |
| 3 | **Safety and Security.**   1. **Safeguarding – TH**   SG training – most of St Gregs are either complete or in process. We have agreed for 2 people at St Gregs and 2 at Holcombe not to do the training as they have no way of accessing it and the leaders of the groups.  DBS – Again most are completed for St Gregs, though CW’s not completed.  Little Gregs have new assistant workers whose checks and training is currently underway.  Holcombe added to Dashboard  Some at Holcombe & St G not able to do training – not alone at any time. Are PCC happy that will not complete training. Should have to complete course? Discussion  Try to complete with members of PCC over coffee/in office.  **Health & Safety – CS**  No new issues have been reported, ongoing issues with loose tiles but now with BM health issues these are probably on hold for a while longer but the worst of them have been resolved. |  |
| 4 | **Mission.**   1. **Swap Shop - CS**   Swap shop got off to a slow start on the first session of the new year.  One of the Mum’s knows most of the mums that come along and searches through the stock with them helping find items for them..  Busy second week, 35 adults + children – very encouraging.   1. **Men’s Breakfast – RS**   So far £1200 has been donated to various groups.  Next meeting on Monday 3rd February at 9am in the Upper Narthex.   1. **Mothers Union – PAL**   The ‘posada’ travelled around Dawlish and Holcombe. Crib figures were blessed in Exeter Cathedral by Canon Chris Palmer, then spent a night in a different MU home until the Crib Service in St. Gregory’s on Christmas Eve.  Our December meeting was changed to Thursday 12th so that we could watch the Nativity Play performed by pupils from Westcliff Academy, and afterwards a Christmas Party in the Upper Narthex.  Our January meeting was a post-Christmas lunch at Reflections.   1. **Little Greg’s - PAL**   Christmas Party on 17th December, where25 children attended  After the Christmas break our new ‘term’ opened on 14th January with 18 children.  We now serve hot drinks and croissants or toast to all the adults. Currently we are working with a team of 4.  Most of the children regularly attending are aged 1-3 years.   1. **Pudding Club – CS**   The first session this year the speaker, Davina who holds an over 50s DanceFit class in Holcombe village hall on a Tuesday at 9-30am, she shared with us some exercises.  The WhatsApp group have prayer request.  New members are always welcome, we meet in the upper narthex on the first Thursday of the month.   1. “**A” Group (Lunch Club) –** J Mead   December Meeting had 20 people.  A trainee school psyche lady from 0-18 years childcare team, school welfare officer and SENCO.  The information sharing was invaluable as the school were unaware of new services which are now available. Devon is not contracting out this service any longer the group are running it themselves.  A WhatsApp group which is being used to support one another.  Gatehouse School update  Gatehouse School would like to have a meeting to see how it works out  27th of January we are going to have a meal at St Greg's and see what the needs are and if they can work together.  Pleased about the offering financial support from the church. |  |
| 5 | **External Reports**   1. **Deanery Synod Report – AF –** No meeting 2. **CTDD – Rev L** In Rectors report.   Jessica no longer URC minister in Dawlish.  18 attended Service at St G. Good attendance 8 -14 on different days of the week.  Hope Church taking part including 4 CofE churches.   1. **ROC – Rev L** No update to report.   A Gidney willing to come to PCC or Sunday service to update on his work.   1. **DCMC Forum** – No meeting –   Each PCC & DCC nominate warden & lay person from each church to form the group. St Paul’s now on rota so rev PP will take some services here. |  |
| 6. | **Projects**   1. **Eco church**   Presentation on Sunday19th January. Small working party has been convened to plan new way forward.  Turn the Tide – St G has stall booked (May Bank Holiday) |  |
| 7. | **Future Events**  Benefice Retreat Day with + Nick (postponed from 30.11.24) still on hold to find convenient day.  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity start 18.1.25 - service 10am Breakfast & service St Greg’s.  Evensong 4pm trial service 1.3.25 followed by tea & cake.  World Day of Prayer 7.3.25 at 2.30pm Hope Church |  |
| 8. | **Items for consideration / AOB**  Appointment of C Chappell as chalice assistant  Prop LH Sec RS. Agreed by all.  2025 Christmas Tree Festival - proposed changes to duration and entry terms and conditions. Use of batteries – not eco-friendly, time to switch on and off.  The 27 hours (duration of festival) of mains electric would be a fraction of the cost. IB able to find sponsorship to provide cables for mains connection. Agreed by all.  Full review of Electoral Roll this year. GR has paperwork.  Newhay – LC has paperwork from Dawlish Town Council – Church commissioners own land and use Savills to administer.  Discussion potential cost and liability to take on lease for land.  To take over the land would be a huge financial responsibility to take it on.  LC to make enquiries at the Diocese about taking on the lease of the land and the costs involved.  LC invited lay ministers to training in February. Opening up to others within church for prayer ministry.  Offer as course to find out about prayer ministry, not as recruitment event.  Think about how prayer ministry could be used in the services. |  |
| 9. | **Items for future discussion** |  |
| 10. | Lead prayers at next meeting; AP |  |
| 11. | Meeting closed with the Grace.  Meeting closed at 9.15pm |  |

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Dates of future meetings;

**Standing Comm. PCC**

11.3.25 25.3.25

**APCM**

11.5.25 - 11.45am followed by Bring & Share lunch