**Minutes of the PCC Meeting**

**Wednesday 25th September2024 at 7.30p,**

**St Gregory’s Church, Dawlish**

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|  |  | **Action/Proposal** |
| 1 | **Meeting began 7.30pm**  **Opening Prayers led** by CC  **In attendance**: Rev L Cronin, L Halse, R Sulch, N Twibill (secretary), C Lee, A Leigh, A Fuller, A Pugh, I Bartlett, W Halse, J Workman, C Chappell, T Hickson, M Andrews, G Brown  & A Thomas.  **Apologies**. P Jones, C Slade, R Smith, M moulds, B Lewis, K & L Chambers.  **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and signed  **Matters Arising** None |  |
| 2 | **Parish Matters**   1. **Rectors Report - Rev L**   LC has met with the Archdeacon, which was a positive meeting and is now awaiting his written report.  Range of meetings and activities since the last PCC meetings and LC is looking forward to a variety of events in the next few months, including the Christmas season.   1. **Churchwardens Report – RS/LH**   PCC reminded that a read-only version of the Church Diary is available on the Church website, please consult if arranging an event.  Since the last PCC meeting, we have had one wedding and 3 funerals.  The lift has had it regular service and our organ has had further repairs & maintenance carried out.  CAP prayer gatherings and Benefice Churchwarden meetings are now held regularly.  Thanks to B & JM for their tidying of the inside and outside of the Garden of Remembrance. TDC have been asked to trim the yew hedge that surrounds the Garden and it has been added to their schedule.  The recent DHCT day was a great success and raised £340 which will be shared by the Trust and St Gregs.  The £175 collection from our Harvest Service has been donated to St Petrock’s in Exeter.  We hosted the annual Civic Service which was well supported.   1. **Treasurer’s report – PJ**   Finance report circulated before the meeting.  PCC Fees Treasurer - Roz Smith has offered to take over PCC Fees account. All agreed  Verger Fees – PCC has been given a summary of the report PJ supplied to standing comm. Suggested that the Vergers are still entitled to claim their fees we keep the system as it is. It will be the Verger’s responsibility to declare to HRMC if claim fee.  All agreed to maintain current system.  Organ Fund, not yet updated. Will leave it as an outstanding item.  Old Books, list circulated to PCC members. In the absence of PJ it was decided to hold this item over to the next PCC.  We have received the Insurance renewal premium quote - £7,650 (up from £7,400), due October. Although PJ not yet had a chance to go over this, it was proposed that he be given authority to continue with the renewal. Agreed  We are due for Fire Extinguisher checks in October, we will expect this to be about £1,000  We had a problem with the Lift this week. It is anticipated that there will be a call-out fee of £300, but a much larger repair bill to follow. We also have to pay an annual Lift inspection fee, currently £500 (up from £315)   1. **St George’s Report - AT**   Drop ins each month still continue.  Enquiries regarding candle stand in St George’s have now stopped due to safety and security reasons  A parishioner has volunteered to repair and paint the iron works at the front of the church free of charge as long as we pay for materials.  There was good quiz on Saturday, awaiting final count of money raised.  Harvest on 13th October will now start at 10am  Remembrance Sunday service will also start at10am. | RS JW  JW CC  RS CL |
| 3 | **Safety and Security.**   1. **Safeguarding – TH**   The Dashboard is working well. Due to people coming and going and roles changing, it will never be completely accurate but it is a good representation of the volunteers at St Greg’s and Holcombe.  10 parishioners completed safeguarding course.  PJ has been busy with DBS applications and these are added to the Hub so reminders are generated.  A parish SG phone number is available now on 07932 560804.and will be exchanged for WH’s on the website. In due course we hope to also get an online form onto the website for people to raise safeguarding concerns or discuss worries that way too.   1. **Health & Safety – CS**   We had a reminder from the diocese to make sure that all our fire safety and building evacuation plans are clear and up to date and that all are aware of them. On 8.9.24 CS did a short explanation of where fire exits are and how any evacuation would take place. CS will arrange for another after church on a Sunday in October, for all sides people and wardens and any new leaders to make sure they know where all the fire extinguishers are and what sort of fire they are appropriate for. |  |
| 4 | **Mission.**   1. **Swap Shop - CS**   Swap shop continues to be very popular. In August 8 volunteers sorted through stock, swapping over to autumn and winter clothing for our return after the summer break on 17th September.  As we always have an abundance of birth to 2 clothing CL has sent some to go to Moldova.  45 attended last Swap Shop! Help needed to set up and clear way and CL will put out plea in the next newsletter.   1. **Men’s Breakfast – RS**   Our 9th breakfast meeting was held on 2nd September 2024.  These meetings continue to be very popular and are successfully raising monies for local organisations & charities at the same time.  £700 has been donated so far, including to St Gregs Fabric & Organ Funds  We meet again on Monday 7th October at 9am in the Upper Narthex.   1. **Mothers Union – PAL**   On 9th August the MU hosted the Diocesan Mary Sumner Day service in St. Mary’s Hall, Dawlish Warren. LC led a service and there was a buffet tea afterwards.  The Trustees were impressed with the facilities at the Hall that they will probably book it for future events.  The September meeting included a service of Dedication, renewing the commitments made as MU members. LC gave a talk, and members celebrated their ‘slot’ in the annual Wave of Prayer, with refreshments afterwards.  The speaker at our meeting on October 8th will be Geoff King, Chair of the Friends of Dawlish Hospital, who successfully led the campaign to reopen the Minor Injuries Department.   1. **Little Greg’s - PAL**   This term has had about 10 children at each session. Several new families have come but it is too early to know if they will become regulars.  Challenges this week included a new mother t stuck in the lift with her baby in a pram, and an unexpectedly visit of Sharon Blyth, the Diocesan Mission Enabler for Children and Families  Next Tuesday will be Doreen’s last before she moves away, and we are having a party to thank her for her leadership over so many years.   1. **Pudding Club – LC**   Nothing new to report   1. “**A” Group (Lunch Club) –**   They have 6 dates to meet up over the next school year with parents/carers for a meal every half term for support and information sharing.  It is encouraging that parent/carers leaving Westcliff and moving on to high school provision have asked me if they can still be part of the group.  They have contact with 25 parent/carers.  The group are hoping we have a good relationship with the new head. |  |
| 5 | **External Reports**   1. **Deanery Synod Report –**   New Denery Synod Secretary needed.   1. **CTDD – Rev L**   Next meeting will be 28.9.24 at the Methodist church. Plan for Christmas & ideas to revitalise CTDD! Documents are being sent out set out and a working agreement for all concerned. Helen Bell is the new Methodist minister – only part time with 4 Churches!   1. **ROC – Rev L**   M Jones back from sabbatical. LC had a meeting with him.  ROC are in the process interviewing a person to run food larder.   1. **DCMC Forum** – No meeting until Jan ’25. |  |
| 6. | **Projects**   1. Eco church   Swift boxes – LH had meeting with Jerry who installed them. He reported that there are no swifts yet but butterflies are hibernating there. The caller has been turned off. This will be switched on in spring and hopefully we will have some birds using them next year.  This has now become Devon wide project. |  |
| 7. | **Future Events**  Harvest Festival 15.9.24 – donations to St Petroc’s, perishable goods to the Strand.  Supper & Barn Dance 28.9.24, 40 registered to come. Musicians from Starcross led by AM  Benefice Service Starcross 29.9.24  Organ Recital 4pm 29.9.24 with live camera to the screen.  Lucy Bell Play 5.10.24  Remembrance Service 3pm – details to be confirmed.  Christmas Tree Festival (Set up 9 & 10.12.24)11.12.24 – 17.12.24  14.12.24 Concert 3pm  Westcliff Nativity Rehearsal 11.12.24 performance 12.12.24 1 – 3pm  Gatehouse Nativity rehearsal 17th & performance 18.12.24  Christmas Services; Carol Service, Crib Service, Midnight Communion, Christmas Day 10am  29.12.24 Benefice Service – Holcombe  Benefice retreat Day PP organising with +Nick 30.11.24 venue to be agreed. |  |
| 8. | **Items for consideration / AOB**  A member of congregation has asked to start another House Group. An email sent to LC stating his case was read to the PCC. Pointed out that CC does contact Baptism families to encourage them to get involved with Church, not usually get any response!  After discussion the PCC felt that it would not be appropriate or the right thing to be doing to start another house group at this time.  Oaklands School – Teachers from the school have asked if some of their young people could help with the work in the churchyard. As Teignbridge DC are responsible for graveyard it was felt that they should talk to them.  Teignbridge have relinquished responsibility for the Newhay, Diocese welcome ideas for future use. Keen to be kept as a green space. |  |
| 9. | **Items for future discussion**  Evensong in Spring.  Choral Workshop 18.1.25 – proceeds to Organ fund. |  |
| 10. | Lead prayers at next meeting; JW IB |  |
| 11. | Meeting closed with the Grace.  Meeting closed at 8.40pm |  |

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Dates of future meetings;

**Standing Comm. PCC**

6.11.24 19.11.24

7.1.25 23.1.25 (7.45pm)

11.3.25 25.3.25

**APCM**

11.5.25 - 11.45am followed by Bring & Share lunch