**Minutes of the PCC Meeting**

**Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7.30pm**

**In the Lady Chapel, St Gregory’s Church, Dawlish**

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|  |  | **Action/Proposal** |
| 1 | **Meeting began 7.30pm**  **Opening Prayers led** by AF  **In attendance**: Rev L Cronin, L Halse, R Sulch, W Halse, N Twibill (secretary), C Lee, R Smith, A Leigh, A Fuller, A Pugh, T Hickson, I Bartlett, A Thomas & B Lewis.  **Apologies**. P Jones, C Slade, K & L Chambers, J Workman, M Moulds, C Chappell & M Andrews.  **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed and signed  **Matters Arising** Shared lunch on 1st Sunday of month – not mentioned. Can go into the newsletter for coming Sunday! |  |
| 2 | Parish Matters   1. Churchwardens Report – RS/LH   The annual Goods & Ornaments Inventory has been carried out and updated by the Churchwardens.  The regular roof inspections and gutter repairs have gradually highlighted that bigger bills might soon become the norm.  Our Fabric Group has been busy recently with many minor repairs achieved without outside assistance. New bolts have been fitted to the south door; the church drains have been checked regularly.  There is now a need for Tower Pinnacle repairs (highlighted in the last Quinquennial Report in 2021), we have involved Mark Ledgard and await his report, before we can proceed. We are looking at a considerable cost which St Gregs cannot fund alone.  Fund Raising will be necessary to successfully meet the challenges that we face in the next 2 to 5 years.   1. Election of PCC Officers.  * Lay Chair – L Halse * Treasurer – P Jones * Secretary – N Twibill * Standing Committee – A Fuller   C Slade   * H&S Officer – C Slade * Safeguarding Officer – T Hickson * Sidespeople;   C Wilkes, J Reynolds, G Brown, M Webster, G Moore, A Pugh, R Smith & A Fuller. J Smith willing to assist when needed.   1. Treasurer’s report – PJ   Accounts circulated before meeting.   1. St George’s Report   Worship is well attended.  St Georges day was celebrated with an open afternoon 2-4pm tea and cakes. It was very successful with attendance of 50-60 people.  Drop ins in the church room continue monthly.  Open afternoon and afternoon tea at St George’s in church room and garden on Saturday 22nd June 2-4pm everyone welcome.  We now have a box at the back of church to collect items for Dawlish community larder.  Water leak has still not been identified. | Prop Sec  RS RSm  IB AP  CL LH  AP CL  WH AF  LH RS  RS AF |
| 3 | **Safety and Security.**   1. Safeguarding –   There have been no Safeguarding issues to date. DBS checks are being processed by PJ for new PCC members. Tess Hickson is in the process of being registered and trained as a DBS checker.  The PCC was asked to review and approve the following documents:  Responding to Safeguarding Allegations and Concerns this has been updated to move my name to the list of Other Licensed Ministers, and to give the church phone number as the contact number for Tess Hickson.  Safeguarding Document All agreed.  Online courses to be arranged for those without internet.   1. Health & Safety – CS   No issues to report | Prop Sec  CL WH |
| 4 | **Mission.**   1. Kid’s Swapshop – CS   Swap shop is still going very well and Saturday 27th April was well attended.  We had an answer to prayer; we were talking about putting a plea out for more boy’s clothes in the 3-9yr. age groups when a lady came in with a bag with around 100 items in it all boys in the age range we needed   1. Men’s Breakfast – RS   Having been restarted in December 2023, it continues to be very popular and is successfully raising monies for local organisations & charities at the same time.  We have 23 breakfasters (on average) at each meeting and have so far donated £100 to each of the following:  Dawlish Community Transport, St Gregs Organ Fund, Teignbridge Scouts, Talking Newspaper, 1st Dawlish Girl Guides and St Gregs Fabric Fund.   1. Mothers Union – PAL   One Branch Meeting since the last PCC, Claremont Manor residential home had invited group to afternoon tea. About 15 members, partners & friends enjoyed drinks & cake and a tour of the home and the facilities.  There have been several Diocesan events, including an Ascension Day service in Exminster and our Diocesan AGM in Crediton.   On August 9th (Mary Sumner Day) we will be hosting a Diocesan celebration in St. Mary's Hall.   1. Pudding Club – LC   We have been unable to meet in St. Greg’s for April (a wedding in church) and May (local polling day). As an alternative we met elsewhere for lunch. The same thing will occur in July due to the General Election. Revd Linda to speak on 6th June. A warm welcome too for any ladies who would like to join us - 2.30 in the upper narthex.   1. “A” Group (Lunch Club) – SC   Nothing to report. |  |
| 5 | **External Reports.**   1. Deanery Synod Report – CS   In April we shared, via group discussions and post it notes, how, as churches, we were furthering mission in the three areas of PRAY-GROW-SERVE. Each meeting ends with churches sharing any ‘Good news’ on things that have been happening in their parishes.   1. CTDD – No meeting 2. ROC – Rev L - Nothing to report. 3. DCMC Forum – No meeting. Hoping to restart in September. |  |
| 6. | **Projects**   1. Eco church KC   Planning for ‘Turn the Tide’ on 8.6.24.  Swift boxes LH – Checked and sound started to encourage swifts. Hopefully the birds will start to use nests next year. This is a long term project! |  |
| 7. | **Future Events**  ‘Ring for Peace’ 6.30pm - 6.6.24  Benefice Service – St Mary’s 30.6.24 followed by BBQ. Ask for salads & Puddings. Starcross 29.9.24  Organ recital 22.6.24  St Greg’s Social event- The Newhay Parish Picnic 7.7.24  Harvest Festival at St Greg’s 15.9.24  Supper & Barn Dance, St Mary’s Hall (TBC) 28.9.24  Organ recital at 4pm with a cream tea 29.9.24  Wed 11th – Mon 16th December Christmas Tree festival, Concert 14.12.24 |  |
| 8. | **Items for consideration / AOB**  Sale of artwork/ Art exhibition – A member of the congregation would like to sell artwork for charity. After discussions it was felt that this could open floodgate to anyone and become about market place. It was suggested that we could hod an art festival, possibly in spring, with some proceeds going to the church. Restrict to a couple of times a year.  Agreed to have occasional sale and look at a Festival.  Electric heating system/Radiant heating? Systems suitable for St Greg’s.  KC has discussed as our heating system is old but will not last much longer. Need to start thinking about future proofing the heating. We will not be able to replace with like for like. Heating systems are much more efficient than current system.  Set up working party in Autumn to explore possibilities and grants/funding. |  |
| 9. | **Items for future discussion**  Prayer Gathering - 1st Thursday of month 11am – 12. Start 6.6.24.  In future this will be followed by a shared lunch.  Also have an evening meeting, Wednesday 3rd July (day before Election!) which will therefore be held at St George’s 7-8pm. |  |
| 10. | Lead prayers at next meeting CL |  |
| 11. | Meeting closed with the Grace.  Meeting closed at 8.30pm |  |

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Dates of future meetings;

**Standing Comm. PCC**

11.7.24 23.7.24

3.9.24 25.9.24 (Lady Chapel)

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