

PCC 18th September 2023 – Meeting in the Parish Room at the Good Shepherd

Item	Subject	Decision/Type
1	Welcome and opening prayer	
2	Apologies for absence <u>Present:</u> Bridget Shepherd, Hannah Burns, Louise Grace, Angela Stebbings, Peter Watson, Chris Henriette, Adriaan Goosen, John Murray (JoM), Clare Johnson, James Murdoch (JaM), Sue Tearle, Conway Tearle, Sophia Duffy <u>Apologies:</u> Trudi Bramson, Yi Baylis, Gladys Ekpo-Daniels, Pete Burns, Mia Hadfield-Spoor	Information
3	Declarations of interest None declared	Information
4	Acceptance of AOB None raised	Decision
5	Approval of minutes of meeting of 11th July 2023 Proposed by LG, seconded by JaM Abstention: AG and SD All others present at the meeting were In favour.	Discussion
6	Matters arising from minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finance training for PCC members - to be scheduled after a standardised format of reporting to the PCC is agreed. Re: action to investigate the status of St.Peter's; whether consecrated or dedicated. BS thinks it is dedicated, but not certain. Nov budget paper - was shared by James on 12th July Action list - Hannah to share the link with PCC members Bishop Christopher has confirmed our request to continue to suspend worship at St.Peter's 	Questions
7	PCC vision discussion The attendees noted the upcoming dates in paper 7a. PCC Vision Overview Sep 23 including updating the congregation at the 14th January service Action raised for BS re: dates. Attendees broke into small groups to revisit the 'pictures' for the overall vision created on the Vision	Discussion Action: BS to confirm dates for additional meetings in February 2024 (PCC) and April 2024 (PCC vision morning).

	<p>Day in June, and to discuss reflections, which were then shared back to the whole group. Summary of points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consideration of the length of time for the vision, including practicalities of how to get there, and defining what the baseline is. ● Communication with the congregation ● People form relationships when doing things (volunteering, planning) together ● Some ideas that have been documented need further discussion and expansion e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 'links with community' ; what is meant by this? ○ Adopting a 'Go to them' approach for reaching out instead of 'come to us' ○ Sunday morning doesn't work for everyone, what other ways do we need to consider engaging with people? ● Importance of taking active steps along the way, ie. not just talking about strategy for a protracted period of time. ● Desire to continue to be coordinated as we move forward, and to be taking actions in between each of the proposed monthly meetings ● Our idea of being a community 'hub' is different and distinct from a community centre, and needs to be focussed on Jesus. ● Community groups - need to be open to feedback from them ● Physical space may be a limitation to our thinking. <p>Brief discussion on the census data, with some desiring more data e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have a sense it's a transient community. Duration of staying: how many people move/in out of the area? ● How do people need us? How do we understand what the need(s) are? ● What other time commitments/ community touchpoints do people have? 	
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	44% describe themselves as christian - this is a high percentage. People were keen to focus our outreach on the 44%.	
8	<p>Finance update</p> <p>8a. Paper produced by PW in response to the question raised at the July meeting of how PCC members can interpret and understand the accounts.</p> <p>In response to a question on the amount of extra time needed to produce the paper for PCC, it was acknowledged that we need to understand better the capabilities of Xero software. There may be some reports that could feed into a reporting spreadsheet, and in time be automated.</p> <p>An action was raised for the working group (AG, CT and PW) to discuss the finance reporting format.</p> <p>CH left the meeting</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>Action raised: Finance working group (Adriaan, Conway and Peter) to discuss the finance reporting format, and present back to the PCC.</p>
9	<p>Fabric update</p> <p><u>Wall repair</u></p> <p>Update provided by JaM, including the report (paper 9a. Covering letter for diocese dated 1 September 2023 from Rosemary Silver at Avison Young (UK) Limited).</p> <p>Recommendation to rebuild from corner to gate of Wantage Road.</p> <p>There is a letter of support from the Lee Manor Society.</p> <p>Put in a faculty application, hoping for letter of support from the Archdeacon.</p> <p>Proposal by JaM, in brief (more detailed actions to be agreed at the Staff meeting on 19th September):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PCC to authorise a letter of support to be written by HB on behalf of the PCC, with names of PCC members at the bottom. 2. Add the covering letter from Rosemary Silver to the church website to support local communication, and subsequent support from church user groups, who will be able to better understand the position, and add their own letters of support. 	<p>Information</p> <p>Action: Hannah to draft a letter of support from the PCC, for the wall proposal outlined in the letter from Rosemary Silver at Avison Young, dated 1 September 2023.</p>

	<p>3. Approach church user community groups to request their support.</p> <p>For 1. JaM proposed that the PCC support the proposal in Rosemary's letter dated 1 September 2023 to rebuild the wall according to the specification outlined within the letter.</p> <p>Proposed by JaM, seconded by JoM, with no abstentions.</p> <p><u>Other updates:</u></p> <p>The GS Hall Floor has been sanded and resealed. The Fire extinguishers at both churches have been checked.</p> <p>The annual service for the gas boilers at GS & SP are due in October as well as the annual service for the sump pump at GS.</p> <p>Kitchen at Weigall Road: JaM working on solutions to the request for a new kitchen.</p>	
10	<p>Deanery update</p> <p>Deanery first aid training will take place over the next few weeks</p>	Information
11	<p>Safeguarding update</p> <p>BS informed the PCC that the church administrator Fiona is spending a significant amount of her time (c.20%) on 'safer recruitment' admin.</p> <p>BS commented that there were no significant safeguarding issues to raise to PCC at this time.</p>	Information
12	<p>Health and safety update</p> <p>BS has updated some of the risk assessments e.g. youth group</p>	Information
13	<p>GDPR compliance</p> <p>This item was not discussed.</p>	Information
14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Updates received from the Diocese of Southwark regarding remembrance arrangements, following the death of Bishop Karowei. BS has sent a condolence</p>	Information

	card. Information on arrangements have been shared during service notices, and the weekly newsletter.	
15	AOB None	As required
16	Dates of upcoming meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16th October (Note: ADDITIONAL DATE for vision discussion) • 22nd November Full list of dates here	Information
17	Closing prayer	