#### PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY REDBOURN

# MINUTES OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE TRANSEPT ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present: The Vicar The Curate Brian Hayward Julie Henman Ailsa Hulme

Julia Jeffs Rob Jones Jim May Sue May Louise McPhee

Rod McPhee John Searle Alan Simkins Michelle Parry-Slater

Steve Smith David Swift Kay Vernon Paul Vernon Jill Whitehouse

Peter Hansford Stephen Gell David Mitchell

Apologies for Absence: Celia Forbes Keith McAdam Ralph Goold Mike Wood

The meeting opened at 8.15 pm with a prayer.

## 2) Minutes of the PCC Meeting held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

The minutes were approved as drawn and signed by the Vicar as a true record. No matters arising.

## 3) Minutes of the Standing Committee Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

After one small change at item 9, the minutes were approved and will be signed as a true record.

4) Matters Arising There were no matters arsing

## 5) Worship and Ministry

**Patronal Festival:** 10<sup>th</sup> September, one combined service at 11 am. Our Guest Preacher will be Revd. Grace Sentamu Baverstock, Vicar of Leagrave. There will be a pay BBQ but with bring and share desserts, Redbourn Jazz Band will play and there will be a Bouncy Castle.

**Baptism** on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 9.30am of Gabriel Ford, **Harvest Festival** on 1<sup>st</sup> October and **Deanery Evensong** on 16 October at 6.30 pm at St Helens Wheathampstead

#### **Dates for the Diary**

All Souls: 5<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday: 12th November and Advent Sunday: 3rd December

**Churches Together:** Following the departure of the current Methodist Minister, Gill Hulme, her replacement will start on the 3rd September at a Welcome Service at High Street Methodists at 6.30 pm. Because of Gill leaving we have not been able to arrange combined services this year, but various types of worship will be held at St Mary's each Sunday at 6.30 pm.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

PCC approval is required for those who distribute communion to those at home or in hospital

## Resolution:

"That the PCC approve the following to take communion to the sick and housebound – Ian Ashton, Sue Ashton, Julie Beaman, Doris Cheetham, Albert Joly, Julie Henman, Mollie Williams and Jill Whitehouse for a three year period, until 1 July 2020"

This resolution was put to the PCC

Proposer: Sue May Seconded by: Brian Hayward Passed: Nem Con

**Tim's Ordination:** Will expressed delight to be alongside Tim at his ordination and gave thanks to Sue May for organising the transport. It was great to put Tim 'straight to work' the next day and very good to have Fr David Warner as our Preacher that day. Tim thanked everyone for their support love and care which is greatly appreciated by him, Sophy and Jem.

## 6) Treasurer's Report

Rob Jones presented Balance Sheet P&L and Income and Expenditure Reports. He has managed to collate all the figures now, however still needs to get to grips with where some funds need to be allocated to. The figures look fairly typical for this point in the year. The meeting offered huge thanks to Rob for undertaking this task and hope that it will now get easier

## 7) Churchwardens

**Fabric:** Sue May said there was nothing to report. The deadline for tenders for the Quinquennial repairs is 14<sup>th</sup> July and these will be submitted direct to our Architect

**Safeguarding**: Paul Vernon requested that if anyone had not been DBS checked to speak to him. He also informed the meeting that everyone should undertake Safeguarding training and this can be organised at St Marys if more than 2/3rds of people can attend. Peter Hansford asked if we could offer places to other Parishes and Paul confirmed this could be offered once we know a date. There is a possibility of spare capacity at a session being run at Kinsbourne Green however we do not know the date yet. Prior to the session online training should have been undertaken so this will also needs to be arranged and a link to the online training is to be sent out. The question was asked if the nature of this training is specific to churches. Will explained that it comes out of enhanced procedures from the Church of England centrally and being rolled out in each Diocese.

Will asked on behalf of the Roberts family for approval of the following resolution:

"That the PCC seek the necessary permission for the discreet inscription of a chalice and ciborium given in loving memory of Henry Barker RIP with the words 'Henry F. Barker 2007' to be engraved on the underside of both vessels."

This resolution was put to the PCC

Proposer: Steven Gell Seconded by: Brian Hayward Passed: Nem Con

## 8) Stewardship

John reported it had been decided the Standing Committee to leave people to make their own decisions about giving to the Church however Jim May is going to write to those people who donate using the Blue Envelopes.

#### 9) Mission Action Plan

There will be a meeting on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the Church Hall of St Stephens Church in St Albans 9.30 am until 1 pm. meeting firstly at St Marys at 9 am for those who want to share lifts. Please sign the list. Will hoped that as many people as possible attend to hear a breadth of views.

## 10) Youth

**Holiday Zone:** Ailsa appealed for any volunteers for cover of the Holiday zone during the Summer Holidays. Will asked for the final schedule as soon as possible to go in the Pew Sheet

### 11) Churchyard

One of the benches in the Churchyard has been removed but otherwise good progress being made.

## 12) Charitable Finance Committee

A Concert of Chamber Music will be performed by David and Julie Beaman in the Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. No tickets are required however there will be a retiring collection. Starlight Supper is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45 pm. Places are still available and tickets are £7 with Fish and Chips or free if no food needed. Last year's charity Gaddesden Place Riding for the Disabled, to whom we donated in excess of £14,000, have purchased a "Mule" which Will and Amanda went to visit yesterday and foolishly they allowed the Vicar to have a drive! The "Mule" has been christened Mary in honour of us, which was a lovely touch. Some photos are being circulated.

#### 13) Any other business

Tim informed the meeting that he and Kate Forde are looking at the web site design and our use of social media and will report back in due course as part of the Mission Action Plan. This may involve some cost if we need to use a web designer. There could also be an opportunity for a secure portal to access various documents.

As it is his last PCC meeting before moving Peter Handsford formally stood down from all his committee work and expressed that he had enjoyed his time at St Mary's immensely. The meeting wished to record its sincere thanks to Peter for all his involvement in Church and Parish life over the years.

## Redbourn Classics Motor Show 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Steve Smith explained that the Friends of St Mary's could benefit greatly from the proceeds of this event. There are several things that need to be down such as marking out areas, shaking buckets for donations, assisting with car parking. If everyone did a couple of hours each on that day between 12 pm and 6 pm all things would be covered. Steve has some forms for people to fill in should they wish to volunteer. Bottles are also required for the Bottle Stall.

Will has just returned from General Synod and was asked to give the meeting a brief overview of events. 'Highlights' included The Archbishop of York John Sentamu's presentation 'A still voice of calm' about social cohesion, debates around National Church mission opportunities, the potential for abuse from the use of Conversion therapy, a welcome for Transgender people, the amendment of Canons 36 and 37 in respect of changing attitudes in regards to Clergy vesture and Funeral services for those who have taken their own lives. Finally there was a discussion over School Admissions policy where tied accommodation is involved, not just for clergy but other workers also.

## 14) Ancillary Buildings

**Old Church Hall:** The building is nearly completed a new Fireplace was installed this week the committee were given the opportunity after the meeting to have a tour round.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55 pm with the Grace.

**Next Meetings** 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Full PCC

19<sup>th</sup> October Standing Committee