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**Hughenden Parochial Church Council Meeting
Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Clergy: Rev Keith Johnson, Rev Helen Peters

Churchwardens: Nicholas Devlin, Julia Grant

Elected: Sara Badrick, Brian Clark, Patricia Devlin, Clare Godfrey, Arthur Johnson, Louise Stallwood, Charlotte Tester, David Tester, Christopher Tyrer.

- 1. Opening worship and prayer:** Keith opened the meeting with prayer and a reading. He showed us Talking Jesus which is to be used at house groups during Lent. We then went to the North Chapel to look at the ideas for the prayer space.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Ian Faulkner, Frank Hawkins, Mark Sherrington, Matthew Skillen.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2018 and Extraordinary Meeting of 13th January 2019:**
Item 8 High Leigh is booked for 2020.

Matters Arising from 15th November 2018:

- No further development about graves. KJ ND AJ
- Ladies group is organising a programme for 2019. About 12 attended the last meeting.
- No development on trestle tables. IF
- The biodegradable cups are not recycled by the council and therefore we will revert to cheaper type. Weekly sheet to encourage people to bring their own cup. JG

No Matters arising from Extraordinary Meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- There was no Treasurer's Report.

5. Standing Committee:

- The meeting on 19th November 2018, 4 days after the PCC meeting, was not ideal timing and churchwardens and clergy were unable to attend, leaving only 3 members. Dates for 2019 are all before the PCC meetings.
- The purpose and function of the Standing Committee needs clarification. Terms of Reference need to be drawn up and clarified. Item for discussion at PCC 21st March.

KJ

6. Leadership Team:

- Meeting dates needed. Nothing to report.

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7. Discipleship Group:

- Postponed because of snow. Talking Jesus to be main topic.

8. Youth and Children’s Group:

- Christmas Unwrapped went well but Pipers and Walters Ash unable to participate. Some children’s behaviour was challenging at times, and further consultation planned for 2019.
- Bex’s appraisal coming up, and will be undertaken by Wycombe YFC, with feedback from Keith & Helen. She is leading Messy Church confidently, and doing a good job at St Michael’s.
- Years 4-8 healthy. Something social to be organised for older group. Creche and Bubbles only 2 children. Lack of numbers will have an impact as they progress through groups.
- Baptism Preparation Day 16th February for 5 sets of parents. They will be encouraged to bring children to church services.
- Pancakes 3rd March, Ice Cream Sunday 1st September 10.45.

9 Social and Outreach:

- Briefing paper about Church Open Day on 11th May 2019 handed out. This is a significant, non-fund raising event to engage with the local community. Name to be decided. Tasks to be delegated. Costs for the day have been privately underwritten by a donor, and others to be given opportunity to give towards costs. Early publicity essential. Marquee suggested. The day was given full support by the whole PCC.
- Julia to organise Cathedral visit for families. JG
- Social and Outreach programme to go into Outlook. JG

10. PCC Constituencies:

- New list to be produced after APCM. KJ

11. North Chapel Prayer Space:

- Phase 1 to include 4 bucket chairs, £130 each and a rug, £120, literature and prayer tree. A diocesan grant would be applied for at Phase 2. It was stressed that the area needed to be looked after and a monthly rota would be made for this.
- Julia Grant proposed and Arthur Johnson seconded that PCC agree £800 for Phase 1. This was agreed with 1 abstention.

12. Vicar’s Matters:

- There were no Vicar’s matters.

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13. Churchwardens' Matters:

- Details included in minutes from 13th January 2019. Nick and Patricia had visited Prestwood Church. Two further contractors to visit Hughenden. Faculty to be applied for. It was agreed that the lighting in the chancel is the priority and 2 spotlights could be replaced using the money in the lighting fund. ND
- Two very differing quotes had been received for the urgent work on the leaking bell tower roof.
- This work needed to be completed as soon as possible after the wedding season, possibly September. A faculty is needed. It was decided that an architect/structural guide be approached so that impartial advice could be given before 2 further quotes are sought. Brian Clark had the details of one used for Church House. BC ND
- The National Trust has agreed to pay for work to the Disraeli grave which included paving and painting of railings and planting. This is evidence of the good relationship which now exists with the National Trust. Sylvia Clark has been weeding and was given plants by the NT. Work will be completed before Open Day 11th May.
- Garden and Church tidying day to be arranged. ND JG
- Cost of tower scaffolding to be investigated, plus training and storage. ND IF
- Julia had nothing to report.

14. Communications Update:

- Next meeting 19th February.
- Group is to be asked to put a proposal to PCC to include all minutes on Church Suite and have PCC minutes and other information in Outlook. CT

15. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Updates:

- Reports had been in Outlook. Deanery meeting 30th January with visit by Archdeacon, Diocesan 16th March. Christopher will continue to report in Outlook.
- Christopher made us aware of Bishop Steven's focus of a More Christ Like Church.
- Our own mission action plan needs to be revisited. CT

16. Parish Safeguarding:

- Some PCC members still need DBS. After which there is safeguarding training. First session is 7th February by Julia and Roger Grant.
- The need for checks is increasing to include all areas of church involvement. Keith emphasises that our church takes safeguarding seriously.

17. Electoral Roll:

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- No changes.
- This is the year for a new roll and Arthur has this in hand.

17b Mission Support Group:

- Met on 3rd December. Open Doors is next Mission spotlight and article to be in Outlook. When Santanas return to UK on furlough, they will visit us.

19. Any Other Business:

- Change of date to 23rd May 2019. Meetings will be kept to third Thursday in month.
- Sara Badrick, Clare Godfrey, Mark Sherrington, Louise Stallwood, Charlotte Tester, David Tester have all served their 3 years on PCC. There will be 8 vacancies at the APCM, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 4 for 3 years. David Tester could be co-opted as LLM and Mike Dean should be co-opted as he is a member of the Standing Committee.
- Christopher Tyrer and Brian Clark offered to form a group of 4/6 people to look at raising funds for capital projects. This offer was accepted happily.

The meeting ended in prayer at 9.37pm.

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st March 2019

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Louise Stallwood
PCC Secretary
24th January 2019