

Hughenden PCC Mission Statement “The elected representatives of Christ’s church, who prayerfully lead the life and mission of the church in Hughenden.”

Hughenden Parochial Church Meeting

Church House

Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Clergy: Rev Keith Johnson, Rev Helen Peters

Churchwardens: Julia Grant

Elected: Clare Godfrey, Ian Faulkner, Brian Clark, Mark Sherrington, Frank Hawkins, Christopher Tyrer, Arthur Johnson, Mathew Skillen.

Prayer: Keith opened with prayer and we followed with Evening prayer for Lent.

Apologies for absence: Louise Stallwood, Charlotte and David Tester, Sara Badrick, Nicholas and Trish Devlin.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of January 2019:

1.Matters arising:

- The Outlook magazine is to have a summary of the minutes. Nick Devlin is to be the link.
- The Mission Action Plan is to be up dated by the PCC and revisited at the next meeting.
- Any other business. Several of the current PCC members term, is coming to an end. Those who wish to can stand for re- election at the APCM. Sara Badrick has requested to stand down anyone standing for election must be on the new electoral roll.

2.Treasurer’s Report:

- The budget this year is looking good so far. Income has gone up. Extra giving from the congregation. The new collection box, a refund from the Electricity board of £1,000 all contributed. Ian discussed the figures, saying it was too early to forecast the year ahead. It was discussed if the church could achieve better interest rates for the money held in our current banks. It was suggested it was something the Standing Committee could look at in the future. A large donation was left by a member of the congregation. If anyone at this time wishes to see all the details of income and expenditure Ian would be happy to oblige, no budget report was handed out at the meeting.
- Keith thanked Ian for his continuing hard work on producing the accounts.

3.Standing Committee:

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- Keith, Ian and the two church wardens are to look at the Terms of Reference and to bring this to the next PCC. On the 23rd of May.

4. Leadership team:

- There has been no meeting since the last report. Keith is to set one as and when needed.

5. Discipleship Group:

- There was a meeting on the 19th of February and the minutes were distributed.
- There are a good number of House groups approximately nine. All the groups are using the Talking Jesus material. This to help all find confidence to talk about their faith. This is being well received by the groups.
- From the Diocese, the Reverend Tina Molyneux is recommending we trial a personal discipleship program. More information to follow.

6. Youth and Children’s Group:

- It has been a tough time without Bex as she has been on sick leave, leaving a large gap in the team. We all hope she continues to get better and can return to the team soon.
- Helen is to chat with Bex on her return, to talk about her days of work and a plan for a gradual return of duties, with a view to not being overloaded. Her job is shared with Wycombe Youth for Christ and her work load can be stretched.
- There will not be an Easter Eggsplained this year at our Church. It will return next year.
- Prayer space was run at GKCS, which was well received.
- It was suggested it would be good to think of having a youth group as the current children become older.
- There maybe some help needed at Spring Harvest to work with the children as Bex may not yet be back to work.
- It has been decided there will be two crib services this year at Christmas. One at three and the other at four thirty. It is hoped this will give more space in church and ease the car parking.

7. Social and outreach Program

- Everyone agreed that Mike and Anne Dean have done a fantastic job heading up our Community Day in May. Many groups have been set up working on different areas. There are also a good number of volunteers. More details of the day were handed out in the Social and Outreach minutes. The Church yard planning is being handled by Nick Devlin. Leaflets are going to be handed out on the day with future events on as well as Church details and numbers. Ester is to run a free flower workshop on the eleventh of June. People will be able to sign up for it on the Community day.
- Major events coming up are a Barbeque and swim party on the twenty third of June in Naphill. On the thirtieth of June a Pet service in the carpark. A theatre trip to the Mill at Sonning on the seventh of July. In the Autumn, Alpha, Barn dance, Harvest festival service, Papa Truck twenty third of November. Burns night twenty fifth of January 2020
- All the publicity has been excellent. The posters and art work are great. A strong team including Ben Brice, Jane Tyrer and Guy Mannering on video.

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- Leaflets and posters have been put around the Parish.
- Jollies Pet shop may sponsor us with dog products for the dog walkers and their pets.
- Magnolia Park is allowing us to park in their tennis court on the day.
- National Trust members can park for free at Hughenden Manor.
- The farmer will move the cows to a different field.
- Mike and Ian will talk to the National Trust to see if we can use the grass to park on.
- It was suggested to put leaflets on the cars of the football club members at Hughenden village Hall.

8. Mission Support Group:

- David Tester is now chairing the group. He will bring the reports to the PCC.
- The Santana family was discussed. How can we support them? The family needs a car. They are visiting the church on the seventh of July and it was decided that the collection should go to the family. A retiring collection will be put out at the back of the church for when people leave. This is to be cash only so the congregation will be informed at previous weekends. Helen will host a lunch for them. The PCC agreed to all the above. Keith also mentioned a suggestion from the MSG that support for the Santanas could be included in our gift day for 2019. The PCC took note of this.

9. PCC Constituencies:

- A new list is being worked on.

10. Vicar’s Matters:

- Keith has been asked by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands to consider offering Hughenden as a training parish for a new Curate this summer. The Archdeacon suggested that Keith would make a good Training Incumbent.
- A small group met the candidate TJ at an informal gathering to get to know each other.
- There would be minimal costs to the church as there will be no housing or salary costs, only reasonable work expenses reimbursed by the PCC. Keith will keep the church informed of any updates.

11. Church Wardens Matters:

- The Bell tower needs electrical work.
- A new water heater is needed for Church House and for the toilet in the garden
- The Altar frontals are being replaced with new ones. A team of ladies from the church are sewing them.
- New tables and parasols for the Mothers Union garden are being supplied.
- Julia Grant talked about this years Church House teas. A good number of helpers have signed up for this season. New price lists are being produced. Chris Mettem has taken a picture to go on the new menu cards. Julia would like this to be her last year heading up the summer teas.

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- A new Prayer space is under way in the North chapel. Four chairs, a rug and other items have been ordered and will arrive shortly. Helen will order booklets. Suggestions of a tray to put tea lights on. A new display board is to be considered depending on the space.
- Brian Nick and Christopher are working together on the Bell Tower. Architects and a structural engineer will look at the problems and report back what needs to be done. Builders will then be invited to quote for the works. There will need to be a faculty from the Diocese. The costs may be substantial so the team will look into historic trusts and grants being available to us.
- There is also stone work needed to be done on the main body of the church. An article in the church magazine was thought of, to raise awareness and possible funds from a greater population.

12. Communications update:

- The team were thanked for all their work on the Community day. As before a particular thanks to Ben Brice and Jane Tyrer.

13. Diocesan and Deanery Synod Report:

- Christopher summarised three papers for us.
- Into Deep water. This is to discuss how we as a church might be supported in our own, local efforts exploring how we review and renew our local mission. A call to be more Christ like. The Development fund to include funding for a common vision. Deanery Synod two papers. The big church survey and common vision. A fuller understanding of these reports may be obtained from Christopher. A copy of which will be brought to the next PCC.

14. Safe Guarding

- A new hand book is to be given to every member on the PCC.
- The Government are paying particular attention to Churches in July this year.
- A form will be made for everyone to sign to say they have received and read the book.
- There is ongoing Safe Guarding training being led by Roger & Julia Grant. The next training day is June the twentieth.

15. Electoral Roll:

- A new electoral roll is being renewed. This should reflect the worshipping community.
- The last date to enrol is the sixth of April.
- 136 on the new roll at present.
- All on the PCC need to be on the roll.
- To be able to vote at the AVM & APCM all need to be on the roll.

16. Any Other Business:

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- Two new long tables have been bought for the Mother Union. The large tables at the back of Church House are not to be used as they are too heavy to be safely lifted. The Church Wardens are to remove them to a better place, or dispose of them. Ian will also assist.
- Keith was approached by the Chair of Hughenden school PTA to see if the church would like a stall at their fete on the seventh of July. This will be considered.

The meeting closed in prayer at 9.40pm.

Date of next meeting Thursday 23 May 2019.

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Rev Keith Johnson Chair

Minutes taken by Clare Godfrey