

St. Paul's Church Dorking PCC
Monday 18th September 2017 at 7:45pm

Chair: Ruth Bushyager

Minutes: Alison Everness

MINUTES

Present: Steve Henwood, Alex Birch, Simon Feraday, Juliette Lister, Laura Parker, Chris Ellis, Ian Poole, Jon Ruddock, Ros Mulholland, Malcolm Boother, Steve Goddard, Katie Mackay, Maggie Hill, John Arnold, Peter Nevins, Ruth Bushyager, Alison Everness

Annabelle South and Rebecca Taylor were present until the end of item 4.

The meeting opened with Psalm 150 and a time of giving thanks.

1. Apologies for absence

Graham Everness, Dawn Lucas, Amanda Tucker, Jeff Yelland

2. Minutes of the meeting on 17th July 2017

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Matters arising:

Item 6 Safeguarding training Oct 9th, starting at **7:30pm**. **ALL** PCC members should attend this training, even if Safeguarding Training has been undertaken at St Paul's or in another context within the past 3 years. PCC members are also asked to complete the "Core 0" online course before attending on Monday 9th October. Those who are unable to attend on 9th October should still complete the online module.

The online training can be accessed through the diocesan website at

<http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/about/safeguarding-inclusion/safeguarding-training/online-training>

3. Correspondence / AOB

There was no correspondence or matters raised for future meetings.

4. Eco-Church report

Annabelle South and Rebecca Taylor presented details of the survey they have undertaken and the next steps needed to achieve the Bronze and Silver Eco-Church awards.

We have nearly achieved the Bronze award already. We could aim for the Silver award within the next few years. The SPACE team (St Paul's Action on Climate and Environment) needs 5 people each willing to take on the coordination of one of the 5 areas of the award. Jon Ruddock offered to join the team.

The biggest challenge will be to encourage individuals to make lifestyle changes which may have financial implications for them. Homegroups will be a vital means of engaging people with this. The church will also have to consider the financial implications of any changes made (eg Green Energy Tariff).

Concern was also raised regarding the impact on people's time and attention, particularly remembering all the other demands included in the MAP. Theologically informed creation care is important. We need to make sure we support sustained lifestyle changes and not just focus on gaining a plaque to go on the wall.

The PCC agreed fully to support an application for the Bronze award, to include ECO church in the MAP and to consider the next steps needed for the Silver award.

5. MAP

PCC members were asked to share any feedback they had personally or from other members of the congregation following the launch on the MAP the previous day.

It was thought that the new staff member and the initiative with St Martin's had grabbed people's attention the most.

The card was helpful, although many were left in church. They will continue to be available at the back of church in the coming weeks. *Post meeting note: The card is available on the "News and Notices" page of the church website.*

250 people attended the joint 10am Sunday morning service out of a possible attendance of around 500.

PCC members were asked to continue to seek feedback from congregation members. Small group leaders will be asked to follow up the MAP launch and send feedback to Laura who has agreed to be the PCC lead on the MAP.

She will turn the bullet points into SMART goals (when, who etc).

Progress is already being made on a good number of the goals on the MAP.

We need to continue to keep people aware of the financial implications of the MAP. Gift day is on 1st October at Harvest services. A target figure (eg for new staff) may encourage giving, as may a "Wedding Present" type list for

resourcing the St Martin's initiative.

6. Finance

The financial situation after 8 months is broadly similar to that reported to the July PCC. We are slightly ahead on income with expenditure on track apart from that incurred on the buildings. We are on the verge of repaying one outstanding church family loan for the Church Centre, and the final one should be repaid by the end of the year.

Bank signatories have now been updated in line with what was agreed at the July PCC.

Budget planning for 2018 will follow the same process and timescale as last year. Individuals and teams will be approached to cost their areas of ministry (with links to the new MAP) with a deadline of second half of October. This should enable initial picture to be emerging by end October.

PCC meeting on 13th November will go through the draft budget, with 27th November reserved as date of additional meeting if needed to approve the budget if significant changes have been made from the draft.

7. Prayer for MAP and Finances

8. Lettings policy

A minor change is to be made to the wording in section 11 to add the phrase "and obtaining approval".

Action: Alison to make the other policies or documents referred to in the letting policy available to PCC members.

The policy was approved subject to the above amendment,

9. Other Written Reports

- World Church Team
- PCC Exec: The 2018 Leadership Training Weekend will take the form of the opportunity to watch selected DVDs from the Willow Creek Leadership Conference.
- Fabric Team: There is still outstanding Quinquennial work, particular on south side guttering
- Deanery Synod (No report as no meeting since July PCC, but next meeting on Tues 24th Sept at Priory School on subject of Education)
- Health & Safety: No incidents to report
- Nursery: Nursery Garden now completed - staff and children delighted. Thanks to Ruth for her work on the planning application. A working party will be returning the old garden to its former state.

10. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed at 9:29pm.

Future meeting dates (for the diary)

PCC meetings: Mondays 9th October at 7:30pm (Safeguarding Training), 13th and (if needed) 27th November; 15th January, 12th (or possibly 19th tbc) March; Date of APCM in April 2018 tbc.

PCC meetings start at 7:45pm unless otherwise advised