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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 7.15pm in the Reid Room**

17 PCC members were present at the meeting. Revd Dr David Goodhew took the chair.

**1. Worship**

The PCC read Psalm 72 together. Graeme reflected that the psalm speaks of God's righteousness and justice and we can't have one without the other. The psalm speaks of what doing good means for the needy. All depends on the Lord to bring this about. The psalm recalled the beatitudes: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they shall be filled. Everyone, including the needy, are valued and precious. God's people are called to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. The psalm reaches its fulfilment in Jesus, who is of David's line, and we can embrace the beginning of that rule now. We may be discouraged by the injustice we see in the world, but we and pray for the coming of God's kingdom, as Jesus tells us to in the Lord's Prayer. Graeme concluded by recalling Ephesians 3:20, which David had shared at the collation service the previous day.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apology for lateness was received from Tony Hutchings who arrived during item 6.

**3. Minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

There was one amendment: item 7 should read 'Allison Ward reminded the PCC about the safeguarding policy that all PCC member should read and the C0 and C1 online training. PCC members were asked to let Allison know when they had completed the C0 training.'

It was proposed by Sue Bell, seconded by Allison Ward that the minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, 14 in favour, 3 abstentions.

**4. Matters arising:**

a) North Aisle Roof Repairs

An inspection of the high-level work by a cherry picker is still awaited. VAT has been claimed on the first two invoices.

b) Student Worker

A contract has to be drawn up and the relevant DBS check carried out. Graeme Malyon and Barbara Edwards are dealing with this.

c) Youth for Christ Workers

An application for two workers has been submitted, but we have not yet heard if we will be getting workers for next year.

d) Serve Teesside

This went well on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. About 20 helped Cultivate Tees Valley by preparing allotments. It was an opportunity for the Church to shine its light in Teesside and hopefully will be repeated next year.

**5. Correspondence**

Barbara informed the PCC that a letter had been received from the Archbishop asking PCC's to consider their freewill offering to the diocese for next year. As offers need to be in by the end of September, this will be discussed at the September meeting and information will be circulated in advance of that discussion.

Sheila Barker had written to thank the PCC for the presentation made to her as she retired from leading the 9.30 am music group.

#### **6. Vicar's remarks**

David said that he wished to give a huge thank you, on behalf of himself and Lindsey, for the events of the previous day. They felt thoroughly welcomed by the words, cards and practical support of the congregation. David thanked the PCC for all that they had done during the vacancy and said that St Barnabas seemed in comparatively good shape, compared other churches elsewhere after vacancies. The PCC had had a crucial role in holding things together. The Baptism and Confirmation service a few weeks ago was an encouraging sign. The meeting was Sam Tyndall's last and David, on behalf of the PCC, thanked him for his service to the church. There is now a crucial task of getting to know one another and David said he planned to meet all of the PCC individually over the next few months.

Some planning has been done for the next few months. There will be a sermon series on Psalms in both the morning and the evening during August and early September. During the summer there will continue to be two services at 9.30 and 11.15 and it is hoped that there will be some provision for children during the 11.15 service.

David said that this is a natural moment for the congregation to think about the overall direction of the church. He planned at the next PCC, in September, to suggest some ways in which we might discern God's call for St Barnabas, which will take time. Stewardship and vision are completely intertwined, as stewardship is fuelled by overall vision.

As far as staffing is concerned, we will be saying goodbye to Sam on 28<sup>th</sup> July and welcoming Mark Walley on 4<sup>th</sup> August. David asked the PCC to pray for Mark's curacy and how as a PCC they could support and encourage him. David said that he and Lindsey saw the call to St Barnabas as a joint one and that Lindsey's role would evolve. She would be involved in worship for the first six months and in overseeing the new student worker and her role could then be clarified after that time. In response to a question, David said that Lindsey would not be joining the PCC at present.

The vicarage telephone, 01642 8127306, is now working and David and Lindsey have new email addresses: [david@st-barnabas.net](mailto:david@st-barnabas.net) and [lindsey@st-barnabas.net](mailto:lindsey@st-barnabas.net)

#### **7. Facilities Management Group report**

This was circulated and is attached to the minutes.

#### **8. Financial Update**

The treasurer, Phil Edwards, joined the meeting to give an update on the finances.

Gift Aid standing orders are £100,000, down £2000

Gift Aid envelopes are £12,000, down £500

Gift Aid cheques and cash are £13,000, down £1500

External Gift Aid is £7000, down £1000

Non Gift Aid collections/envelopes are £17,000, up £400

Voluntary giving is a few £1000 behind budget. However, the north aisle roof has cost less than anticipated.

Phil informed the PCC that he had received correspondence regarding the complicated legacy matter. This was delegated to the wardens and Paul Bury, who offered his expertise to look at the decisions to be taken. As the PCC does not meet in August, it was agreed that the standing committee could act if decisions became time sensitive.

#### **9. New signatory to bank account**

It was proposed that **the PCC agrees to the Revd Dr David Goodhew being made a signatory for the church bank accounts and being able to have access to those accounts by internet and telephone banking**, proposed by Tony Hutchings, seconded by Graeme Malyon, all in favour.

### **10. Deanery Synod Report**

Kate Morris reported on the recent meeting of Middlesbrough Deanery Synod. There had been a discussion on what the Deanery were looking for in the next Archbishop of York, which was a kind person who would preach the Gospel, talk on social issues and be a good pastor.

Father Charles Razzall and Father Emmanuel Nazir, new to the Deanery, were interviewed. Every post in the Deanery is filled at the present time, though Revd David King is retiring in September due to ill health. St Agnes, Easterside is having to be demolished, as does St Timothy's, Hemlington, but although the buildings have to go, the mission of the churches does not. Easterside is being looked after by St Cuthbert's Marton, but Hemlington have nowhere to worship at present. These are two of the very poorest parishes in a poor Deanery. The Synod voted unanimously to send a question to the Diocesan Synod, asking what they are doing about this situation. There was good news that a Church Army evangelist has been appointed for Thorntree and Brambles Farm, Sam will soon be in Coulby Newham and Christian group will be starting in Middlesbrough College. A Deanery fund has been set up to support poorer parishes, but only a few churches have contributed to it so far. The Northern Bishops' Mission is taking place in March 2020. Bishop Paul has asked the Deanery Leadership Team to think about a Deanery plan for the future. There may be another Deanery conference in the spring. The next Deanery Synod, to which all are welcome, is on 24<sup>th</sup> October and will include speakers from 20s-40s and children and youth initiatives.

### **11. Safeguarding**

Allison Ward commended the church safeguarding policy and handbook. Allison and Barbara Edwards are meeting shortly to discuss the result of the safeguarding audit and hope to bring some proposals to the PCC in the autumn.

### **12. Any Other Notified Business**

The Mission sub-committee had agreed to give a gift to Nick Stansfield, who was starting an internship in Coventry and leaving in July. The PCC were happy that this should be paid to Nick in advance of the approval of the rest of the Kingdom Mission Giving at the September meeting.

### **13. Prayer**

The meeting ended with prayer.

### **Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Chairman.....

Date.....