

Ash, St. Peter & St. Paul: PCC Meeting May 18th 2010

Present: The Rector, Ian Nurdin, Julia Kilfoyle, John Harding, Mike Rose, Bryan Parlett,



Jacquie Peal.

Apologies: Jacky Richardson, Colin Irving, Cameron Clark, Joe O'Neill-Byrne, Joan Littlejohn,



James Hughesdon

The meeting opened with Prayer and was then given over to our visitor, the Rev'd Canon Jean Kerr, who will be leading our Parish weekend in November.

Jean said that she envisioned that the weekend would be interactive and creative and hopefully, to some extent, outside of people's normal experience of prayer.

We would be working towards answering such questions as -

What happens when we pray?

How do we pray?

Is prayer conditioned by our personalities or the way that we engage with the world?

Etc.

During the Saturday morning sessions there would be a workshop for children. On Saturday afternoon there would be a range of activities on offer for people of all ages to share in, such as, perhaps, a film, a 'prayer walk', craft activities [e.g. building a prayer wall] and so on.

The sessions, of which there will be 4, would be based around the 'firework' theme.

Sunday would begin with a session before the service. Jean will be leading the service, which she suggested might include a number of 'prayer installations'. These, she explained are points around the room that people can move to, and interact with, during the course of the service.

Jean asked that if possible a prayer room/meditation room should be set aside for people to use over the weekend. **Alison Harding** is to be asked if this is possible.

Friday evening would be a social ending in a service during which Jean will introduce herself and give a short keynote address.

As part of our preparation Jean was told that the Ministry Team are going to give a series of sermons based on the prayers we use in church in our Holy Communion services. Where these are produced electronically, Jean would appreciate it if they could be emailed to her for information.

Jean was thanked for coming and for all her work on our behalf and left the meeting at about 9.00 p.m.

The remainder of the PCC meeting continued at this point.

1. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on March 23rd 2010 were accepted and signed.
- 1.2 **Matters Arising:**
 - the paperwork for 'Back too Church Sunday has been ordered.
 - There were no other matters arising.
2. **The PAC** need to discuss who to invite to address the meeting. Suggestions were invited and it was felt that the committee would appreciate hearing about the Gil's and Boy's Brigades.
3. **John Harding asked for comments on the letter he had put before the PCC.** Some discussion followed and it was agreed that the PCC would endorse comments John had made.
4. **The Treasurers report** was accepted.
Bryan Parlett said that take up for advertisements for the fete brochure had been taken up better than expected. We have also been given some really good prizes for the Grand Draw.
5. **Church Wardens.**
Ian Nurdin and Colin Irving are now our churchwardens. Ian was welcomed as our new churchwarden [CI not present].
6. **Young people**
 - 6.1 **Brigades.** It is felt that the Brigades are currently struggling a bit with low numbers, and that there are times when they would appreciate greater support from the church.
 - 6.2 **Young Ash Church Alive** YACA is going well with numbers slowly rising.
7. **Diocesan synod:** nothing to report
- 8: **Deanery Synod:** nothing to report.
Jacky Richardson has agreed to be the Ash Church rep.
- 9.1 **CRB:** Mavis Hearn was nominated as CRB rep. at the APCM and this appointment was endorsed by the PCC.
- 9.2 Jacky Richardson, Colin Irving, Mavis Hearn and Jacquie Peal have renewed CRB checks.
- 10.1 **PCC membership:** the new list was received from Cameron Clark.
- 10.2 Alterations:
 - a] as Jacky Richardson is now Deanery synod rep, she is *ex officio* on the PCC
 - b] Joan Littlejohn is on the PAC not the CAC
 - c] Julia Kilfoyle is on the CAC not the PAC
 - d] Jacky Richardson is to be asked which she would like to be on.

11. **A.O.B.**

1. Services in New Ash Green: this item needs some thought so the Rector asked that it should be deferred to a later date. Agreed.

2. The local 'Bulletin' referred to a nearby field where the Planning Department has put a 'stop' notice on the sale of small plots of land.

3. PCC dates:

3.1 The December meeting may have to be altered if the Trafalgar Square carol singing date clashes. Agreed

3.2 It was noticed that some of the dates are out of sync so these will have to be sorted out.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m. with all saying the 'Grace' together.

To: The Rector

Ian Nurdin

Julia Kilfoyle

John Harding

Mike Rose

Bryan Parlett

Jacquie Peal

Jacky Richardson

Colin Irving

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