Christchurch Brunswick PCC

Tuesday 3rd October 2020

**Present**: Andy Crome, Jess Davis, Tim Craft, Simon Gatenby (chair), Gordon Flear, Yuko Ang, Agnes Ablakwa, Elizabeth Adebo, Judith Keeble, Joel Colyer, Dilu Varughese, Jenny Ferneyhough

**Apologies:** Sally Jones, Ann Cain

**Introduction:** Simon Welcomed the new PCC (members both old and new) and he rejoiced in the number of PCC members. He noted we were looking at images of the Church in our sermon series this month and this evening were going to look at some of the current issues facing Brunswick in the months and years ahead. He read from John 15 – reminding PCC that the Branches of the Vine need to be attached to Centre that is Jesus. PCC then used a Blob tree to share in small groups how they were feeling connected to Jesus at present and where that might be in the Future. Simon Prayed.

1. **Minutes of 9th September 2020 –** it was agreed that the details of the minutes would be looked at next meeting
2. **Safeguarding Actions**

PCC noted the update on actions on Safeguarding.

On item ii) They adopted the suggested policy on recruitment of ex-offenders and

On item x) they formally adopted the Safeguarding policy for Church.

The actions would be updated on PCC tracker and on next PCC agenda ( see Safeguarding actions on PCC action tracker )

It was stated that all “old” PCC members had completed the required training, but that “new” members should complete training as per Jess’ email as soon as practical **ACTION: Agnes, Elizabeth, Dilu, Jenny (Action 6 on Safeguarding tab )**

1. **PCC Appointments**

The following appointments were made:

* + 1. **Vice Chair – Andy Crome**
    2. **Treasurer- Sally Jones**
    3. **Secretary – Gordon Flear**
    4. **Electoral Roll Officer -Ann Cain**
    5. **Mission Committee- Ann Cain**
    6. **Standing Committee - at least 3 of Rector, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer**

It was noted that each of the various posts could be supported and anyone wishing to help should contact the post holder.

It was proposed and AGREED unanimously that Standing committee should have an increased limit of £1000 for emergency/ urgent spending without having to call a whole PCC meeting

1. **Mission Committee recommendation**

The proposals from Mission committee were welcomed. Comments were made about enabling individuals to be able to contribute to the gifts **(Action Gordon- Action 118 )**. Following further discussion, it was proposed and AGREED unanimously that the Gifts should be £85 to Compassion and £200 to Operation Restoration School **(ACTION: Sally- Action 118)**

1. **Date of Next Meeting –** It was agreed a tentative date of Thursday 10th December should be set with aim of both physical and virtual meeting. (ACTION; Gordon- Action -119)
2. **Discussion on the future direction of Church**

The video which summarised the activities we had undertaken during 2020 was shown.

Simon then explained changes that were going ahead with structure within the Church of England which impacted Brunswick – these included

* Changes to Deanery Structure which placed us in a much bigger group of Churches in South Manchester
* Proposals to group churches in smaller “missional Groups” – for more info please look at <https://youtu.be/IBgatuusY08> or read attached document
* Links more likley with Hulme- and possible involvement with a wider national network called Heartedge- please see this link - <https://www.heartedge.org/about-us/about-us> and website

PCC then broke into small groups to discuss thoughts on where Church was and issues for the future- either short, medium or long term. A summary of these was:

GROUP 1. – Important to get a balance and recognise that there were different roles to be done to get a variety of stuff done. Group felt we currently do quite well (though not to be complacent) to balance pastoral, social, and Spiritual, matters. It was thought important at present to ensure that no-one fell through cracks, and that our social work was distinctive in demonstrating Jesus. It was also vital to think and Pray about these matters.

GROUP 2- Were thinking about different ways engagement can be made more resourceful. Noted that some still struggle with Zoom. Also wondered if we could look at more diverse approach to worship – singing (one we are allowed to) in different languages, cultures etc

GROUP 3- Noted the work Pastoral group had been doing and how important it was. Again, noted Zoom not great for all and that we were missing people both in Church and on line. Wondered if possible, to instigate small prayer groups/ prayer on Zoom? Also thinking about how we might share Jesus in other situations.

A detailed discussion about where to hold the broadcast service for each of next 4 weeks. It was AGREED subject to detailed instructions that a mixture of Home and Church (for Communion Sundays) may be best

Simon thanked PCC for input and Judith closed in prayer.

Gordon Flear

PCC Secretary

5th November 2020