Christchurch Brunswick PCC

Thursday 10th December 2020

**Present**: Andy Crome, Jess Davis(chair), Tim Craft, Sally Jones, Ann Cain, Simon Gatenby (chair), Gordon Flear, Yuko Ang, Jenny Ferneyhough

**Apologies** Judith Keeble

**Introduction:** Jess read from Romans 5 and commented how relevant the words were to 2020. She encouraged PCC with how much had happened and reminded us of the “pressed but not crushed” verses from 2 Corinthians 4. She felt that we needed to hear the “well done” from God – after a period of reflection Jess prayed for the PCC and meeting

**Minutes of 9th September and 3rd November** -the minutes were accepted as a true record (with one spelling mistake altered) and there were no matters arising not on the agenda.

1. **Matters/Actions arising not elsewhere on agenda** 
   1. **Communication-** PCC discussed the recent changes to weekly news - comments included “working well and content good”, “bit of info overload “and “not easy to read on a phone”. It was agreed to ask PCC members to join a communication discussion next week (108)
   2. **Meeting with Mission Co-ordinator -**Agreed not now urgent, but would still be useful to have a meeting and something written down regarding role (110)
   3. **Inclusivity Statement –** needs to be laminated (POST MEETING NOTE- Now complete!) and posted in church/on website (112)
   4. **Update on Clergy Posts**
      1. Simon confirmed that in future Brunswick would only be allocated 0.5 Clergy post and issues involved in finding where the other 0.5 would be. He updated on the Diocesan idea of Missional communities and our potential links with Ascension Hulme. This was now a “resource church” linked in with Heartedge Group which we discussed briefly at last PCC. Simon noted that we had already featured in a video and therefore should formally join (120)
      2. Simon also updated PCC that Kathleen Shahbaz would be joining us as Curate in July 2021. (Kathreen’s introduction and picture attached to minutes)
   5. **Fairtrade Declaration-** PCC voted unanimously to sign the Fairtrade Climate Coalition's "Climate Declaration" that had been distributed via email last month (121)

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| 108 | Jan-20 | PCC | Communication | Review of weekly News happening soon - Focus group set up - regular review? | Gordon (Paul and Sueli) | Jan 21 PCC |
| 110 | Feb-20 | PCC | Mission Support | Meeting between Simon and Ann (&Others) to create written description of role | Simon/Ann | Mar 21 PCC |
| 112 | Feb-20 | PCC | Inclusivity Statement | post in church and website | Sally/ Judith | Jan 21 PCC |
| 120 | Dec-20 | PCC | Heartedge | Formally join | Simon/Gordon | Jan 21 PCC |
| 121 | Dec-20 | PCC | Fairtrade | Sign Climate coalition declaration as church | Andy | Jan 21 PCC |

1. **Mission Priorities** 
   1. Priority 1 Worship, Prayer and Evangelism -A specific group to be created with the remit to identify and create opportunities to proclaim the gospel. Teaching on mission to be delivered on Sundays.

Jess and Simon brought PCC up to date with current Christmas plans. One change was to make Christmas Eve an outside Carol service in area. (74 – Complete)

Preacher and Leaders had adapted a lot of plans this year to adjust to the changing situation. It was hoped they could meet before Christmas to plan start of 2021(106)

The bible Course happened with a diverse group. There were a couple of options (Stepping stones for Growth, Living in Loving Faith) for small groups in 2021- but perhaps better face to face. Decisions about whether to begin a course or wait would be taken early in 2021 (107)

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| 74 | Ongoing | P&L | Christmas 2020 | See Dec PCC minutes for actions/outcomes | Jess |  | COMPLETE |
| 106 | Dec-20 | P&L | Mission | P&L meeting before Christmas to look at start of 2021 | P&L | Jan 21 PCC |  |
| 107 | Jan-20 | P&L | Mission | Create an "inside out" group to plan events and activities for 2021 (MAPP).2 possible course (SSFG or LILF) for 2021 | Jess | Feb 21 PCC |  |

* 1. Priority 2 Young People *Continue to look at opportunities to work with young people and families especially with Refurb developments*

Jess explained that due to Covid a number of offerings to school had to be postponed – BUT next Wednesday a cut down version of “Experience Christmas” would be provided to Year 1. It was felt that action was to be kept so opportunities were offered in 2021.

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| 109 | Jan-20 | Young People | Mission | Experience Christmas happening - keep and update for 2021 | Jess | Feb 21 PCC |

* 1. Priority 3 Refurb- Making the building fit for purpose. *Using the Refurb project to further missional opportunities though both Positive Steps and Church activities and events*

Gordon updated PCC regarding Refurb – Sport England had replied asking 6 detailed questions. Thanks to Helen Gatenby and Tim Craft that we were able to answer those in detail in very short timescales for the next review on 16th December. We are still hopeful of quick response. Due to questions Gordon had also been in contact with Architects reminding them that once Sport England had responded that we need to meet quickly (51)

Gordon also outlined the changes at rear of Church in front of Rectory with gated area and ideas to make a nice outdoor area for use by Church groups. As ideas and plans were produced, they would be shared (122)

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| 51 | Ongoing | Refurb | ReFurb updates | Waiting for Sport England response- organise meeting of Refurb group and with OMI after | Gordon | Update at next PCC |
| 122 | Dec-20 | Refurb | Rear of Church Plans | To develop and share | Via Gordon | Jan 21 PCC |

* 1. Priority 4 More people in the mix more often. Getting *people together and creating* links *from our different activities and communities*

The Tear Fund quiz had been success raising £250, but Covid had stopped most other plans to this priority (though Carol singing was planned). It was suggested action still required but to leave until March for detail plans (POST MEETING NOTE – House party is 23/25th April)

* 1. Priority 5 Positive Steps Project *To resource and support the Positive Steps project*

PCC noted Mo’s report and all activity that was going on. Simon explained the developments at Extra care centre next door with Age Concern offering activities. They had approached us (and others) for a major bid for older people activities in the area. Mo and Simon had put together a project together based on a new group being developed teaching life skills using Christians Against Poverty material. This was dependant on overall bid being successful – and would require another church volunteer alongside Mo to train up and deliver course. (123)

Simon also noted that hiring of space in Extra care centre would be free

* 1. Overall Mission Action Plan

It was noted that PCC usually reviewed MAP at December PCC – but that due to this unprecedented year it was thought this might be not right thing to do. PCC Split into 3 groups to discuss this and reported as follows:

GROUP 1- MAP was still applicable and should be rolled over. To be careful to add too much to existing work that would be unachievable

GROUP 2- Had discussed what people had missed in year, and what people have we missed – as well as those we now had involved via Zoom. Thought important to have hybrid priorities that included virtual involvement as well

GROUP 3 – MAP still broadly applicable – but detail needs to be updated and reflect what we are allowed to do. There may need to be changes due to impact of COVID impact.

It was proposed a 1 off group including Jess and Gordon meet to update the specific actions and submit to next PCC (4)

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| 4 | Ongoing | PCC | MAP process | Group to meet to write up detailed actions | Gordon | Jan PCC |

1. **Reports** 
   1. **Fabric**

Tim updated that maintenance team back in action. The kitchen had been refitted (with cover for Bain Marie). There were small items regarding the Fire doors and leaks that would be addressed by the team

Gordon reported that the H&S items were all complete apart from outside inspection which would happen as soon as practical next year when all work had been completed. (49)

Simon reported that work had been completed at Barnabas to repair a sink pipe. It was noted that that the written agreement with Holy Innocents was still outstanding (98)

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| 36 | Ongoing | Fabric | Reporting to PCC | Report required for each PCC as to progress | Tim | Next PCC |
| 49 | Ongoing | Fabric | Implement H&S policy actions | Review H&S Policy and do outside inspection. | Gordon/Tim | Update at next PCC |
| 98 | Sep-19 | Fabric | Barnabas | Chase Richard Y for MOU | SIMON | Next PCC |

* 1. **Finance**

The minibus had been Most’d – cost was less than added value to sale. The garage was still looking for a replacement for us. It was mentioned that the new Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone would have an impact and cost on any new bus and should be taken into account in any purchasing decisions (104)

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| 104 | Nov-19 | Finance | Minibus | Investigate using grant and match funding. Watch clean air zone issues | SIMON | Feb 21 PCC |

* 1. **Safeguarding**

Jess updated that she had tried to contact Diocese without success regarding Naomi’s training (37)

In terms of other people training, she had not had any updates since last PCC – so would remind all those outstanding of the training required (85)

The specific actions regarding displays would be updated after Christmas (116)

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| 37 | May-17 | Safeguarding | Safeguarding Officer | Naomi Harrison needs training - Waiting Diocese response - Chase again | Jess | Update at next PCC |
| 85 | May-19 | Safeguarding | Safeguarding references and Training | Jess to contact those outstanding | Jess | Update at next PCC |
| 116 | Jul-20 | Safeguarding | Safeguarding Documents | See separate list of Actions on page 2- Jess will chase in early 2021 | Jess & Others | Jan 21 PCC |

* 1. **Pastoral**

PCC noted the Pastoral Group report and Thanks was noted regarding all the contacts that were going on

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| 91 | Jun-19 | Pastoral | Ongoing issues | Continuing phoning - will review once regularly back in Church | Judith/Sally/Yuko/Jess Ann | Feb 21 PCC |
| 99 | Oct-19 | Pastoral | Pastoral | PRINT Welcome Leaflet | Jess | Jan PCC |

* 1. **Deanery Synod.**

Simon said update he had given re Clergy in earlier item had come out of Deanery synod meeting.

1. **Climate Change Paper, Discussion and Policy**

PCC split into 3 groups to consider the questions set on the agenda

1. What are your initial thoughts on the proposal?
2. Where should responding to the climate emergency fit within our order of priorities as a church?
3. Are you happy to approve the 3 month and 12-month plans? (are there any amendments you would like to propose?)

GROUP 3- Important that issue was embedded and involved in every decision we make- not a separate item. Need to bring to people’s attention so they understand issues, but not feel guilty. Important to concentrate on what can be done and not what can’t

GROUP 2- Agreed with Group 3, especially like going for low hanging fruit first. The overall “vegan” message for households. Important that it was seen as to be fun- interesting synergy with Tear Fund. Not to be preachy

GROUP 1- Encouraged by paper and by video of St James – again what is achievable/ manageable. Need a champion and impact everything we do in church – supplies, services etc. Need to be more intentional

Overall PCC thought that this should be a priority embedded in all our activities and agreed with the 3 month and 12-month action plans (87)

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| 87 | May-19 | PCC | Climate Change | Start work on 3 months/ 12-month actions- Review in March | Gordon/Jess/Edwin | Mar 21 PCC |

1. **AOB- Communion**

Simon outlined that a new way of receiving communion had been offered during COVID. He was seeking PCC approval to try it out this coming Sunday. PCC APPROVED

1. **Review and Close**

PCC felt meeting had gone well – although some bits had taken more time than expected, others had been shorter- but no debate had been missed. Everyone thought break out groups were very good and were a way to ensure all contributed. Simon closed in prayer

Gordon Flear

PCC Secretary

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