Christchurch Brunswick PCC

Tuesday 19th January 2021

**Present**: Andy Crome, Dilu Varughese, Joel Colyer, Agnes Ablakwa, Elizabeth Abedo, Jess Davis, Tim Craft, Sally Jones, Ann Cain, Simon Gatenby (chair), Judith Keeble, Jenny Ferneyhough

**Apologies** Gordon Flear, Yuko Ang

**Introduction:**  Simon opened by recalling the words in Philippians 4, and set to song “Rejoice in the Lord Always”. There are things to rejoice for in all circumstances, and it can be a good discipline to think about and recognise what we can rejoice about. After a period of reflection Simon prayed for the PCC and meeting

**Minutes of 10th December** -the minutes were accepted as a true record.

1. **Matters/Actions arising not elsewhere on agenda** 
   1. **Communication-** Generally felt the Weekly News e-mail format works OK. Some people found section links within the e-mail don’t work (maybe device-dependent).
   2. **Fairtrade Declaration-** done.
   3. **Heartedge-** done.
2. **Mission Priorities** 
   1. PCC viewed updated Mission Action Plan and accepted it.
   2. Priority 1 Worship, Prayer and Evangelism
3. P&L met before Christmas, and agreed to follow the lectionary for service themes up to Easter.
4. Creation of “Inside-Out” group: Jess working on this, and will invite anyone interested to join. [107]
5. Stepping Stones for Growth being used in PCC (see later).
   1. Priority 2 Young People

Leaders met last week. Sunday School (online) now up and running.

* 1. Priority 3 Refurb- Making the building fit for purpose.

PCC noted the Sport England award, and subsequent discussions with architect on how to best meet the conditions. Agreed to all the proposals in the report, including allowing the Refurb group to progress liaising with Sport England over conditions, follow any further funding opportunities, and work with the architects on obtaining detailed costings for a 2021 start to the work.

* 1. Priority 4 More people in the mix more often.

1. Simon is talking with Scargill House regarding the planned w/e away in April. It looks unlikely this will be able to go ahead, but he’ll clarify with Scargill on any possible rearrangement of bookings etc.
2. Virtual pancake party being planned for Shrove Tuesday (Jess asking for volunteers).
   1. Priority 5 Positive Steps Project
3. Many activities still happening online, and Cracking Good Food in the building daily.
4. Funding bid with Age UK has gone, to offer help and advice for improving resilience against debt and poverty (in conjunction with Christians against Poverty).
5. The Vallance Centre have made enquiries about the possibility of using part of the building as space for those waiting to receive Covid vaccines.
6. **Reports** 
   1. **Fabric**
7. Tim reported that routine maintenance was not currently being carried out, due to Covid restrictions.
8. Leaks in the roof (foyer/worship room areas and in lounge) had appeared recently in the heavy rain, and we are awaiting a roofer to visit and assess these.
9. Main oil burner has failed, so we are currently without heating in Worship Room. Possible replacement being sought/costed.
10. Barnabas MOU being worked on (Simon)
    1. **Finance**
11. Mission Committee: Proposed that current mission support is maintained for the present. PCC agreed.
12. Minibus: Simon ongoing discussion with garage over possible replacement, and the need to avoid any Clean Air charges if/when replaced.
    1. **Safeguarding**
13. Jess has a response from the Diocese re. Naomi Harrison’s training. Training is currently being put online and they will advise when available. The response suggested Naomi might be able to start in post pending training, but Jess to clarify that.
14. Jess reminded PCC members who hadn’t completed the C0 training to do so, and let her know.
    1. **Pastoral**

Nothing noted

* 1. **Deanery Synod.**

Document on the Missional Communities seminar is available online. PCC members encouraged to look at it.

https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5fbd76bf103bd/content/pages/documents/1601907221884358987.pdf

1. **Church Services during National Lockdown**

Simon explained the rationale behind our current service arrangements. Churches are allowed to be open for services (run in a Covid-safe manner), and we are therefore offering Communion services in the building (and on Zoom) on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, with the 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Sunday services being online only. If current regulations change then Standing Committee would review what we do.

1. **Stepping Stones for Growth**

PCC watched the first two sessions of this, breaking into groups for the discussion elements.

1. **Review and Close**

PCC felt it had been an informative and quick meeting.

Judith prayed to close the meeting (at 9:22pm)