

Beltingham with Henshaw PCC

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th May at 8.00pm in Henshaw Church Room

Present

Rev. Dr Benjamin Carter (Chairman), Mrs Anne Galbraith, Mrs Carol Adams,
Mrs M. J. Fleming (Treas.) Mr Nigel Collingwood, Mr Adrian Storrie, Mrs Hilda Rowlands,
Mrs Jane Hayward, Mrs Yvonne Hewitt (Sec)

1. Prayer and Welcome

The Vicar welcomed everyone to the new PCC. A Eucharist was held in Church prior to the meeting at 7.30pm.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr William Green, Mrs Anne Brunton, Mr Nigel Clayburn

3. Minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

War Graves Commission signage to go ahead. Mother's Union Baptism Resources successfully proceeding.

The minutes were approved and signed

4. Working as a PCC

The Vicar had previously circulated a paper by Rt. Revd Mark Tanner entitled 'How to run a perfect PCC'. This provided the basis for discussion about the format for PCC meetings. The role and responsibilities of the PCC was explained for new members.

It was agreed the meeting should remain primarily a business meeting with a focus on the MAP groups perhaps in more detail every other month. The opening prayer provides the opportunity to think about 'Keeping God at the centre of the meeting'

The Standing Committee will link in to the Agenda Setting for PCC meetings. The Vicar will liaise with Haydon Bridge to establish dates for future meetings. The second Thursday of the month was suggested.

The idea of joint meetings with Haydon Bridge was raised as there are some issues in common. This may be required no more than once a year.

5. Growing Church Bringing Hope

A resource pack has been received from the Diocese. This includes a leaflet with a letter from Bishop Christine, a table of five strategic aims and a prayer, a DVD to support Growing Church Bringing Hope and a fuller study guide by the Revd Dr David Bryan plus an invitation to take part in Strand 1: Prayer, through a month of guided prayer.

Nigel Collingwood has attended a meeting about this.

The Vicar and Carol Adams will be attending a 3 day course (15th-17th May) for the National initiative of Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG). There is also a follow up day on this topic at Shepherds Dene on 8th June.

The Vicar stressed that It is important the Parish is aware of the Diocesan Strategy.

This will be an Agenda item for the next PCC meeting.

6. Worship and Prayer

Easter Services

The Easter Services were considered extremely successful particularly the format of the service for Palm Sunday which was very much family orientated. It was suggested that the Harvest Festival would be a good time for a similar service to involve children and families particularly. A brochure to publicise the Easter Services would be very useful. **(to be considered by the Communications Group)**. Nigel Collingwood asked about the Easter Garden, this could be re-established as a Messy Church project.

Worship Questionnaire

This has now been issued.

Ascension Day Thursday 25th May

Bishop Christine will be visiting Beltingham for the Ascension Day Service at 6.00pm followed by supper at the Old Vicarage.

7. Children and families

Safeguarding

There have been no safeguarding incidents since the last meeting. Adrian Storrie has attended a Safeguarding Workshop and action points have been identified.

God's Tent

The first event is organised for Sunday 21st May at 3.00pm at Walltown Crag. The Vicar has arranged with the Head Ranger of Northumberland National Park to supply a tent. The

event is aimed at Middle School age children and their parents and will possibly involve kite flying. It is envisaged there will be further events in June, July and September.

Resources Course

Carol Adams has attended a course to look at resources available to put together for children and families attending services not linked to Storybook Church.

8. Communication

Website

The website is continuing to progress with help from Steve Gibbon.

Newsletter

Anne Galbraith outlined the progress of the Newsletter which will change in format and size from September, and asked for approval of the PCC for the sum of £500 to cover initial expenditure. It is envisaged this cost will be recovered by advertising. Alternative ways of printing may be considered.

This was agreed by all.

Libby Scott has indicated she would like to stand down as Newsletter Editor.

Sally Gill is to be asked to help with the formatting of the new newsletter.

The Vicar suggested contacting the new School Head to consider if the school would like to put information into the newsletter.

9. Resources

West Northumberland Food Bank

Nigel Collingwood presented a report on behalf of the Resources Group. The recommendation of the group was that WNFB should be supported. Nigel circulated a leaflet at the meeting which would form a template for information about collections in Bardon Mill. The PCC agreed the proposal for £80 to be obtained from the Mission Fund for printing of the leaflets. Michael at the Village Shop has agreed the shop will act as a collection point and a box could also be put into the back of Henshaw Church, Nigel will organise delivery to Hexham in the first instance. This could be up and running by next month.

Legacies

The Bishop is encouraging Parishes to set a Legacy Policy. Nigel Collingwood circulated The Church of England guidance on Church Legacies. It was agreed to set up a Parish Policy with Nigel Collingwood and John Galbraith as the named contacts. Anne will speak to John.

A suggestion was made to link this in with 'Will Week'. This will be explored further.

Harvest Festival Supper

The idea of having a Harvest Festival Supper in the Village Hall was suggested. This was agreed as a good idea and will be followed up by the Resources Group.

Restricted Funds- Draft budget for 2017

A document previously circulated identified the funds needed for essential repair work at both Beltingham and Henshaw over the next two years. The work on Beltingham windows was considered a priority.

A faculty will be required for this work to be carried out which may take time to acquire.

Anne Galbraith is meeting with Inspired NE later in the week and will report back to the next meeting. Advice will be taken from the architect.

Finance information

The Treasurer circulated information upto April 2017 (filed)

Present balances

Repair fund £17986 44

General fund (current) £1624 30

General fund (deposit) £36068 56

The Parish Share for the cost of the Vicar was met in full last year and it is envisaged this will be possible for the current year.

The Churchwardens are involved in on-going discussions with the Deanery Synod about the redistribution of Parishes within our Deanery. There is the possibility of a reduction by one or two. Nigel Collingwood is on the Planning Committee.

10. Any other business

Messy Church

An event is organised at St Nicholas Cathedral on Saturday 17th June. Registration forms for this are available from 20th May. The Vicar will take information about this to the next Messy Church planning group.

Thank you

A thank you card has been received from Jillian Simpson for the book she received on her retirement from the PCC.

11. Date and time of next meeting

To be arranged

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9.30pm.