

## **Beltingham with Henshaw PCC**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in Henshaw Church Room**

#### **Present**

Rev. Dr Benjamin Carter ( Chairman), Mrs Anne Galbraith, Mr Adrian Storrie,  
Mrs Carol Adams, Mrs Anne Brunton, Mr Nigel Clayburn, Mrs Mary Jo Fleming  
Mrs Yvonne Hewitt (Sec)

#### **1. Prayer and Welcome**

The Vicar opened the meeting with the 'Prayers surrounding an evening meeting'

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Rev.Gill Alexander, Mr William Green, Mrs Jane Hayward,  
Mrs Hilda Rowlands, Mr Nigel Collingwood

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

**The minutes were approved and signed**

#### **Leading your Church into Growth ( LyCiG)**

The LyCiG Groups are progressing well. The groups are on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening and both have representation from Henshaw with Beltingham and Haydon Bridge (about 15 people in total.) The differences between the two parishes have been highlighted and proved interesting. There is representation from the MAP groups on both LyCiG groups. The Vicar has produced a 'spider diagram' to indicate the areas of discussion. This is displayed on the noticeboard in the Church Room at Henshaw.

#### **4. Worship and Prayer**

The MAP Group report was previously circulated.

The Harvest Festival Service was very successful as was the outside table for the children. It is hoped to have a Service with a similar format, orientated towards families, once every two months. It was noted that there were a number of non Church members in the Choir.

Christmas Service Pattern

The Carol Service this year will be at 4.00pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. John Galbraith is seeking additional people to join the choir.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December the Vicar is proposing to omit the 8.30am Service to keep the number of services to three as the Crib Service will be at 4.00pm. This change requires agreement of the PCC.

**All Members agreed to the change.**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December there will be the 'Christmas Readings Service' at Beltingham.

**New Service Pattern**

8 people attended the first BCP Service at 8.30am. The new pattern will be reviewed in due course. Only one person has expressed concern about the reduction in BCP Services.

The organ rota is available. Bill Wilson is included to play once every quarter.

The request for favourite hymns produced in excess of 350 with about 40 recurring favourites. This is still a 'work in progress'.

**5. Children and Families**

**Safeguarding**

No safeguarding incidents have occurred since the last meeting.

The current policy and action plan is under review by Rev. Gill Alexander who has experience of safeguarding and can provide valuable information.

**God's Tent**

The next 'God's Tent will be at the riverside field at Allen Banks (3.00pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October) The Vicar would like to purchase a carpet for the tent as the events will continue during the winter months.

**6. Communication**

**Launch of Website**

The website 'Parishes by the Wall' was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Members of the communications group are to have training to put information onto the site. The site is considered very clear and easy to access information.

The next phase will be to have a landscape photo behind the title on the opening page.

**Launch of Newsletter**

The first copy of the new Newsletter has been distributed. This has input from the head teacher of the school and it is hoped that this will be a regular feature. It was suggested that

Debbie and Lynn may contribute information about Messy Church. Anne Galbraith will speak to them.

#### Christmas Card

It was agreed the distribution of a Christmas card to all in the Parish was successful and should be repeated this year. Anne Galbraith will speak to Doreen Palmer to see if she is willing to help with the organisation and preparation of the card, also distribution. The format will be similar to last year, but the front cover this year will be Beltingham Church. Inside greetings will be per last year and include an invitation to the Christmas Services which will be printed inside. The card will be funded from the Mission Fund

#### Members of the Communication Group

It was recognised that there is a need for an additional member of the group. It would be beneficial to have someone from Haydon Bridge. Anne will approach Vikki.

#### Parish Directory

It was agreed a Parish Directory would be useful and should include Electoral Roll Members plus those who attend Church regularly. The Vicar will contact St. Mary's Church, Monkseaton to see how their Directory is set up.

### **7.Resources**

Mary Jo presented the finance information to date. (copy filed)

#### **Present balances**

Repair Fund £17524 18

General fund (current) £5234 32

General fund (deposit) £34381 80

A legacy of £1000.00 has been received. The Vicar will write to acknowledge and thank the family.

The tree survey which is carried out every 5 years is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> October. This will cost in the order of £360.

The issue of Fire Insurance was further discussed. This will be referred back to the Resources Group. Nigel Collingwood will be asked to explore further. The renewal date is June 2018, a decision may be made at the March PCC Meeting when more information is available.

Philippa Collingwood asked the PCC to consider if the grass cutting team for Beltingham should be reimbursed for extra travelling costs whilst the bridge is closed. Anne Galbraith will deal with this when payment is made.

There is still no response from Alan Sharp about car parking. The Vicar suggested contacting David Bowes Lyon directly with a copy of the letter to Alan Sharp.

### **8. Hexham Deanery Conference**

This will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at St John Lee Church beginning with Morning Prayer at 9.00am. The specific target of the first conference is to make individual parishes aware of each other's needs and how they may affect inter-parish relationships. The Vicar encouraged all PCC Members to attend if at all possible. This is part of the process of giving information to the Bishop of Newcastle so that she has the views of the people of Hexham Deanery when making future appointments.

### **9. Any other business**

Harvest Supper

Some tickets are still available for the Harvest Supper at The General Havelock on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Pastoral Care

Anne Brunton informed the meeting that a former church member is undergoing tests for medical problems and will give further information when available.

Anne Galbraith reminded everyone of the success of Vikki Furlong in winning 'Young Farmer of the Year. The award ceremony will be on 'Countryfile' this coming Sunday. (1<sup>st</sup> Oct.)

### **10. Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**The meeting ended with a closing prayer at approximately 8.30pm**