

Beltingham with Henshaw PCC

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th July at 7.30pm in Henshaw Church Room

Present

Rev. Dr Benjamin Carter (Chairman), Mrs Anne Galbraith, Mr Nigel Collingwood,
Mr Adrian Storrie, Mrs Jane Hayward, Mrs Anne Brunton Mr Nigel Clayburn,
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 Carol Adams,
Mrs Hilda Rowlands, Mrs Mary Jo Fleming

3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were approved and signed

4. Leading your Church into Growth (LyCiG)

A comprehensive and enthusiastic report about the LyCiG course prepared by Carol Adams and Dave Thornhill was previously circulated. The Vicar clarified the aims of LyCiG and discussed how this may link into the current Mission Action Plan. A resource pack to introduce LyCiG locally is available which includes a DVD. The Committee watched a short section from this.

It is proposed to introduce LyCiG to interested members of the congregation and the community with a series of sessions during September/October with one weekday event, an evening event and one weekend event. These will run over a six week period. The Vicar will prepare a flier to be circulated initially via the Hymn Books to assess levels of interest.

LyCiG provides the opportunity to 'Review, Refresh and Renew' the work of the Mission Action Plan groups. Feedback from the Groups will be a standing agenda item. Reports have been previously circulated to PCC members.

5. Worship and Prayer

There were no questions arising from the report.

Possible changes to the monthly worship plan

The Vicar discussed the proposed new pattern of Worship. This provides more consistency as to where and when the Services are. It will allow more family opportunities for worship and provide space for a more experimental style of worship.

An outline of the proposed new plan was circulated to PCC members (copy filed). There was discussion about how to replicate the success of the Palm Sunday service, how to fit in baptisms to the new pattern as well as practical issues of flower arranging.

Anne Galbraith proposed that the new pattern should start from September/October for a six month trial period. This was seconded by Adrian Storrie and agreed by all PCC members.

Notices will be put into the weekly notice sheets of the proposed changes.

The Way of Cuthbert

A series of events and services for the Feast of the Translation of St. Cuthbert is planned for the 2nd and 3rd September. The Vicar circulated the programme. This includes a Choral Evensong with Sermon at St Cuthbert's Beltingham followed by drinks and dinner at The Old Vicarage. The Vicar will liaise with Deanery colleagues to give greater circulation to this event.

6. Children and Families

There were no questions arising from the report.

Safeguarding

No safeguarding incidents have occurred since the last meeting. Rev. Gill Alexander has considerable experience of safeguarding and will look at the Action Plan. Steve Gibbon also has experience of safeguarding and can provide valuable information.

Some members of the PCC already have had DBS checks. Checks and safeguarding training will be considered further particularly in relation to 'Messy Church'

God's Tent

The events organised to date have been very successful and it is planned to carry on throughout the winter months. The tent is proving successful and quick to erect but would benefit from a stove and carpet. The initial purchase was supported by the Mission Fund, further support from educational charities will be explored.

A suggestion was made that the tent could be erected at The Old Vicarage for the St. Cuthbert weekend for visitors and congregation to see. This may not be practical.

7. Communication

Website

The website is continuing to make good progress with a lot of work by Steve Gibbon. The website may go live in September and links to Bardon Mill Parish Council website are being looked at.

The Vicar circulated some information about the proposed working title for the Benefice. (copy filed)

It was provisionally agreed that 'Parishes by the Wall' is the preferred option. This was the unanimous choice at the Haydon Bridge PCC earlier in the week and members of this PCC were in agreement. Anne will take back to the working group to assess viability of this title.

Newsletter

Anne Galbraith outlined the progress of the Newsletter which will be launched in September. The format will double in size and will allow more detail and photographs. The initial distribution will be free. A print run of 300 will allow copies to be put into children's schoolbags and into the Village Shop and the Village Hall.

Sponsors are being sought. The cost will be £30 for ten insertions and 25 will be required to meet costs. About half of this number, have already expressed interest. The Newsletter will automatically go onto the Website. Sally Gill will continue to help. Libby Scott will continue at present but is wishing to stand down. The Newsletter will remain with the same printers for the time being.

Resources

Nigel Collingwood gave the Financial update. (copies of info. discussed filed)

The Diocese accounts for 2016 indicate a shortfall despite Parish contributions increasing.

Parish Investments 2016

The deposit of £5000 with the Tynedale Community Bank did not happen as the bank is now leaving Prince Bishop Credit Union to join Credit Union for South East Northumberland. Due to management issues there are no audited accounts available for 2016. It was agreed no deposit would be made before audited accounts are available.

Parish Share

In order to meet the Parish Share of £24994 the Standing Order will need to be increased to from £1281 per month to £2083 per month starting in August.

This was proposed by Nigel and agreed by all PCC members.

Parish Appeal

The total raised before Gift Aid is £2800 which should be in the order of £3350 with Gift Aid. Thank you cards have been sent to all who contributed. An analysis of this income would be of interest, that is , those who attend Church compared to those who are do not.

Parish Giving Scheme

This has been fully looked at by the Resources Group and the recommendation from the Group is not to join up at present.

Church Legacy

The new leaflets are now available with John Galbraith as the contact name.

Henshaw Church

Doors have been draught proofed. The cost of fitting double glazing to draught proof the windows is £14523. 00 + VAT. It was agreed that this is low priority and no action to be taken at present. No action for Beltingham windows at present.

Beamish Trip

The cost of this was £490.(Adults £10 and children free.) This was met by £190 in ticket sales £100 from the Bowes Lyon Trust, £ 100 from the Diocese and £100 from the PCC agreed by the Standing Committee,

Harvest Festival

The General Havelock can offer a Harvest Supper for £14.00. It was agreed that this should be offered as a Benefice event. Carol Adams and Lorna Slater are prepared to sell tickets. The maximum number for the General Havelock is 44. Nigel Collingwood will contact Dave Thornhill and Carol Adams on her return from holiday.

8. Any other business

Anne Galbraith reported that the organ is being serviced tomorrow.

There is no news from Alan Sharp about car parking.

An enquiry was made about cost of grass cutting at Baltingham. This is no more than previously.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 28th September

Future meetings

Thursday 30th November 2017

Thursday 25th January 2018

The meeting ended with a closing prayer at approximately 9.30pm