

# **OTLEY PARISH CHURCH**

## **Minutes of PCC Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Prayers** Zoe Smith

- 1 Present:** Allan Boddy, Ken Dale, Rosemary Ellen, Jackie Hird, Kevin Keefe, Maggie Lolashvili, Barry Milner, John Simkins and Zoe Smith

**Apologies:** MH, JL, GM and TP

AB reminded the PCC that a declaration of interest should be declared by any member of the PCC with a conflict of interest, either financial or with another organisation, involving any item on the agenda. None were declared.

### **2 Minutes of PCC Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by NB, seconded by KK and unanimously agreed.

### **3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

### **4 Safeguarding**

Voluntary declaration forms - hold to the next meeting.

Safeguarding for house groups – leaders need to notify JH of names of the group to ensure that vulnerable persons are safe.

### **5 Ministry, Mission and Communication**

Update on appointment of new vicar – Aaron Kennedy had been announced as the new vicar at Sunday's service. ZS and KK reported that he has a broad experience of different styles of worship. JS asked if he might circulate his name to other ministers in the town. This was agreed. The induction service for new Methodist minister takes place on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Search for a disability representative – BM is to advertise this in the notice sheet. There is support for anyone considering this role.

### **6 Financial report**

TP will circulate a report for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> May about a week after this meeting.

The pension scheme has agreed to revise our agreement so Sarah's contribution level will be as in her contract i.e. equal contributions of 5% by employers and employees.

### **7 Properties**

7.1 Health and Safety – BM is awaiting Carl's report on the Yorkshire flags. KD has submitted a report to the DAC regarding lighting on the mezzanine.

7.2 List of works - KD, KK and BM are to go through the list. BM reported that Houldsworths are continuing to do plastering where needed. NB suggested that a 'house clearance' be done on the mezzanine, this was considered to be needed. A general tidy up at the base of the tower is being undertaken by Anne Simkins, Mary Pike and Janet Howard.

KK suggested that JS bring concrete ideas for furniture for the prayer corner so that this can be moved forward.

## **8 Heritage Area**

Final preparations are underway for the Heritage Open Day

## **9 Youth work**

The idea of a new projector was discussed, one with a brighter and higher resolution image and a tablet that would enable videos to be done. KD said that one could be sourced and then discussed with TP. This could be in the region of £600. BM proposed that this be accepted using money from the Jeff English fund, seconded by JS and unanimously agreed.

ZS suggested that Sunday Club children would have a story and then parachute games and then come in for the part of the service around the font. At baptism preparation parents could be informed as to how this works so that any visiting children could join in.

OYCC – A report of the drop in session for students at the Bridge Church started by Leeds Faith in Schools had been circulated. This was initiated by Graham Buttanshaw as part of the vision for the OYCC. Currently there are 2 volunteers from OPC, and hopefully a third soon. Anne Simkins has accepted a request to be a trustee of the OYCC charity. This is in a personal capacity but as someone who is a member of OPC.

## **10 Other reports**

10.1 Foundation Governors of All Saints School – AB's term of office has been extended until September 2026. Aaron Kennedy will be invited to be an ex officio governor.

The Summer Fair is July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3pm. AB asked for volunteers for the refreshments, RE and ML offered to help.

AB thanked church on behalf of school for their help in funding an i Pad with a google translator. School is also holding a refugee week on the 20-26<sup>th</sup> June, support is ongoing for refugees from all parts of the world.

10.2 Communication Group – the website gets an average of 40 visits per day, some pages need refreshing. Our church is listed on the website 'A Church near You.' There are also posts on Facebook and Twitter. There are about 170 notice sheets sent out via email and also a similar number of 'In Touch' posted. On Youtube 50 people watch live and also over 100 throughout the week. JS is contributing to 'Otley Matters' on behalf of church.

The group is in the process of designing a 'Welcome' banner to display near the door in church.

10.3 Local to Global – AB will write to Georgina on behalf of the PCC about the possible new plans and how this will move forward.

10.4 Sustainability- KD has spoken with the DC with regard to becoming carbon net zero by 2030. There are checks to be done about energy usage. KD also said that the DAC are more amenable to exploring new ideas

10.5 Pastoral Group – no report

10.6 Prayer Team – JS thanked everyone for their support during 'Thy Kingdom Come.' NB thanked JS for his communication during this time.

## **11 Future Events**

There is a music festival this coming weekend with proceeds going towards Local to Global.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be advertised in the notice sheet.

JH said that the idea of a welcome lunch in September has been put forward. This was welcomed by the PCC.

## **12 Any Other Business**

It was suggested removing the notice about mask wearing from the notice sheet. This was agreed.

Prayers at next meeting BM

## **14 Date of next meeting**

July 11th

Closing prayers ZS