

Present: 19 Members of the PCC were present

1. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYERS

The welcome and opening prayers were led by **Revd John MacKenzie**

2. PRESENTATION FROM THE MOTHERS' UNION

A presentation was given on the Mothers' Union from **Margaret Horwood** (Deputy Diocesan President), **Rita Pengelly** (Trustee) and **Marianna Poliszczuk** (Diocesan President). The presentation highlighted the work of the Mothers' Union around the world and its values with the view to setting up a new branch in the Ashford area.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from **Judy Blount**, **Wendy Pryor**, **Sally Rikard**, **Libby Varley** and **Shirley Leslie**

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST APRIL 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by **Phil Sibbald**, Seconded by **Revd Caroline Mansley**

The minutes of the Standing Committees of March, May, June & July were also received.

The question was asked who are the Standing Committee minutes circulated to. **Phil Sibbald** stated that all the minutes are circulated to the Local Administrators for display. It was also agreed that going forward, they would be circulated to all PCC members as well.

5. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

The question about the salaries of our paid Admin staff and that were they paid the National Living Wage. **Phil Sibbald** confirmed that they were all paid to that level.

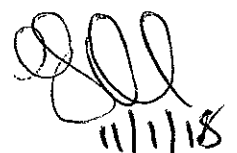
A suggestion was made that each local area should have a representative on the Parish Strategy Committee. **Revd John MacKenzie** said that anyone who has an interest to join this committee should let **Phil Sibbald** know. **Michael Piggott** asked to be put forward.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

There is a trip to Burswood on 28th September and if anyone would like to go, please contact **Derek Sorrell**. The mini-bus will be running for this trip and there are still spaces available.

Correspondence had been received from the **Revd Canon Joss Walker** asking us to take someone on placement from October to Easter for them to gain wider church experience.

The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover has asked the parish to take a new Curate. **Andrew Brown** will be joining us from 30th June 2018. **The Bishop of Dover** has also asked us to host the Archdeaconry welcome service of the new Archdeacon of Ashford, **Canon Darren Miller** on 15th January 2018 at Willesborough.



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Revd Canon Timothy Wilson informed the meeting that he had received a letter from The Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain of the Greek Orthodox Church. The Greek Orthodox church is actively seeking a place of worship in Ashford. This has been discussed at the parish staff meeting and at Deanery level.

7. FINANCE REPORT

A written report was submitted from **Shirley Leslie**, who apologised that she could not be at this meeting.

A question was asked about the lack of detail on Church running costs in the accounts that were presented. It was stated that these are a Management Accounts and not full accounts, therefore they only contain a high level summary. A further question was raised that is Churchyard maintenance a local or a central cost. It is believed that they are a local cost, but further clarification can be sought on this.

It was raised that there had been no public feedback to the congregations on the Stewardship Campaign earlier in the year and it there should be some statement thanking everyone but stating we are still falling short of our target. There is a meeting with **Liz Mullins Diocesan, Stewardship and Funding Advisor** next week where this will be discussed.

It was asked how we are managing to pay Parish Share when we are running at such a deficit. It was explained that the cash flow is there at present for us to do it. However, towards the end of the year, we may need to draw down on other unrestricted funds.

8. SAFEGUARDING

There were no safeguarding issues to report.

We are still looking for a Parish Safeguarding Officer. A job description had been circulated to PCC members to inquire if they knew of anyone suitable. If anyone was interested, they should contact **Revd John MacKenzie** or **Phil Sibbald**

9. GENERAL FABRIC ISSUES

General fabric issues are raised and approved accordingly at Standing Committee.

Kingsnorth

It was reported that the Stubbs Cross Mission Hall is in needs repairs on the roof as there is asbestos involved. A quote for £950 to get the work completed had been received. There are funds available from the Friends of Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst to pay for this work. This was approved by the PCC

Ashford

The Standing Committee had previously approved works to go ahead on the Carillion, and outside spotlighting pending a question on the funding of these works. It was reported to the meeting that there would be no cost to the parish for this work because it is being funded via the Council and ~~Revelation St Mary~~ ^{Flagpole} local benefactor.


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10. TEAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

Phil Sibbald's report had been circulated.

It was asked if **Phil Sibbald** would be able to submit faculty requests online on behalf of the parish. He had already arranged with the Diocese to have access to the online portal to submit on behalf of all the local areas if they needed him to do so.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mission

It was asked is there any plans to discern mission within the parish and can mission be discussed at these meetings rather than talking about money and fabric issues all the time.

Nathan Wilson was introduced as the new Missioner on the Parish Team. At the time of this meeting, he had been in post two weeks. He has already started looking at what mission works are going on around the parish already and where there are any gaps, for example in the 20-30 age bracket and in spiritual styles. Going forward there will be a report from **Nathan Wilson** at each PCC meeting.

Welcome and Licensing Service of Revd Richard Bellamy and Nathan Wilson

On 18th September we have the service to welcome and licence **Revd Richard Bellamy** and **Nathan Wilson** at Ashford School, East Hill, Ashford. It would be good to see as many people from all the local churches at the service.

Alpha Course

The Alpha course started last week at Willesborough Church and 48 people attended. It was great to see and hear the buzz at the course. It is still not too late to attend.

Parsonage House

There will be a change of Parsonage House. Currently the Parsonage House is 66 Church Road, Willesborough. This is not being sold, but will become the home of **Andrew Brown**, the new Curate. The Parsonage House will be in 7 Augustine's Drive, Finberry, Ashford. The decision was based on the fact we wanted a full time church presence on the new estates that are being built in Ashford. It is hoped that this move will be a catalyst for community, mission and outreach.


12. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There were none.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.00pm

Revd Eve Lanchantin-Piggott closed the meeting with prayer.



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