

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on Monday July 8th 2024 at 7.30pm in Church

Present: Fiona Dowle; June Donnelly; Rev Mark Houston ML; Michael Jackson MJ; Alan Hill AH; Steve Bell SB; John Tindale JT; Janice Tindale; Les Spring; Jim Bloomer; Andrea Mason; Georgina Sherwood GS

1. **Opening Prayer:** Rev Mark led us in prayer.
2. **Apologies** Elaine Baldry; Michael Fieldhouse; Helen Whiteley; John Lanham JL; Julie Lanham
3. The **minutes** of 24/5/24 the PCC meeting were approved.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - Send mugshots to SB asap if you have not already done so. (ALL)
 - A request had been received for two Communion services per month with the second using a more modern liturgy. After some discussion it was agreed that the Ministry Team would discuss.
5. **Safeguarding:** Georgina S declared that there were no incidents to report. GS was now in the process of establishing our new requirements for DBS and Safeguarding training. She does not have all the information she needs in relation to who has done what. ALL PCC members are asked to inform GS of what training they have and have not completed. They should also confirm their DBS status and when it was last done. The training modules PCC members should all have completed are Basic awareness; Foundation and Raising Awareness of Domestic abuse. In addition, Clergy, Lay Readers Wardens, PSOs and those working with children or vulnerable adults should complete the Leadership training course.
6. **Reports**
 - **Community & Youth Leader:** Andrea had presented us with a written report in advance. In addition, she was launching a Love to Move course (British Gymnastic Assoc). This was aimed at the elderly and involved song too. An Age Concern course was oversubscribed, so demand is almost guaranteed. The singing group are planning a concert for October. Andrea needs to renew her 1st Aid training. This prompted a wider discussion and we agreed we should train 2 or 3 members per annum on a continuing basis, perhaps using Pete Cunningham's 2 day course.
 - The Treasurer presented the July figures and reminded us he was about to deliver 50 books to the value of £1000 to AP School.
7. **2025 Parish Share** Five PCC members were supportive of an offering equivalent to 2/3 of the cost of a vicar (salary/NI/pension/training/accommodation/apportioned overheads). 100% is £69890; 2/3 is £46500. MH reported that Flookburgh had set their 2025 figure at £8000. The Treasurer said we were now spending an extra £3500pa on gas. He considered the £46500 too generous and thought it would deliver a cash flow problem. After some horse trading a compromise figure of £41000 was agreed. The PCC also agreed that funds could be drawn down from the Mission Fund such that cash flow not be an issue.
8. **Community Day Update** PCC members who had attended all believed this had been an excellent event. It was agreed we should endeavour to repeat in 2025. Numbers were enhanced by Andrea's work, Tots specifically and high-quality posters. It was suggested that in 2025 we have a Café style service the day after. It was agreed we should develop this as one part of a strategic mission plan. Fiona was warmly thanked for her efforts.
9. **Property** The rope access examination of the tower is scheduled for 24/7/24. A Faculty will be required for the repairs. The Faculty should include LED lighting (and any other matters).

- 10. Holker Weekend** Mark had formed a small committee (inc Georgina, Julia and Carol H) and they were due to have their 2nd meeting at Holker later in the month. The event is expected to be in late Jan or early Feb 2025. The intention would be to limit it to both congregations such that they spend some quality time together. Mark requested that suggestions for Themes and Speakers be sent to him.
- 11. AOB** The PCC gave permission for the Holiday Club to use the church grounds and building in August 2024. The Diocese had started the process of dissolving CPTM and establishing the Benefice of Allithwaite and Flookburgh. Notifications in porch notice board, in In Touch and announced before services. Jim reminded PCC that we had agreed the process could go ahead despite the Lord Cavendish patronage issue not being fully resolved. Jim & Mark to follow up. Headmistress seeking our support for a temporary, expanding, wooden fence to facilitate use of the school's back playground. The PCC agreed this for a 24 month period up to the end of the summer term in 2026. Georgina and Andrea both agreed to be co-opted onto the PCC with immediate effect until the 2025 APCM.
- 12.** The meeting closed with **The Grace.**

Jim Bloomer 13/07/24