

# St. Matthew's Church

*Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath*

## PCC Minutes

Date: Tuesday 24 January 2017

Venue: 99 Chatham Street

	<b>Meeting opened at: 19:42</b>	Action
1	<p><b>Opening thoughts and prayers</b>            Genesis 13: 2-end. In the reading we see huge generosity between Abram and Lot in their separation. Sometimes, we want the best for ourselves, but it is better to be generous – especially when considering our church life within the community. God was equally generous to Abram after the separation, and we can learn that we too will be blessed through our own generosity.</p>	
2	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Rev David Brewster, Grace Anderson, Karen Bailey, Lois Haslam, Sylvia Parker, Rev Julie Johnson, Graham Mitchell, Lucy Brewster, Mary Mitchell, Mike Taylor, Audrey Mannion, Roy Higham,  <b>Apologies:</b>, Beryl Hubble, Mark Goodwin, Julie Okundaye, Andrew Okundaye, David Brown, Pam Robinson,  <b>Others in attendance:</b> Rev Peter Jennings</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>            Accepted as an accurate account of the meeting. All agreed.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telecomms installation – the architect is happy with the changes, and will inform the DAC</li> <li>• Heating – invoices have been received. A quote of £3000 +VAT has been received for moving the boilers.</li> <li>• The children's fund was not created in memory of Brenda Bowers, she opened the account, and at present there is around £800 in the account. Pam Seagar is dealing with this issue.</li> <li>• Drains – under the tower - we have a good reference for the workman and work will commence next month.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our annual quota has been paid in full, but it was paid off using money from the legacy.</li> <li>• The day to day account is very tight at present as the monthly DD for the quota will go out at the end of the month at approximately £3200</li> <li>• Costings for CIST for use of 99 Chatham Street – the room will be used daily for 3-4 hours a day. After discussion, based on last</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>year's expenditure, we decided upon £50 per week. Mary will e-mail Steve with this decision.</p>	
6	<p><b>Building our Future Group (BFG) update</b></p> <p>MT, SH and GM met recently to consider the legalities of buying 99 Chatham Street. We are happy to agree with the Diocesan terms that 'our current use of the building can be used a church dwelling and community facilities.'</p> <p>Recent discussions with Gillian Crump of Cullimore Dutton Solicitors concerning the draft Contract and Schedule for the transfer of 99 Chatham Street to the parish had raised a number of points for consideration by the PCC. Under the terms of the transfer the current use of the premises is defined as either as a single private dwelling or as church community facilities. Development of the property in accordance with these defined uses would be acceptable, but planning permission to develop the property for other purposes could trigger the payment of overage (ie. a proportion of the increase in value) to the diocese. Since our sole intention is to use the property for church community purposes, this was thought to be a matter of no concern. It was agreed that we were content with the terms of the transfer as presented and were happy to proceed with the purchase at the agreed valuation. It was further agreed that the indemnity assurance recommended by Gillian Crump would provide adequate protection in the unlikely event of any future objection to our use of the property, and we welcomed her suggestion that it should be the diocese which takes out the insurance.</p> <p>Moving forward, we will continue with the purchase of 99 Chatham Street. We will instruct the solicitor to stop her investigation of a reduction of the house price due to the fact that we have paid nominal rent since 2011, and ask the diocese to pay the insurance.</p>	
7	<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Risk Assessment – <b>not checked</b></li> <li>• DB to discuss with David Brown re some issues that need updating, and to feedback at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	DB
8	<p><b>Church wardens</b></p>	
9	<p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update</li> </ul> <p>Pam continues to network, with a stall at the Equity Homes Christmas Fair and information event, as well as meetings held (or planned) with Mind, Age UK, Beechwood and Macmillan Cancer Care. The Little Giggles nativity was a huge success, with over 200 adults and children in church (raising £136 for Early Essentials). Pam has made new connections with Stockport SEND group (for families with children with special needs), and is now authorised to give out vouchers for the food bank.</p> <p>Christmas - carols at the Olive was well attended and David build on a relationship we made last year by being invited to sing carols at Hey's Court, which is for adults with learning disabilities. We had a large</p>	

contingent of speakers, signers and congregation members at the Walthew House Christmas service.

St Matthew's school have visited church to learn more about Holy Communion and the little ones came to find out more about Jesus (well done, Lucy!) Following conversations with the teacher about using church for things other than faith, the whole school will be visiting the church as part of maths week!

Pam is supporting Lucy with the Y Bible initiative.

Pam has recently had a meeting with Awards for All (Lottery funding) who may be able to help with costs for the alterations at 99 Chatham Street, and has also attended an awareness session with Steph for Stockport Credit Union.

Thanks to Pam for her continued work.

Funding Pam's role (and how to do it) has had a boost - £2500 pa from Rose Walker Community Centre, £5000 pa annual gift for as long as it is needed. Also another grant application has gone into the Tudor Trust, so please pray for that.

- For consideration:

1. Afternoon Tea with Age UK

Age UK would like to host a gathering in church, to provide afternoon tea plus stalls to promote the information and services offered by Age UK. They would like to hold it on Wednesday 22 March, setting up from 11.30 (if that's ok with the morning service?), event to run from 1.30-3.30.

If we can provisionally confirm this is ok, Pam is meeting with them on Thursday to look at the space in church and see if it meets their needs. Pam would be there on the day to promote all the things we do in church, it could be the start of a good partnership! Pam would like to offer the church for free or just a donation, at least for this first event. Can the PCC endorse this?

**Agreed**

2. More Than Coffee Christian outreach at the Olive Cafe

This is a bi monthly outreach event at the Olive. Whilst Pam is involved in the planning side, and attend the event as a Trustee of the Olive, it would be good to see other members of St Matthew's attending so they could offer support by talking to people who come to the event or pray with them. We are the closest church to the cafe and it would be good if we were better represented. The next event is Wednesday 15 February, 6.30-8.30. Can the PCC consider ways of encouraging more involvement? "We will be ... unapologetic evangelists not apologetic believers." I am happy to talk to anyone who is interested.

**This event can be advertised in the newsletter. DB will speak to Pam and find out more about it.**

	Is the PCC happy for Steph to become licenced to administer the chalice. Agreed by all. JJ offered to give her some training, and JJ will contact Karen Perry to put Steph on the rota.																						
11	<p><b>200+ club</b> MM brought the decision to disband the 200+ club. Reasons: not as many people in the club and therefore prizes are reduced; some people have to be asked again and again for their contribution, which gets wearing for the collector. There are around 60 people in the club. Last year it contributed around £400 to church funds, with a cost £20 for the licence.</p> <p><b>Julie Johnson proposed</b> to disband the 200+ club <b>Seconded by Lois Haslam.</b> All agreed, and Mary will communicate the decision to members of the club.</p>	MM																					
12	<p><b>Community Hub Constitution</b> Present at the meeting: Rev David Brewster, Grace Anderson, Karen Bailey, Lois Haslam, Sylvia Parker, Rev Julie Johnson, Graham Mitchell, Lucy Brewster, Mary Mitchell, Mike Taylor, Audrey Mannion, Roy Higham,</p> <p>Finance report - The Hub account has £723.00 + a recent grant award for £250 = £973</p>																						
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14	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deanery Synod representatives for elections in Spring 2017 – we can have 2 members on the deanery synod. LB will find out if we need to elect this year.</li> <li>• Ed Leavy re: Homeless campout – DB to invite Ed to the next meeting</li> <li>• Monthly magazine – not had a magazine since the summer. DB is keen to start it up again, but will need another person to assist. It was agreed that the magazine supplements the social media information that is shared. There appears to be a need for the magazine. A note will be put in the newsletter to seek a lead on the magazine from the congregation.</li> <li>• Use of St Matthew's for a yoga group – JJ has been reading 'Taboo or To Do?' (Clifford &amp; Johnson) with particular reference to yoga. She feels that this is certainly a bigger discussion that needs to be explored.</li> </ul>	DB DB																					
	<p>Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm For the future:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>24<sup>th</sup> January</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half term</td> <td>20 – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7<sup>th</sup> March</td> <td>Proposal of finances for APCM</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</td> <td>APCM</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easter</td> <td>3 – 17<sup>th</sup> April</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2<sup>nd</sup> May</td> <td>Safeguarding policy presented to PCC</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half term</td> <td>29 May – 9 June</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	24 <sup>th</sup> January			Half term	20 – 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb		7 <sup>th</sup> March	Proposal of finances for APCM		Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	APCM		Easter	3 – 17 <sup>th</sup> April		2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Safeguarding policy presented to PCC		Half term	29 May – 9 June		
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	Summer hols start	21 July /28 July	
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	Half term	23-27th Oct	
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	Christmas holidays	19 Dec -3 Jan	