



# St. Matthew's Church

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## PCC Minutes

**St Matthew's Vicarage**, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 7.30pm

	<p><b>Opening thoughts and prayer</b>          Meeting opened at 19:36 with prayer.          Advice – practice the art of looking available, and having all the time in the world. One of the best things to give each other is our time. Later on in the meeting, we will think about 'family not acquaintances': what it means; how we can make it true, particularly for those 'on the fringes'; how do we grow a community in our parish. Reading from Luke 10 (Martha and Mary)</p>	
	<p><b>Present</b> - Rev David Brewster, Lois Haslam, Graham Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Roy Higham, Beryl Hubble, Lucy Brewster, Grace Anderson, Mike Taylor, Lois Scarisbrick, Ken Hazeldine, Steph Haynes, Arthur Bullock  <b>Apologies:</b> David Brown, Julie Okundaye, Andrew Okundaye, Pam Robinson, Rev Peter Jennings, Rev Julie Johnson, Karen Perry, John Hodgkinson  <b>Others in attendance:</b> Sylvia Parker, Karen Bailey</p>	
	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> (attached)          Alteration made to the hard copy: If approved, minutes will be posted on the website.</p>	
	<p><b>Matters arising</b>          SH raised the point about the Afternoon Tea needing to be endorsed (as stipulated by the Diocese), but DB decided that we see new social events as ongoing ministry within church, so doesn't need endorsing.</p>	
	<p><b>Finance</b> Update</p>	
	<p><b>Community update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to make new connections in the community, one of which will lead to a maths and English workshop at the library.</li> <li>• Crafters are making story sacks so that we can build new resources for Toddle Time as well as other groups outside church and local parents.</li> <li>• Posters illustrating our connections in the community raised a lot of interest at the Lay Conference (see Lucy) and we were asked to speak for a few minutes about our work on Y Bible at the Archdeacon's Visitation.</li> <li>• Pam has been sought out by St Mary's, Cheadle, and St Mary's-on-the-Marketplace, to help shape ideas for developing the cafe and church.</li> <li>• Pam and David are working on the report to the Tudor Trust to release the final grant, and have also met with a representative of the National Lottery, to secure funding beyond summer 2018. There is</li> </ul>	



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	<p>work to be done, particularly around consultation with the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth on the Edge - funding secured for pool parties, have applied to Ward funding for the coach trip.</li> <li>• York Street - appointed Chair for another year at the recent AGM.</li> <li>• York Street - a chance conversation has led to a new volunteer stepping forward to run a Photography Group, starting 13 June.</li> <li>• Rose Walker Centre - secured funds to improve kitchen equipment as well as a laptop and printer.</li> <li>• Olive Cafe - regular pop in information sessions are going well. Will soon be asking for volunteers to get Storytime up and running again.</li> <li>• Food project and work projects at the Olive Cafe - hope to hear news of funding soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Forthcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pop Up Prayer at St Matthew's school this Friday, 16 June.</li> <li>• Writing workshop on Saturday 17 June, 1 - 3. There's still time to sign up!</li> <li>• Summer Fair, 15 July - will put a notice out soon for volunteers and donations.</li> </ul> <p>DB Pam for her presentation at the visitation. And we really need to pray for funding for Pam's role – wisdom of wording, fulfilling criteria and thinking creatively</p>	
	<p><b>Time for God Volunteer</b> (see attached)          KB feedback to the meeting about our new worker for 2017-2018:          Name: <b>Magdalena/Maggie Rendels</b> Country: <b>Germany</b> Age: <b>18</b></p>	
	<p><b>BFG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrades to telecoms in the tower. We're on a 30 day notice period and signs are up. Just waiting for this consultation period to end so that we can complete the upgrade.</li> <li>• 99 Chatham Street – DB feels we have completed everything that we have been asked for, and we are very close to signing. DB has been in touch with George Colville at the diocese, to see if we could speed up the process.</li> <li>• MT suggested we need to come up with a name for the building. A competition was suggested for the congregation.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Churchwarden's update</b> - Nothing to report</p>	
	<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk assessments – Bouncy Castle, Hot Dog Sales, Community Event, large scale public act of worship – were viewed and updated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lucy Brewster proposed that the 4 risk assessments viewed were altered and updated, Mary Mitchell seconded, all in agreement</b></p>	



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	<p><b>Community hub</b>          SP raised the point about purchasing the new boilers with monies from a grant to the Hub and collections that were transferred to the church account for payment.</p>	
	<p><b>Social</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Afternoon Tea</b> – a successful event. SH fed back to the PCC, and thanked all that were involved: Mary Truman made the cakes, and Time for Food made sandwiches for a reduced price, as part of their charitable giving. SH suggested it may be repeated, as people were requesting it. This will be discussed in a debrief meeting.</li> <li>• DB suggested a <b>roast lunch</b> for the first week in October for Harvest.</li> <li>• <b>Pub quiz</b> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 @ The Old Vic</li> <li>• <b>TPA</b> – offered some funds to buy flowers to give to people – not as a church event, but as acts of kindness and spreading happiness. No one had any opinions about this. It could be arranged for a Saturday morning. The PCC endorsed this event in collaboration with TPA.</li> <li>• DB thanked SH for her involvement in the <b>Table Tennis club</b></li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Vision</b> : Family not Acquaintances'          DB feels that we are quite good at being a family, but we need to keep it in our mind as part of our vision.          Think about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this mean to me?</li> <li>• How can we make it work in church?</li> <li>• How can we include people on the fringes?</li> <li>• How can we become more of a family/community church</li> </ul> <p>General thought from the conversations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We feel that we are a family, there are some people that are on the fringe (possibly by choice) and this is typical of all families.</li> <li>• Many people are involved in our family life.</li> <li>• Being given the opportunity to help, can make people feel like they belong because they are involved.</li> <li>• Thinking about people on the fringes – our Facebook home group posts are being looked at by 100 – 150 people that we don't know and could consider that they are 'on the fringes' of our congregation.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback from Sunday Club          The Children in Sunday Club have been looking at the vision in a little bit of depth – trying to unpick what some of the phrases mean. So far, we have written a letter to our link family in the Holy Land, washed cars and created a video clip of things we would 'tell' people about our faith.</p>	



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	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cheshire Historic Churches Preservation Trust, asking if we want to be part of the Annual Ride and Stride event on the 9th September. This means the church would be open. As it's part of our Heritage weekend we will be open and KB to let the organisers know.</li><li>• Little Giggles Nursery will be holding their leavers event in church in July. They will ask for a collection as people leave - is there a particular charity that the church wishes to support or should it be for church funds? It may be used to pay for the coach trip if we don't get funding from the ward.</li></ul>	
	<p><b>The meeting ended at 21:06</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b> Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 7.30pm</p>	

