**PCC Minutes**

**99 Chatham Street,** Tuesday 5th September 2017, 7.30pm

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|  | **Opening thoughts and prayer**  19:34  Mary Mitchell opened the meeting with a thought:  On Saturday, Mary Mitchell went to the Cursillo conference, with others from church. The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham presided and preached on The Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30). The talents were of monetary value, but Jesus’ challenge to us is to use the talents that we have been given – to venture out into the unknown with them. Our aim is to prosper the Kingdom. This ran parallel with Lucy’s sermon on Sunday. We need to do our best with the talents that we have been given, to ‘go out’ and use them, however hard this may be.  Closed with a prayer ‘Give me Time’. |  |
|  | **Present** Rev David Brewster, Lois Haslam, Graham Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Lucy Brewster, Lois Scarisbrick, Ken Hazeldine, Steph Haynes, Arthur Bullock, Rev Julie Johnson, Karen Perry, Mike Taylor, Beryl Hubble  **Apologies:** David Brown, Julie Okundaye, Andrew Okundaye, Rev Peter Jennings, John Hodkinson, , Grace Anderson, Roy Higham  **Others in attendance:** Sylvia Parker, Karen Bailey, Pam Robinson |  |
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|  | **Minutes of the last meeting**  If approved, minutes will be posted on the website.  Accepted as a true record of the meeting after slight alterations.  Lois Scarisbrick is to take responsibility for posting on the website and printing off a hard copy. Karen Bailey to forward to Lois Scarisbrick |  |
|  | **Matters arising**   * Social events risk assessment hasn’t been looked at yet * Thanks to Lucy Brewster for the Synod Report |  |
|  | **Finance**   * Update   Sylvia Parker presented the finances to the PCC  Provision of Parish rooms – Sylvia Parker reminded the PCC where the finances to buy the parish rooms had come from. |  |
|  | **Community hub**  See finances above |  |
|  | **Community update**   * Youth on the Edge activities will be covered under Summer Update * Work is progressing on the Reaching Communities bid, which hopes to secure funding for the CDM role plus social media support, as well as a part time manager for 99 Chatham Street. Pam Robinson has had a number of conversations with those in strategic positions in Stockport (Public Health, Stockport Together and Health as a Social Movement), all of whom are very impressed with the work we are doing in the community and expressed how important this work is. David Brewster and Pam Robinson hope to complete the form for the first stage of the funding process this month * Pam Robinson attended a second Discover Your Edgeley event at York Street, managed by Stockport Homes. There were a number of conversations with local people, who were interested in our activities * Pam re-launched a Summer Storytime at the Olive Cafe. This was supported by Edgeley Library as well as all the story sacks donated by the Neighbourhood Charity Crafters. It was very successful and we hope to establish this as a permanent feature of the cafe. Story tellers wanted, please spread the word! * Funding – Pam continues to submit bids for various groups. Funding has been secured for the Olive Cafe to run a Pilot training scheme for barista training (Equity funding). A grant has been given to the card group at York Street (Ward Funding) and a bid has been submitted on behalf of the Olive for larger funding via the Co-op scheme. * Heritage Open Day, 9 September - our event this Saturday has been registered on the national Heritage Open Day website, and preparations are well in hand. Please come along to support the event! New this year - a reminder that we are not just a beautiful historic building but a house of faith and prayer. People will be invited to decorate a candle holder and take the light of Jesus into the world. * Community Open Day, 23 September - our biggest event! Please come along and welcome our community * Season of Invitation - Back to Church Sunday, 24 September (St Matthew’s Day). Information will be given out, and posted on social media. * Rose Walker Community Centre - thanks to Pam's connections, a new group is starting next week, to support families with children with special needs * York Street Community Centre - in order to attract more people into the centre, Pam suggested hosting an afternoon tea (as this sort of event has been very popular in church). Pam Robinson secured a grant of £250 from the GM High Sheriff's Trust to fund the event, which was very popular * Pam has secured a wheeled book case from the library, for our Christian bookcase. * No Emergency Services Day on Edgeley this year, but it did happen in Bridge Hall but we didn’t know it was happening. |  |
|  | **Update of summer activities**  Karen Bailey and Pam Robinson reported back to those present on the success of the holiday activities: Holiday club; pool parties; Rhyl trip; story time at the Olive Café.  A discussion was started about the lunches that were provided by the Co-op at holiday club – it was felt that it should be repeated, and it was a good idea that we didn’t single out families for the lunches.  Holiday club on the park – SBC ran at Alex Park  Lois Haslam asked that thanks were extended to Pam and Karen and all those that helped make the summer activities so successful.  Afternoon tea – 33 people attended from various sources and once again, it was a success, because many people pulled together to make it so. The issue of cost was raised by Karen Perry and a discussion followed about how much to charge, and also about encouraging those people who give their own time and money to pass receipts on to Sylvia Parker (in order to claim Gift Aid).  As an off-shoot, Mary Truman has offered to do some baking sessions in 99 Chatham Street to teach others. It was decided to go ahead with planning this, but not do anything until the building work at 99 Chatham Street has been completed. |  |
|  | BFG   * Purchase of 99 Chatham Street – is complete! The next steps are to ensure alterations are underway. A cost of £4000-£5000 for architect fees will be incurred to ensure plans meet H&S standards, and will be overseen once work starts. SH proposed that we employ Byrom, Clark, Roberts to act as principal architect for the development of 99 Chatham St to ensure compliance to the plans. ***Steph Haynes proposed, Mike Taylor seconded, unanimously agreed.*** * Name of the building – no further on. * Pam Robinson requested a notice board outside – this is likely to require planning permission – to be investigated. * Tower – faculty for changing the telecomms has been held up by omissions from previous applications. * Mike Taylor has insured the building * Mike Taylor to contact the council re: business rates * Licencing the building as a place of worship – at present this isn’t planned, but given we have two Bishop visits in the near future, this may be sooner rather than later. David Brewster to arrange. * Broken tiles and a leak in the vestry need repairing. |  |
|  | **Churchwarden’s update**  Nothing to report |  |
|  | **Health and Safety**   * Manual Handling – alterations made and updated * Lone Worker – alterations made and updated |  |
|  | **Social**   * Harvest lunch – October after Whole Parish Worship * Bring and Share – set on the calendar for February, July * Pub Quiz – 28th September, 8pm * The Prevention Alliance (TPA) – on hold at present * Afternoon Tea – another one has been requested, but need to look at the calendar   Mary Mitchell feels that co-ordination of the Social events has been very successful. |  |
|  | **Vision :**  For the next meeting (feedback) think about:  ***Message*** – what? Think about what we do in church that we think is important and what is it that we want to celebrate  ***Media*** – how? Think about how we want to ‘advertise’/share these things within our Church family (e.g. prayer chain, children’s work, food bank etc)  Send Karen Bailey your thoughts and ideas. | **Karen Bailey to send PCC to think about** |
|  | **AOB**   * Our Time for God volunteer – Maggie Rendells – has arrived. Karen Perry asked that we verify her passport. * Lucy Brewster will be starting her training soon, and goes to her induction on Saturday. The PCC wish her all the blessings on her new venture. Lucy Brewster will stay on the PCC for the foreseeable future as General Synod member. * Christmas Eve services – David Brewster wanted people’s thoughts on services on Christmas Eve. We need to do Midnight Communion (First Communion of Christmas), and 2 x Christingles, but then what shall we do in the morning? – It was decided to hold a whole parish worship at 9.30am. * Steph Haynes asked whether the chalice that was lent to St George’s in Nov 2015 is it still being used? David Brewster will check that it is still required. It has been signed for, so we have a record of its placement. They also have part of a candlestick. * Boaz Trust - SBC are looking to host homeless women one night per week through the winter months. David Brewster asked whether we could create a supportive team, or provide some volunteers to make up a team. David Brewster to ask Steve Hough to come and talk to the congregation. Pray on this matter. * Sleep out – postponed till 2018. |  |
|  | Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 17th October 2017 |  |
|  | Meeting closed at 21:43 |  |