

**Great and Little Gransden Joint PCC Mission &  
Ministry Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Barnabas Oley School**

**Present:**

The Revd. Catharine Furlong, Betty Bates , Rob Chignell, Sheila George, Rachel Fogg, Tony Bevens, Jennifer Wilkinson, Mark Gostick, Andy Greaves, Nick Wareham, Sue Lawrence

**Minutes**

**Welcome – Apologies for absence and prayers**

Apologies were received from:

Andrew Fogg, Janice Brown, Helen Catmur, Stephen Sullivan, Iain Strath, Donald Lester,

**1. Approval of minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 meeting**

The minutes were approved unanimously and a copy signed by CF

**2. Matters Arising from (1)**

- a. Thank you cards distributed and much appreciated, with good positive feedback
- b. 4.2.4 RF to put notice in Roundabout looking for help on Christian Aid
- c. 4.2.5 1 ongoing application for organist position and references being waited on by CF currently
- d. 4.2.6 CF confirmed that the modern version of the Lords' prayer is used in school
- e. 7 – CF thanked BB for organising LG church fete
- f. RF is looking for volunteers to help with GG fete on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30; LG fete is on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**3. Worship & pastoral matters**

The service sheet for Lent and Holy Week was taken as read, with the clarification that Easter Sunday should be LG rather than GG as stated.

3.1 CF thanked all for their help with pastoral care and for input to services over the Christmas period

3.2 RC and NW provided feedback on Midnight Mass, suggesting the start time be moved to 11:15 in future to allow Communion to be taken after Midnight

3.3 The All Age Worship pattern was reviewed as it has been a year since it was altered. Consensus was to leave it at 10am

3.4 Preparations for the electoral roll are in hand, SG assisting Sue Lawrence; JW assisting Mark Doggett

#### **4. Diocesan strategy discussion**

**CF** Introduced the document “People Fully Alive: Ely 2025” which people have had an opportunity to review prior to the meeting. She invited discussion on the 5 levers that are used as the organising theme in the document. Some of the points raised are captured in the following bullets:

##### **a. Nurture**

Parish links to overseas ministry through CF

Confirmation classes

School links

Advent and Lent groups

Development courses available through Deanery and Diocese

Baptist chapel café example

Organised trips and events – Parish away weekends and Pilgrimages

Get out of the building and be visible

##### **b. Develop**

Children are key – where are they? How to bring them in?

Shared spaces and activities

##### **c. Serve**

Congregation support to international Gospel ministry eg Massai Warriors, Watoto Choir

Interaction with local community, eg Mind, foodbanks

Chaplaincy Volunteering and Carol Singing

Congregation support those in community

Hospitality

##### **d. Re-Imagine**

##### **e. Welcome newcomers into Church**

Development plan for LG church – get ahead of the game by initiating a plan rather than reacting to one

Simplify the administrative burden eg by joining together PCC meetings – again, anticipate the direction of travel NW/RF to initiate meeting with Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy

- f. Target  
Finances – Group treasurers meeting re ministry share for group

## **5. AOB**

- a. Lenten activities – RF to liaise with school on activities eg for Vellore in South India
- b. Reading Rota – SG has successfully introduced Doodle Poll to coordinate this which is being trialled for a few months

## **6. Date of next meetings**

APCM – 19<sup>th</sup> April 7:30, School Hall

Joint Ministry and Mission – Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at school

## **7. Closing Prayer**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9pm