

Great and Little Gransden Joint Group PCC  
Mission & Ministry Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7:30pm  
Barnabas Oley School

**Present:**

The Revd. Catharine Furlong, Betty Bates, Rob Chignell, Sheila George, Tony Bevens, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson, Mark Gostick, Jane Middleton, Donald Lester, Rachel Fogg, Nick Collett, Nick Wareham, Stephen Sullivan, Philip George (for item 3)

**Minutes**

**Welcome – Apologies for absence and prayers**

CF welcomed all to the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from:

Andrew Fogg, George Donovan, Ian Ramsey

**1. Approval of minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 meeting**

It was noted that BB and RF had also attended safeguarding training. Further noted that the change to arrangements for Christian Aid collection arose from discussion instigated by CF. Subject to these additions, the minutes were approved unanimously and a copy signed by CF. (Proposed RC, Seconded IS)

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

- Angela Steele has not been able to complete level 3 safeguarding training as yet, due to illness. Philip George in his role as safeguarding officer will follow up and ensure it is undertaken when appropriate

**3. Safeguarding**

- PG read out the PCC safeguarding policy which was discussed. It was agreed that it should be altered to read “will be given appropriate safeguarding training”.
- The safeguarding policy was adopted subject to this alteration and approved unanimously (proposed NW, Seconded BB). It will be reviewed annually at the January meeting: **Action PG**

- It was proposed that Philip George be appointed Safeguarding Officer (proposed RF, Seconded JW), approved unanimously.
- Following discussion it was agreed that given the small size of the organization it was more appropriate that safeguarding training and DBS checks be undertaken after a leader or worker was in role rather than as part of an appointment process. Safeguarding Officer to ensure compliance
- It was reiterated that the church will meet mileage costs incurred in training (at 33p/mile) where appropriate

#### 4. **Worship & pastoral matters**

- CF thanked everyone for their work over Advent and Christmas period.
- The Lent and Holy week schedule was taken as read (copy on file)
- CF recorded thanks to Donald Lester for his long service in preparing service sheets and delivering them to those involved in the past. He has now handed the latter over to SG
- There was a discussion about number of sidespeople and whether it was possible for them to be a “shared” resource.
- Following recent bad weather there was a discussion about what service to perform in the absence of a priest. It was concluded that ante-communion was the most appropriate form. Proposed SG, seconded JW, approved
- AAW committee has no chair. Current members are TB, SG, IS, Tamsyn Hadden, Angela Steele, Teresa Miller, Nick Walton, Lynn Walton occasionally Dan Whiddett and RF
- Mission and Outreach committee: JW chairs. Has member from LG (Alison) and Waresley (Christine) but not from Abbotsley
- Sunday School – Teresa Miller wishes to stand down at Easter, suggestions regarding replacement to CF. **Action: All**
- PCC members: MG stepping down at ACPM, all others wish to stay

#### 5. **Mission and Outreach**

- USPG: `October event raised over £100 for USPG
- Winter comfort: Carol and Guy Davis helped organize a very successful collection
- Stamps for Moggerhanger – still ongoing
- A swimathon is being held as last year, proceeds shared between Rotary and GG – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm
- Fair Trade Fortnight, organizing an event 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> March at Reading Rooms as government matches any proceeds raised during the period
- Christian Aid – Need to fix a Sunday for envelope distribution and collection in church, and also for distribution in Roundabout.

## **6. Diocesan matters**

- No meetings since last report.

## **7. Dates**

21/2 LG PCC meeting

27/2 GG PCC meetign

31/3 – Catharine retires

15/4 -Catharines last service at 10:30, followed by lunch at LGVH

17/4 – ACPM at school, 7:30pm. NW to chair. Reports for ACPM due 17/3 – RC to ask AF if he is willing to write this. IS to book school

Next Joint PCC meeting: 1th September 2018 at 7:30

## **8. AOB**

- During the interregnum there are the following provisions in place for:
  - Baptism – Janice Brown
  - Marriage Prep – Priest who is to officiate at wedding
  - Funerals and Bereavement – Tony Bevens
  - Pastoral visits – Tony Bevens
- NW offered to take on Data Protection obligation (proposed RF, seconded JW)
- CF initiated a discussion on the ned for a Development Action Plan and for extracts to appear in the ACPM papers. After extensive discussion it was agreed that the format proposed by Diocese for these plans was not

appropriate and that a plan would be based on the Parish Profile being prepared by IS/NW as part of discussion with the Rural Dean as part of the process to identify a new priest

Signed as a true record: