

Great and Little Gransden Joint Group PCC
Mission & Ministry Meeting
19th September 2017, 7:30pm
Barnabas Oley School

Present:

The Revd. Catharine Furlong, Betty Bates, Ian Ramsey, Rob Chignell, Sheila George, Tony Bevins, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson, Mark Gostick, Jane Middleton, Donald Lester, Rachel Fogg, Nick Collett

Minutes

Welcome – Apologies for absence and prayers

CF welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received from:

Andrew Fogg, Nick Wareham, Stephen Sullivan

1. Approval of minutes of 17th January 2017 meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously and a copy signed by CF

2. Matters Arising from (1)

- CF thanked TB for organizing Lent films
- Evening services – although more practical, the new pattern had made no change in attendance. It was agreed to keep the pattern for a trial year.
- Services on the 5th Sunday will stay at 6pm, starting in November

3. Worship & pastoral matters

CF thanked those responsible for the information provided
CF noted that Janice Brown would be reauthorized as ALM and Angela Steele would be authorized as ALM for youth ministry at a service in Gamlingay

4. Youth Work

As an update to the presentation by Angela Steele, CF noted that:

- She has partnered with Urban Saints (see email on file)
- She is currently looking for 2 additional leaders

- She has started looking for children (11-18) to participate

Following discussion CF will ask Angela Steele to confirm whether she has done an appropriate safeguarding course as well as DBS checks. **Action CF**

5. Safeguarding

The paper was taken as read. In discussion it was agreed that:

- There was a safeguarding course on 25/11 of 4 hours duration for those who wish to go – DL and NC were volunteering
- The Safeguarding policy should be reviewed every year as part of the January agenda
- As a result of changes being recommended, it was thought appropriate that all officers of the PCC should be subject to a DBS and complete a 1 hour online safeguarding course as a minimum
- There was a vote of thanks to Philip George (Safeguarding Officer) for his ongoing work in this role, and a recommendation to invite him to participate in meetings when this issue is on the agenda

6. Mission and Outreach

JW discussed the upcoming Christian Aid campaign. She said it is very difficult to enroll collectors and suggested envelopes may need to be distributed and collected through Church, Roundabout and school book bags. In any event, she needs help to organise and request it be part of the January agenda.

Other points:

- Refreshments will be provided at the 9:30 service on 19 Oct where USPG will participate
- Group service in December collection to Winter Comfort
- Collecting stamps for Moggerhanger throughout Advent
- Philip Soar has resigned from Abbotsley Mission and Outreach committee

7. Forthcoming services

Paper taken as read

- a. RF is standing down as Church Warden at the ACPM. She has expressed a desire to continue on the Deanery synod.

8. AOB

- LG church bazaar on 5th November at LGVH
- CF stated that a candidate was being interviewed for the vacancy at Gamlingay
- A good meeting had been held on 2nd September at Deanery where it was stressed that the group want to maintain the position of a stipendiary ordained person based at GG following Catharine's retirement

9. Dates

Come and sing 1st October at GG

Date of Next meeting: 16th January 2017 at 7:30

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Signed as a true record: