

St. Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden & SS. Peter and Paul Church Little Gransden

Minutes of the Joint PCC Meeting 28 January 2015

Present: The Revd. Catharine Furlong, Betty Bates, Rachel Fogg, Rob Chignell, Sheila George, Stephen Sullivan, Tony Bevens, Iain Strath, Nick Wareham, Jennifer Wilkinson, Mark Gostick, Helen Catmur,

Apologies: Andrew Fogg, Andy Greaves, Donald Lester, Janice Brown, Craig Santus

The meeting opened at 19:45 with prayers and The Revd. Catharine Furlong welcomed everyone..

1. Minutes of Joint PCC Meeting 10th September 2014

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record.

2. Matters Arising

4. CF thanked those involved with the harvest tea.

5(a) Was not Jenny Capps who was the liaison, but nobody can recall who it was

5(b) CF thanked JW re the welcome cards. SG commented that the St Neots foodbank had been overwhelmed at harvest time, perhaps alternatives should be looked to next year.

6. IS commented that it had been impossible to determine from the data available whether the alteration of service patterns had had an impact on attendance.

7. IS and MG to supply minutes to SG

3. Worship & Pastoral Matters

(a) A sheet with the dates and times for Lent and Holy Week has been distributed

(b) Good Friday at 10am will be Liturgy of the Cross led by TB

(c) Deanery evensong dates times also published

(d) Lenten visit to Walsingham is fully subscribed

(e) TB will lead Lenten groups in the village

4. Mission & Outreach

(a) Copy of the M&O subcommittee meeting on 20 Jan is on file

(b) 8th March 2015 will be Fairtrade stall

5. "A Big Thank You"

There was discussion about this initiative and it was decided to order 100 of each type of card for use in the parishes, and to make an announcement in Roundabout. **Action RF**

6. Strategy Consultation

The majority of the meeting was given over to a discussion about feedback from the ongoing strategy consultation being undertaken by the Diocese, with feedback on recent meetings given by RF, CF, SG and NW.

It was agreed to submit a response to the on-line survey on behalf of the joint PCC (**action MG**) and also to encourage others to respond to this survey also (**action all**).

The general sentiment of the meeting was that the Strategy consultation was a hollow exercise which largely ignored the needs of rural parishes and provided little if any opportunity to participate in a genuine dialogue about strategy development.

7. Diary Dates

APCM- 21st April, school Hall at 7:30pm

Reports into Philip by 8th March to allow collation, published and in church by 5th April

LG Fabric and Finance Meeting 17th March

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8. Date of Next Meeting

29th September 2015 7:30 at Barnabas Oley.

9. The meeting closed with the Grace at 9:05pm.

Signed and Dated

Revd. Catharine Furlong