

Great and Little Gransden Joint Group PCC  
Mission & Ministry Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Barnabas Oley School

**Present:**

The Revd. Catharine Furlong, Betty Bates , Rob Chignell, Sheila George, Stephen Sullivan, Tony Bevens, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson, Mark Gostick, , Andy Greaves, Rachel Fogg, Janice Brown, Sheila Thompson, Sue Laurence, George Donovan, Ian Ramsey, Sue Burgess, Neville Chapman, David Taine, Jane Middleton,

**Minutes**

**Welcome – Apologies for absence and prayers**

CF welcomed all, especially those from Waresley who were joining the Group meeting for the first time. Unfortunately no one from Abbotsley was able to attend.

**Apologies** were received from:

Andrew Fogg, Donald Lester, Julie Wisson, Nick Wareham, Guy Davis, Christine Badcock, Louise Wigan, Colin Croot, Philip Soar,

**1. Elections**

*i. Secretary*

M Gostick was prepared to stand for the post, no other candidate came forward. MG proposed by IS, seconded JW, elected unanimously

**2. Approval of minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 meeting**

The minutes were approved unanimously and a copy signed by CF

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

2F – CF thanked Rachel Fogg and Alison Wareham for all their efforts, and also all stall holders at GG and LG church fetes

4. Treasurers had met to agree parish share and have notified Diocese

**4. Worship & pastoral matters**

The service sheet for Advent and Christmas was taken as read

**4.1** CF highlighted that there is some uncertainty over precise arrangements for Christmas due to potential reorganisations flowing from Ely 2025 strategy. As it stands TB will take the 10am service at Waresley and CF the 10:30 at LG on Christmas Day.

**4.2** Discussion on the various sub-committees:

**4.2.1 Group mission & Outreach**

Alison Wareham, Philip Soar and Christine Badcock have joined JW on this committee. Organising meetings continues to be tricky, and more members are needed. **Action: all**

**4.2.2 All Age Worship**

Rachel Greaves, Iain Strath and Angela Steele have joined this committee which still has SG acting as Chair *ad interim*. Suggestion was to ask Guy Davis and Sarah Bonnet if they would join. **Action: SG**

**4.3 Sidespeople**

There are sufficient in GG and LG; Waresley on borderline, Abbotsley need to find more

**4.4 Reading Rota**

Sufficient people in GG and LG; Waresley need to find more.

**4.5 Fire Plans**

CF asked if Sidespeople have a role in evacuation of the building in case of fire during a service and whether they are aware of it. In Waresley this is the case, in LG the Churchwardens fill the role. In GG the Sidespeople need to be briefed. **Action: RF**

**5. Mission and outreach**

**5.1 Events:**

**See sheet distributed by JW**

- 30<sup>th</sup> November, visiting preacher from USPG Naomi Herbert
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Baptism in GG on same day as Giving Day
- There will be no posada this year

**5.2 Churchyard plans**

CF queried the location of these, as there have been requests to identify where individuals are buried. CF has the plan for Waresley, LG is in Church, GG in the safe; however the record

for GG is not maintained as the churchyard was closed to burial in 1928. Cremated remains area still open for use.

## **6. Safeguarding Officer for GG and LG**

**6.1** CF noted that Philip George wished to step down from the role, and thanked him for his service. Any thoughts on a replacement to CF. **Action: All**

## **7. School Foundation Governor**

RF has resigned from the role following 15 years of service. CF passed her thanks for this. CF noted that the role vacated is for a representative from the GG and LG parishes. After discussion it was proposed that Iain Strath (currently a coopted governor) be appointed to the role. This was proposed by RF, seconded by RC. Secretary to write and notify the Diocese. **Action: MG**

## **8. Youth Ministry**

CF outlined a proposal she had received from Angela Steele to start an ecumenical youth group which would meet twice a month starting from late October. Angela has also discussed this with Chris Duffet, Pastor of the Baptist Church and CF, and assembled a group to lead and mentor her with a wide range of relevant experiences.

After broad ranging discussion it was agreed that the idea of a youth group in the parishes is one to be encouraged. It was felt that the task of organizing may be simpler for Angela if she used an umbrella organization such as "Urban Saints" which will help with a lot of the administrative details. CF to discuss this with Angela and invite her to the next Group PCC meeting to talk about her plans – a copy of which will be circulated to the PCC members by CF. Following that discussion, it will be clearer to the Group PCC how they can help engage with Angela on this initiative.

## **9. Diocesan and Deanery**

There is a pastoral planning meeting on 14 Sept to discuss the vacancy at Gamlingay

## **10. Diary Dates**

- LG autumn bazaar 12/11/16 2:30 LGVH
- GG Gift day 1/10/16 10-12 to support roof fund
- GG Church Fete 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 2:30
- Lenten weekend being planned around 17/3/17
- Fabric and Finance PC meetings:
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Abbotsley
  - 15 Oct LG
  - 18 Oct Waresley
  - 8 Nov GG
- Group Christingle 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at 4pm, Abbotsley
- It was agreed that Evening Prayer should be moved to 4pm during the months when we are on GMT.

**11. Date of next meeting**

Was agreed to be 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7:30 pm

**12. Closing Prayer**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm