

West Swindon & the Lydiards Church Partnership

Meeting of PC on 28 April 2011 at All Saints Church.

Present:			
Chair: Treasurer: Secretary: Ecumenical Team Leader	Dick Gray Sue Green Chris Scarisbrick	St Mary's:	Pat Watson
All Saints:	Tudor Roberts Simon Belcher Mary Poole David Ratnum	Toothill:	(Anne Carter) Dave Carter Ruth Kiddle
Holy Trinity:	Janet Clarke (Anne Carter)	Westlea:	Chris Scarisbrick Julie Scarisbrick Peter Gilder
In attendance:	Brenda Hicks (Minutes)		
Apologies:	Clive Deverell, Craig Tranfield		
Not Present:			

1 JC Opening Prayers

Music played 'Deliverer' from 'Eternity Invades' by Vicky Beeching

2 Welcome

DG welcomed the members to our meeting.

3 Apologies for absence:

Clive Deverell, Craig Tranfield

4 Matters for AOB

Payroll queries from HTS
Mileage rates for ministers
Support for 'Thrive'
Letterheads

5 Minutes of PC meeting 27 January 2011 (DG)

Minutes signed as accurate.

Minutes of AGM meeting 26 March 2011

Minutes signed as accurate.

6. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Ex officio on PCC Simon Belcher, Mary Poole, David Ratnum, Craig Tranfield and Pat Watson are not automatically elected to PC. PC happy to co-opt them.
David Burch is also ex-officio PCC, but does not wish to serve on PC.

7. Appointment of Officers

Chair: Revd Dick Gray to continue.
Vice Chair: Left open.
Secretary: Chris Scarisbrick
Treasurer: Sue Green formally appointed

8 Ministry

Appointment of Tricia Roberts as non-stipendiary minister in the partnership.

The PC were happy to approve the appointment and recognise the gifts that Tricia brings to the team, but concerns were raised about denominational imbalance Letters had been written by HTS and TH, and others expressed their concerns verbally. There were also concerns raised about availability of ministers visiting other churches in the partnership and whether this appointment would ease the situation. In its present form it will probably not have much impact. The PC recognised the Robert's family responsibilities, but would like to also consider if there is any leeway for Tudor to have a wider involvement. **DG to follow up with Diocese.**

An absence of **Methodist Lay ministry** was noted.

To help with the imbalance of Anglican / non conformist on the staff team, it was decided to **consider appointing Mike Dilly**, but there are many questions to be asked including financial implications. **DG to progress.**

Di Benbow Emeritus status

Permission to officiate as licence due for renewal. **PC happy to continue.**

Review of Anne Carter

Anne's 5 year licence appointment expires in 18 months. Anne would like to extend her period and would like it to be open-ended. At present this is not so due to denomination needs for rotation.

There will be a performance review which could begin before Anne goes on Sabbatical. **DG to set up process.**

Ministers away 24 Hours.

Graham Sparks led ministers on an excellent day recently. The team are enthusiastic to repeat quality time together, seeking funding to go to Nympsfield overnight. PC agreed.

Intercessions

Ideas are needed to make more intentional links between churches through intercessions. Need a lay person to take it on and lead it.

9 Finance

Ticking along as expected, looking good at the moment.

Greenbelt put £2,000 into Mix festival.

Still anticipating having to use £10,000 of reserve.

Baptist Union GB Pension issue; Due to a large deficit in BU pension fund, there will likely be a need to keep paying pension funds to them for some time after the end of Anne's Ministry. Sue reminded us though, that things will improve financially generally in the country, and so we don't anticipate this will be a problem. .

HMRC has increased the mileage expenses from 40p to 45p per mile. Discussion also revealed that this rate is payable for all journeys up to 10,000 miles per year (25 p per mile over 10,000). Previously staff had understood that journeys over 30 miles should be calculated at a lower rate. . PC approved relying on their guidelines. Takes effect from 6th April 2011.

HTS would like to pay their cleaner via the Partnership payroll; PC approved
Thrive (youth confirmation class) support will cost £30 per week; PC approved.

10 Goals

Messy church getting more attendance from a wider age range..

Mix festival coming along well.

Emerge and Careforce worker; Doreen leaving in August. Will be joint service 31 July at St Mary's and BBQ/picnic to say farewell at that time. Also songs of praise in the walled garden. Doreen's replacement is likely to be Imogen Kershaw.

Buildings work; St Mary's roof repair progress is very slow due to it being a listed building. The HTS new door is now successfully installed.

All Saints still looking into multimedia system, new toilets and comfortable pews.

Development of lay people not covered as Clive was away.

11 Partnership Council

Charity Registration is done and has a number 1141341.

Letterheads; ministers asking for submissions of new ideas from church by end of May.

AGM 2011 it was agreed Saturday afternoon not a good time and not well attended.

AGM 2012 should be on a Sunday and link it in with a meal, HTS looks best as has more space. Possible date 29 April 2012.

Recognition; The Pastoral Skills course attendees need to be recognised as available, where appropriate, to any of the churches in the Partnership. Certificates to be awarded at the next Partnership service.

Safe to grow coordinators rolls to be recognised.

12 Partnership Matters

Summer Course; to be discussed at staff team meeting.

Confirmation 08 June at ASLM. Will have use of village hall.

AS litigation; SB has been contacted to expand his statement. Ecclesiastical still working on defending us to the hilt. A statement will be sent to the charity commission.

Social Activities; more things encouraging interaction together needed. Westlea are going to Urchfont to a scarecrow festival. Walking treasure hunt and barn dance were suggested.

Open house for pizza and puddings at the Manse, Toothill on May 2nd.

18 June LM garden party.

13 Other Matters

None

14 Next meeting

18 July 2011. Venue TBA. Opening devotions SB

15 Closing Prayer –

All shared in the Grace.