

**ST MARY'S PRESTWICH**  
**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018**

**1. Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened in prayer by Julia Dutton.

**2. Present**

Chris Wedge (chair)  
Stewart Barnet  
Julia Dutton  
Adele McKie  
Carole Barnet  
Owen Edwards  
Barbara Dutton  
Sandra Fenge  
Max MaCarthy  
Helen Parsons  
Fred Plant  
Tony Smith  
Dorothy Sutcliffe  
Savannah Alexander

**Apologies**

Susie Mapledoram  
Emma Chadwick  
Tony Carter  
Rachel Connolly  
Hazel Froggatt  
Catriona Holmes  
Alicia Sukonik

Chris Wedge welcomed Savannah Alexander as a co-opted member to the PCC.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22.05.18**

It was proposed by Tony Smith, seconded by Sandra Fenge and agreed by all present that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 be accepted as a correct record. They were signed as such by Chris Wedge.

**4. Matters arising**

**a. GDPR**

Carole Barnet updated the PCC in respect of the audit and actions undertaken to ensure the PCC's compliance with GDPR. The PCC noted that compliance will be achieved by September 2018.

**b. Action log**

The action log was reviewed and it was noted that all actions had been completed.

### **c. Food and Faith Group**

It was proposed by Julia Dutton, seconded by Fred Plant and agreed by all present that the Food and Faith group for July would be held at Solita Restaurant on 18.17.18.

### **d. Graveyard regulations**

Chris Wedge presented a request for a gravestone design which is outside of the graveyard regulations and which he had therefore turned down. Consequently the family have now made a faculty application to the Diocese.

Although this is now a decision for the Diocese to make, the PCC's view was being asked for as part of the decision making process.

After review of the proposed design and discussion it was proposed by Helen Parsons, seconded by Max MaCarthy and agreed by all present that the PCC did not support the application and would encourage the chancellor to reject it.

## **5. Report from the Standing Committee**

The report from the standing committee was presented and the following decisions made by the standing committee were ratified:

- To run a stewardship campaign during Lent 2019. Proposed by Julia Dutton, seconded by Dorothy Sutcliffe, agreed by all present.
- To approve an 11% pay rise for the organist (being the national 'going rate'). Proposed by Sandra Fenge, seconded by Max MaCarthy, agreed by all present.
- To approve a £300 budget for refreshments following Owen's first Eucharist service. Proposed by Sandra Fenge, seconded by Fred Plant, agreed by all present.
- To approve the following dates:  
8 September 2018 – Afternoon tea to be held in the rectory garden / church  
15 + 16 September 2018 – Heritage weekend  
Proposed by Stewart Barnet, seconded by Helen Parsons, agreed by all present.

## **6. Parish Share**

Adele McKie presented a summary of the discussions which had taken place with representatives from the Diocese to agree the parish share contributions for 2018, 2019 + 2020.

It was proposed by Julia Dutton, seconded by Dorothy Sutcliffe and agreed by all present that the negotiated parish share contributions of £44,150, £46,000 and £47,500 for 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively be approved.

## **7. Nominated Charities**

In line with the mission action plan and the PCC's approved charitable giving policy, it was agreed to run a congregational survey to select the three nominated charities for 2019.

Following discussion it was agreed that the congregation be asked to select one local, one national and one international charity from the following list:

### **Local**

Grace's Place

22<sup>nd</sup> Prestwich Scouts

Food4All

**National**

Ronald McDonald House  
Alzheimer's Society  
Big White Wall

**International**

Christian Aid  
Water Aid  
USPG

**8. Questions from DeMPaCom**

Chris Wedge explained that the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee had asked the PCC to consider 4 questions. The suggested responses as circulated with the papers were agreed.

**9. Mission Action Plan**

The Mission Action Plan was reviewed and it was noted that the focus of the September meeting would be to discuss and agree an adult nurture programme which would enable growth in confidence and depth of faith and to decide how best to communicate details of this programme to the wider congregation.

Chris Wedge asked PCC members to identify those things they were grateful for. Responses included:

- The number of confirmation candidates
- Growing church
- Welcome
- Church family and support
- Leadership
- Different age groups
- Inclusivity
- Ordinations
- God filled
- School worship
- Young people
- Child friendly

**10. Date and time of next meeting** *(to be held in church unless otherwise notified)*

**PCC: 7.15pm Eucharist, 7.45pm Business**

11 September 2018  
13 November 2018  
8 January 2019  
12 March 2019

**Standing Committee: 7.30pm**

14 August 2018  
16 October 2018  
11 December 2018  
12 February 2019

Agreed as a correct record at the PCC meeting held on 11 September 2018