**PCC Minutes**

**St Matthew’s Vicarage,** Tuesday 18th July 2017, 7.30pm

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|  | **Opening thoughts and prayer** at **19:37**  David Brewster opened with the phrase ‘The Lost’ (not a phrase that we commonly use today), but having a heart for those that don’t know Jesus is what we are called to.  Today’s reading from Luke 19:41-end, talks about Jesus weeping for the city in disarray, and about Him turning over the tables in the temple in disgust. Similarly, are we ‘bothered’ enough about those in our parish, and/or do we need to ‘turn over tables’ in any areas? |  |
|  | **Present -** Rev David Brewster, Lois Haslam, Graham Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Roy Higham, Lucy Brewster, Lois Scarisbrick, Ken Hazeldine, Steph Haynes, Arthur Bullock, Rev Julie Johnson, Karen Perry  **Apologies:** David Brown, Julie Okundaye, Andrew Okundaye, Pam Robinson, Rev Peter Jennings, John Hodkinson, Mike Taylor, Grace Anderson, Beryl Hubble  **Others in attendance:** Sylvia Parker, Karen Bailey, |  |
|  | **Minutes of the last meeting**  If approved, minutes will be posted on the website.  Approved as an accurate record of the meeting. |  |
|  | **Matters arising**   * Time for God – we need to collate documents before Maggie arrives. Karen Parry to liaise with Karen Bailey. * Re: risk assessments for every social event – David Brewster has read through information from Ecclesiastical, and suggested we create a generic document for all social events. Steph Hayes, David Brewster and Pam Robinson to liaise * Tudor Trust report – 3rd year report is now available. * Telecoms – consultation period has ended, the faculty has been submitted and we are waiting for information from the chancellor. * Boiler – we now have a new boiler in the kitchen. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * Update   Sylvia Parker presented the finances to the PCC   * Funds raised at the Summer Fair was approximately £880 |  |
|  | **Community update**  The last few weeks have been all about the summer fair. Huge thanks to all who helped behind the scenes (especially Gill, Naomi and Linda, plus a donation of balloons from Forget Me Not card shop) as well as all those who helped on the day. It was a great community event as well raising almost £900  **Funding update:**  A. Tudor Trust Year 3 Report has been sent to the Trust. The final grant should now be paid. Work is underway for an initial bid to Reaching Communities (National Lottery) for funding beyond 2018. We are receiving support regarding consultation from Stockport Together and Stockport Homes.  B. Youth on the Edge - funding secured for the holiday programme from Equity Foundation and local Ward Flexibility Funding.  C. Funding at the Olive - unsuccessful at securing funding for the summer lunch club but applying to the Ready to Grow Fund (Stockport Council) to help prepare for a new way of encouraging local business, and Equity Foundation for a grant towards a Pilot work project, aimed at building confidence and skills for work.  **Other news:**  Write the Bible workshop (part of our Y Bible initiative) was a great afternoon, with 13 people attending from a variety of churches. Another writing workshop will be planned, as well as the Bible Art Journaling session in October.  The Edgeley Partnership are holding another Discover Edgeley event at York Street Community Centre on Tuesday 25 July, 3-6. Do pop in and see what's going on locally!  Little Giggles nursery had their leavers celebration in church in July. We are building a good relationship with the staff as well as the parents. The nursery will give a donation in due course, which will go into church funds.  **Next events:**  Heritage Open Day Saturday 9 September, 10-4  Community Open Day Saturday 23 September, 11-3 |  |
|  | **Synod report**  Lucy Brewster will provide a full report in due course, but 2 things to report:   1. Dr Rachael Jordan wanted to talk to Lucy at Synod, because she was interested in our work around mission and evangelism (at Lent group ‘Our Stories’ and the Season of Invitation), and has asked Lucy to write an article for the Talking Jesus Project. 2. Bishop Nigel Stock (previous Bishop of Stockport) is retiring. |  |
|  | **BFG**   * Purchase of 99 Chatham Street – David Brewster thanked all those that read through the paperwork (Steph Hayes, Mike Taylor, Graham Mitchell, Arthur Bullock, David Brewster, John Hodkinson). There is nothing to stop us signing the papers and moving forward now, but there are some questions to be asked: * How much money will we receive from the sale of St Augustine’s? * How much can we gain for ‘loss of amenity’ for losing a vicarage? * Who maintains the boundary between us and Vicarage Gardens? * Will we receive a bill from the diocese?   In the event of selling on – there are restrictions to ‘who’ we can sell onto, and restrictions for the trigger to ‘overage’ that have all been agreed with Steph Hayes, Mike Taylor and David Brewster.  Steph Hayes reminded those present of the benefits of purchasing the building.  A resolution was read out “that the purchase of 99 Chatham Street, Edgeley form the Chester Diocesan Board of Finance be approved.”  ***Proposed by Graham Mitchell, and seconded by Karen Perry (as identified signatories). All in favour.***  A date for completion will be set following communications from George Coleville. |  |
|  | **Churchwarden’s update**  Nothing to report |  |
|  | **Health and Safety**  Nothing to report |  |
|  | **Community hub**  The money that has come from equity housing that will go towards Holiday activities. |  |
|  | **Social**   * The Prevention Alliance – Steph Hayes has had a conversation with The Prevention Alliance, and is waiting for a response from them. * Afternoon Tea – another date has been set for 19 August * There have been a couple of requests for ‘bring and share’ after the whole parish worship, Steph Hayes will set some dates on a termly basis – starting with Harvest Lunch. |  |
|  | **AOB**   * Church refuse and recycling (SP) – it was noticed that when Di was away, the rubbish in church built up. The current arrangement is that Di takes our rubbish to her works bins, but this is not a long term solution, so we need a plan B. At present we do not pay Council Tax, so are not eligible for regular bin collection. It was suggested that we make more groups using church that they need to remove their own rubbish, and having a ‘green initiative’ with the congregation. * We will start to recycle in Chatham Street. * Suggestion to use a hand dryer in the toilet to reduce use of paper towels. * David Truman – chalice license (Julie Johnson) David Truman is being inducted as a Server, and part of this training will be to administer the chalice. All are happy for David Truman to be licensed. * Porch and font alterations – in abeyance whilst we purchase 99 Chatham St, redevelop it and see how many funds are left. * Welcomers – we need more people to become Welcomers at the second service. This can be a notice for all. * The bell of St Mark’s has been rehomed as a treble bell in a church in Australia: Lindfield NSW. * Name for 99 Chatham Street – current suggestions: The Corner House; The Community Hub; St Matts House – more suggestions welcome. |  |
|  | The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace at **21:00** |  |
|  | Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2017 |  |