

Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C.

Monday 10th December 2018

Present: Rev Rob Powell (Chair), Anthony Alale, Rev Johan Allen, Alan Burrows, Lisa Burrows, Nick Burt, Frances Christian, John Farebrother, Liz Gibbons, Monica Gordon, Steve Linton, Yvonne Mason, Millie Miller, Femi Nzegwu, Susan Ribeiro, Adam Seymour-Davies, Stephanie Sulaiman, Glynis Wilkinson, Christina Contreras.

1. Welcome: Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies: Carol Burt, Grace Museve, Peter Neill.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Rob proposed as Chair to approve the minutes of the meetings on Monday 24th September and Sunday 28th October 2018 and they were agreed unanimously.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Fire Safety (item 4.1)

Quotations to carry out the works recommended in the recent Fire Safety inspections to the hall and church are very high. We are therefore taking advice and reviewing the recommendations before implementing a plan.

2. Review of Corporate Prayer (item 6)

A discussion about the future of corporate prayer held at the September PCC showed that there is agreement that we should continue holding a regular prayer meeting, but there was no consensus on day, time, regularity and format. Drawing on lessons from the recent Small Group re-launch, we will focus the next sermon and Small Group series on Corporate Prayer, canvass the church family on views and hold a special Sunday morning service at the end of March to give a taster of corporate prayer.

3. Church Day Out (item 7)

The next Church Day Out will be on Saturday 8 June 2019 to Latimer Minster, and the Weekend Away will be 12-14 June 2020 to Ashburnham Place, Sussex. Publicity for both will begin in early 2019.

4. Heating (28th Oct)

Heaters were installed in church, all inside budget and a certificate was issued.

5. Future of Furzedown Youth Centre

Geoff Vevers, Chair of FYC, was present at the meeting to inform a discussion regarding the future of FYC. (Please see document attached – ‘FYC Board Response to Proposed Changes’).

The FYC Board are convinced that a different approach is required to meet the changed context for youth work, perhaps employing an Outreach Worker (Full Time) to lead a re-shaped model. Discussions are on-going and advice will be sought from other organisations working in the field before any decisions are made.

Rob opened the floor for questions and comments after reading the FYC Board’s Response.

We paused for prayer at this time.

6. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented a positive report on the finances up to the end of October, with income slightly above budget and expenditure slightly below. The PCC also considered a draft budget for 2019 and will formally approve it at the January meeting after which it will be shared with the church family.

Reports attached.

7. Deanery Syrian Refugee Project

Rob reported that Tooting Deanery is considering becoming involved in the government’s scheme to resettle refugee families fleeing the war in Syria. (See attachment ‘Housing a Syrian Refugee Family’).

This would involve a small financial commitment for deanery churches to underwrite housing costs for a 2-year period.

Rob proposed as the Chair to collaborate with the project. The PCC agreed unanimously.

Nick proposed the amount of £100 monthly contribution as a start, Yvonne seconded the motion and it was agreed unanimously.

8. Christmas Programme

Saturday 15th December

4-7pm Furzedown Christmas Market – St James will have a pop-corn stand in Furzedown Project.

Sunday 16th December

3.30pm Children's Carol Service

7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December

11.15pm Christmas Communion

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December

10.30am All-Age Family Communion (Children are invited to bring a new toy to show)

Sunday 6th January

10.30am All-Age Family Service

9. No other business.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm with the Grace.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st January 2018