

A Report from the meeting of the PCC held on 4 June 2024

The Revd Canon Deb Smith held the chair, and seventeen members of the PCC were in attendance. Wendy Thorogood (PSO) joined us for the meeting.

Matters arising from the last PCC meeting.

There were no matters arising from 23 April's meeting.

Following the APCM on 19 May, the PCC had met for a short meeting to appoint the parish Treasurer (Janet Shaw), Secretary (Bridget Trump) and Electoral Roll Officer (James Craddock) to serve for another year.

At that meeting the lay Vice-Chair had not been appointed, but Paul Groom has since made a valid application and so has been elected for the year.

Although the Standing Committee has most members already identified the PCC does elect four named members each year to be available to participate when necessary. For 2024/25 they are: Lesley Hill, Steve Bartlett, James Craddock and Peter Carnell.

Team Rector's Report:

1. The new churchwarden team of Mandi Sturrock, Michele Craddock and John Adams have met with DS and Revd Cally, and their link roles have been identified. The new team will be building on the structures put in place over the past twelve months. Further details will be published in the parish news.
2. Canon Deb will be having a study leave sabbatical from September to November 2024 but will be back in the parish for Advent Sunday. The Ministry Team will be thinking about how to rationalise the provision of services across the parish, and she asked the PCC to support them in the decisions they make. She thanked everyone for their generosity as we do this.

Safeguarding:

Canon Deb introduced Wendy Thorogood, who has recently been recruited as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Wendy spoke about her career experience and her approach to engaging with us in the parish. She will be visiting all the churches and our activities, meeting and getting to know us. If you have any concerns, however minor, about any form of abuse or potential allegations, you witness or hear about, then a brief conversation with Wendy is advised. She has the skills to put small incidents together to build up the picture, and at the meeting we saw how approachable and pastoral her manner is. **Phone number: 07469 249014**

Health & Safety:

There had been an incident when a member of the public had been locked into one of our churches at the end of the day during the routine closing up process. People come into our buildings for sanctuary, but volunteers are reminded to look after themselves as they check the church when locking it up, and to do so before dusk. The Lone Working Policy will be reviewed.

Diocesan Synod/Deanery Synod/Churches Together

We no longer have a rep on Diocesan Synod. Deanery Synod meet later this month (and we have three lay members as well as the licensed clergy). Revd Philip has completed his term as chair of Churches Together although he will continue to organize some local events. The next meeting is on 28 June - Heather Purse has more details.

Sub-Committee:

Communications:

The new website is now live. It is primarily our outward looking face to the community, not an internal network, which is why the format is different to our old website. However, to achieve wide publicity for

church events, all organizers are encouraged to email information, posters, photos etc. to this email address for the editors to pick up - webmaster@parishofbridport.org

'parishofbridport.org' email addresses have been created for key post holders - details of many are in the Bridge magazine.

Governance:

The complete list of sub-committee leaders, members and link churchwardens will be displayed on each church notice board after the next PCC meeting, when the final names of non-PCC members have been selected for each local church sub-committee. The leaders were appointed for 2024/25:

Communications - Sue Pollock
EcoChurch - Janet Webster
Fabric - James Craddock
Finance - Graham Purse
Governance - Bridget Trump
Mission & Faith - Canon Deb
Pastoral - Diana Wright

A 'Major Project Approval Committee' was proposed, intended to reduce the work of both the Fabric and Finance sub-committees, if projects are expected to exceed £200,000. There was extensive discussion, but the proposal was carried with the group having named people able to make the necessary decisions. During the discussion weaknesses in the agility of the current sub-committees was identified, in addition to the need for greater clarity and detailed information when decisions are needed.

Some sub-committees could benefit from recruiting more volunteers to contribute to our parish in this way.

Fabric:

The PCC authorize a small number of people to make online applications under the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules for permission to undertake work on our churches or churchyards. A fourth person is required for this parish team.

Mission & Faith:

There is an overlap with the terms of reference for this group and the work with children and young people (CYP) as the group has become too unwieldy. Some topics or activities would be better overseen by the Pastoral Sub-Committee.

Parish Action Plan:

Progress has been made with identifying where our focus will be over the next three years, but more discussion will take place in a number of groups during the next few weeks. Local church sub-committees will be able to share details of new activities being discussed.

Notices:

1. General Election Husting on **Monday 17 June, 6.30** - 8pm in the United Church.
2. Revd John and Mrs Anne Rees will be licensed to the parish by Bishop Karen on **Tuesday 2 July, 2.30pm**. The service will be held in HTBRA, and all are welcome.
3. Revd Andrew Rawding will be licensed as the incumbent of Bride Valley Benefice on **Sunday 14 July at 11am** in Burton Bradstock. Bishop Stephen will be presiding.
4. **Sea Sunday - 14 July at 4pm**, Revd Cally will preach at the Churches Together service at West Bay.
5. The PCC gave approval for a Parish Tearfund Quiz evening on **Saturday 16 November**.

Date of next full PCC meeting: 23 July 2024.

Next Sub-Committee Meetings:

The following meeting dates are for information. Any input that you may want to have can be sent to the Leader (whose names are all listed on each church notice board).

Communications	Early September
EcoChurch	4pm Tuesday 18 June in SMBRI
Fabric	4pm Thursday 4 July in SMBRI
Finance	Tuesday 9 July
Governance	<i>To be arranged when issue identified.</i>
Mission & Faith	4pm Wednesday 19 June in SMBRI
Pastoral	??
Bridport & West Bay	7pm Tuesday 30 June in SMBRI
Allington	??
Bradpole	??
Bothenhampton	??
Walditch	??
Duty Wardens	2.30pm Tuesday 18 June in SMBRI

Bridget Trump, PCC Secretary
11 June 2024.

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