

**ST MATTHEW & ST NATHANAEL, BRISTOL
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
4 APRIL 2011**

Welcome

Mat Ineson welcomed all to the meeting and led the opening prayers.

Parish Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mat Ineson.

1 Election of Churchwardens

Name of Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
Polly Wingate-Saul	Philip May	Vanessa Conte
Philip May	Chris Smith	Gwynneth Pugh-Jones

Proposal: In the light of there being two candidates for two posts it was proposed that Polly and Phil be elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

Vote: Carried

With thanks and congratulations to the newly elected wardens Mat closed the meeting.

APCM

1 Apologies for absence

Brendan Baker	Pat Ison	Chris Smith
Gillian Baxter	Gillian Joomun	Catherine Smith
Max Beseke	Andrew Lucas	Sue Snowdon
Julie Browne	Mel Lucas	Helen Stroud
Stephen Browne	Andrew MacAllister	Nick Stroud
Chris Caithness	Pauline Roberts	Tracey Wheeler
Joyce Caithness	Sam Sayer	Richard Wheeler
Nigel Currie	Richard Sayer	Sarah Woodrow
Emma Ineson	Sue Sheppard	Ethel Wright

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Proposal that the minutes be accepted and signed.

Vote: Carried

The minutes were signed by Mat Ineson.

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Elections

a) (i) PCC

There were three vacancies and three nominations:

Name of Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
Cath Beseke	Ruth Rimmer	Sue Snowdon
Ruth Rimmer	Sue Snowdon	Cath Beseke
Helen Aberdeen	Jackie Burnell	Vanessa Conte

Proposal: that Cath, Ruth and Helen be elected to PCC

Vote: Carried

All three duly elected.

(ii) Deanery Synod Reps

There were three vacancies and three nominations:

Name of Candidate	Proposer	Secunder
Gwynneth Pugh-Jones	Vanessa Conte	Chris McConnell
Vicky Wright	Araminta Hull	Tim Snowdon
Tim Snowdon	Vicky Wright	Vanessa Conte

Proposal: that Gwynneth, Vicky and Tim be elected as Deanery Synod Reps

Vote: Carried

All three duly elected.

St Matthew's PCC membership now stands as:

Mat Ineson (Priest-in-Charge)	Helen Aberdeen
Phil May (Warden)	Cath Beseke
Polly Wingate-Saul (Warden)	Julia Dunn
Emma Ineson (Assistant Minister)	Mary Parsons
Joyce Caithness (Ass't Local Minister)	Gwynneth Pugh-Jones (Deanery Synod)
Tanya Lord (Curate)	Simon Pugh-Jones
Richard Pendlebury (LLM)	Ruth Rimmer
Vicky Wright (Community Minister & Deanery Synod)	Paul Rowlands (Treasurer)
	Tim Snowdon (Deanery Synod)
	Margaret Williams
	Sally Wood

Mat announced that the Commissioning of the new PCC would be held at the two services on Sunday 10 April 2011.

b) Assistant Wardens

Max Beseke, Will Hull, Mary Parsons, Tim Snowdon, Nick Stroud

The above list was presented to the meeting for approval together with the proposal that the Wardens should be free to appoint new members to the list as required.

Vote: approved.

It was noted that Tracey Wheeler had now retired as an Assistant Warden.

Mat pointed out that under the new welcoming arrangements there would be no Sidespeople but that all the team would be known as Welcomers (list with Sally Wood)

(After the meeting it was noted that Kyle Douglas should have been on the list but had been omitted from the list presented – Sec)

c) Leadership Team

It was proposed that the Leadership Team should be comprised of the Vicar, Wardens, Treasurer, Area Team Leaders and Richard Pendlebury as representative of the LLM's; and that the Leadership Team would act as the Standing Committee with powers to carry out the business of the PCC between meetings.

Vote: carried.

5 Reports

a) Electoral Roll

On behalf of the Electoral Roll Officer, Gillian Baxter, Mat reported that ten names had been removed from the roll (Joanna Awcock, Joseph Hickson, Rebecca Nurse, Philip Peacock, Jennifer Sisley, Edward Stocks, Stephen Osborne, Alise Trendall, Matthew Trendall, Marilyn Wright), seven names had been added (Clifford Jeal, Valerie Jeal, Glenn Lord, Maida Makotsi, Jeffery Plumb, James Rimmer, Jordan Wheeler) and that as a result the number on the roll now stood at 131.

b) PCC Report

This report is the document drawn up for the Charity Commissioners and the Diocese and sent to them. This year it was again made available electronically with hard copies made available for anyone requesting them. Mat invited questions and comments but there were none.

c) Fabric Report

This report was also published in the same way as the PCC report. Mat invited questions and comments; there were none. The long-standing and generous contribution to the care of the building by Steve Osborne (RIP June 2011) was acknowledged with great thanks for his life and work.

d) Finance Report

Paul Rowlands, the Treasurer, began his report with thanks to the congregation at large for their generous giving over the last year and to Andrew Wood in particular for all his help and support in the finance department. The formal report on the accounts had been circulated before the meeting so Paul highlighted some main points and took questions.

The headlines were that we continue to grow in what we do and our income; income has grown but expenditure has fallen; this resulted in a small surplus at the end of the year. Paul then illustrated the patterns of income and spending for the last few years using diagrams on power-point slides. Similarly he illustrated the sources of income and the trends in various aspects – planned giving, ancillary trading etc. and the proportions in which resources were spent for Parish Share, work of the church, management and admin, and grants. Parish Share continues to be the largest single expense for the church. In the work of the church the largest item is the salary bill. For ancillary trading, Playgroup is always a big income and spending item.

There were some questions and comments:

Why are we not spending so much?

- control of spending
- not so much on Parish share
- less on maintenance
- less on salary due to a reduction in the role of Youth minister.
- English Heritage grant received in 2010 against roof works completed in 2007/8

Should we re-establish the building fund?

- funds can be transferred into the Building Fund as necessary at any time.
- it is probably best to put money in for specific projects

What is happening with regard to Community Minister salary and Youth and Children's work?

- both posts are fully funded throughout 2011. The grant for the Community Minister runs until September 2011.
- specific income for youth and children's work continues to come in as designated support
- we will continue to investigate applying to other trusts

(The PCC will have to look at staffing levels for next year – 2012)

How much in reserves?

- we don't really have reserves as such, just the ability to adjust how we spend what we get – largely on managing Parish Share.

Parish Share – £77,000 was paid in 2009. Regular monthly payments totalling £48,000 were made during 2010. However, with monies surplus at the end of the year, the PCC decided to clear both the 2008 & 2009 liability of £17,688 and pay a further £14,000 in 2010 Parish Share. The PCC has promised £80,000 Parish Share for 2011.

We can manage our finances by determining just how much Parish Share we pay in any one year. However if we and others do not contribute then the Diocese has a shortfall. Already the Diocese has had to reduce spending and has lost posts at Church House putting pressure on the work there. The next cuts are likely to be in clergy posts. Our Deanery – staffed at present with 21 stipendiary posts - may have to go down to 16 and will have to look into how that can be managed.

Are we making attempts to cut costs – in heating, lighting, printing etc?

- yes, an example is a new photocopier has been acquired in order to manage our printing and save on out-sourced costs

- also the heating system needs upgrading and ways are being looked at to avoid the need to buy a new controller

This section of the meeting closed with a big thank you to Paul for all his work.

6 Appointments

a) Independent Examiner

It was proposed by Phil May, seconded by Andrew Wood, that Burton Sweet Chartered Accountants be retained as the Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

Vote: carried

b) Electoral Roll Officer

Mat told the meeting that Gillian Baxter had indicated that she would be willing to continue in this role for a further year. **It was proposed** by Issy Geissinger, seconded by Vanessa Conte, that Gillian's offer be accepted.

Vote: carried.

At this point, Mat told the meeting that Laura Pendlebury had taken on the role of Chair of the Playgroup Committee following the retirement of Jackie Burnell after a number of years of service – with thanks to Jackie. (Other members are Mat Ineson, Dominic Hubbuck, Chris McConnell and Paul Rowlands) Mat also reported that the Playgroup had recently received a good Ofsted report.

7 Annual Review document

Mat suggested that the meeting break up into small groups (three or four) to talk about the Annual Review and asked if anyone had any comments to make: encouragements, challenges, questions or concerns. After a short while Mat invited the meeting to comment:

- Question of acoustic tiles for the Hall was raised because it was noted that some people do not go down for coffee because of the noise – the matter is still on the agenda and work on investigating sound-damping continues.
- What about an online prayer wall – being explored.
- Things are on the up; we should recognise this; lots growing.
- Thank you to Rick Parsons for his technology report and all the work he does.
- Noted that the Dove Street Drop-In is being built on Joyce Stocks' involvement down there since 1991 – a very long time.
- Amazing amount of children's work. It was noticed that there were two pages and Youth work and many more on Children's work – partly because children's work is in the community as well as in-house and Rachel Clarke pointed out that she had not been in post for the whole year, so in some ways it was practical reasons that it should look like this.
- Encouraged by the report.

Song: *Great is thy faithfulness* – in thanks to God for all that is being reported.

8 Dove Street and The Ark

a) Dove Street

Tanya Lord reported on the beginnings of the Dove Street Drop-In which uses the Community Room and facilities and offers tea, cake and conversation to any who wish to come along. It was initially advertised by leafletting the flats. Relationships are growing into friendships and a few from the Drop-In are coming to Church or joining the Dove Street Pastorate. This is about being Church where people are and is appreciated that those who go from St Matthew's are meeting the people of Dove Street on their own patch.

Vicky then outlined possible opportunities for the future, though it is not possible to write a strategy, but rather wait for God to open doors. The demographic of those who meet at the Drop-In is not as expected and is in fact mostly young men rather than the expected mothers and small children. Some thoughts for the future might include

- Developing the Monday afternoons – mentoring friendships for the men
- A Mums and Toddlers group for the Somali community
- Further networking with other churches in the area
- Finding a larger space as things grow
- Involvement with Kingsdown Homegrown – using the balconies in Dove Street

Vicky went on to say that they have a superb team on Mondays with others from other churches as well; that they want to see if fully owned, prayed for and supported by St Matthew's, noting that both she and Tanya will be moving on and it is important that the work continues without them. Dove Street is important – yes, it's part of the parish, it hits the deprivation issues but actually it is important because they welcomed us.

There were a few questions and comments:

- Which churches are in partnership? – it is not a formal partnership, more a working together informally and talking rather than duplicating what other churches are already doing – Love Bristol (Woodlands), Elim, Sisters of the Poor (Anglican nuns), BCF
- Apart from more men to join in what are the greatest needs? – prayer, raised awareness, support of Dove Street Pastorate, supporting and finding out what is going on
- Prayer Walks go down there to pray for Dove Street
- An example of incarnational living working to make it less of an “outpost”

Vicky prayed for the work

b) The Ark Project

Max Beseke was unable though illness to come and report on the Ark Project so this was done by Vicky, explaining that its absence from the report was deliberate. She gave a brief overview, for anyone not aware of the project, of the original vision for the café, listening, healing, creative space being explored with BCF; how, with much prayer, the process of community consultation, creating a steering group and planning for a formal partnership was begun and which would eventually lead to the development of a trust to take the project on. The trust would be a joint venture between St Matthew's and BCF.

However, since the first days some while ago when the project was mooted, BCF have change their way of doing church, they are restructuring and have a multi-million pound building development in hand. The Ark building is the collateral for their loan to fund this project. Added to this St Matthew's has a lot of its own projects underway. Taking these two factors into account it was felt by the St Matthew's members of the steering group that the Ark project should be laid down for the time being with no further input from those working on it. This led to a meeting with the group from BCF who accepted the decision well and still remain friends, wishing to also remain committed to the area and praying together. They felt that they needed to form their own community in the new restructuring and were happy to lay the project down without any hard feelings. All would wait and see what God does in a year's time.

A big vote of thanks was offered to Max who has done a huge amount of work on the trust planning, also to Vanessa Conte, James Rimmer and Simon Pugh-Jones the other members of the steering group and to all who have silently prayer, supported and helped with festivals. Another member of the group also noted that thanks should be offered to Vicky for her considerable input in time effort and commitment.

There was time for comments and questions:

- The project has been going for about three years with a massive amount of work going into and would need to if resurrected in the future – were the team disappointed? - yes but having prayed for God's guidance this wasn't really too bad; something of all this will be used somewhere sometime; the research will not be wasted.
- If St Matthew's is to reach the 20's – 30's age groups we have to do something.
- We need to be committed to all but are not big enough to do everything – we are moving in different areas at present.
- We are in partnership with Woodlands at present who do student and young people really well – we don't need to duplicate.
- The community were consulted – should they be brought up-to-date? The meeting with BCF was only two weeks ago and it was felt that the news should go to the church communities first. The local community will now be informed. There are still opportunities out there for community involvement – Homegrown, Dove street etc

9 Reading 2 Corinthians Ch 4 – "...proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord..."

10 St Matthew's Vision

Mat pointed out that we need to take note of the message of the Corinthians reading and proclaim Jesus here and wherever we go; not just aim for lots of activity but activity with Jesus at the heart of all that we do.

Mat reported on the work that the PCC has done in revisiting the vision statement in order to make it simpler and more memorable. New version:

Vision statement: "Living for Jesus" (in everything)

Mission statement: "Knowing, Growing, Going"

Knowing = Discipleship; Growing = Community; Going = Mission

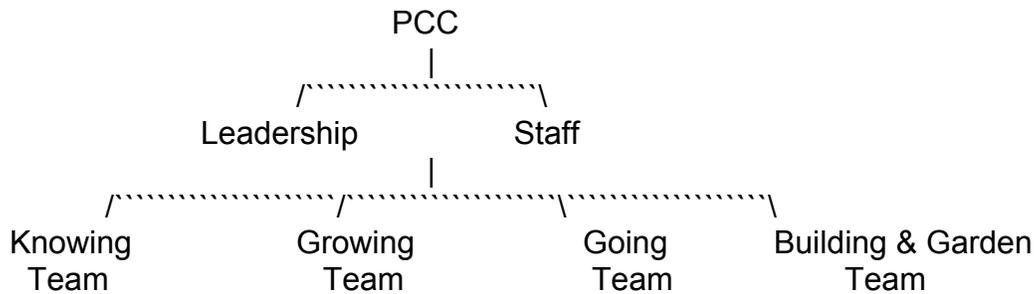
These will be reflected in the three Area Teams.

Everything we do to be based on our values:

Putting God at the heart of all that we do

- Loving each other and ourselves
- Seeking to be a place of transformation, forgiveness and healing
- Making disciples of all people
- Working with God in all things
- Recognising every member ministry

Goals have been agreed by PCC as a measure of where we are going, and the structure of leadership and meetings has been adapted:



These four are to be sub-committees of the PCC, chaired respectively by Mat Ineson, Tanya Lord, Vicky Wright and the Wardens, all with PCC members on them plus others with the appropriate gifts and interests. All will be empowered to move forward on day-to-day matters.

PCC will meet six times a year (including a whole Saturday and a half Saturday)
 Area teams will meet every two months
 Leadership will meet monthly
 Staff will meet fortnightly

Please pray for the PCC and all the teams

10 AOB

There were no items of AOB

11 Thanks

A very big thank you to Jackie for all her work and for doing the huge job of preparing for the APCM – nice to be able to say it to her this year.
 Thank you to Pauline Roberts who has stepped down from the role of Nominated Person (taken over by Mary Parsons). Thank you also to Issy Geissinger for all the careful and committed work she does as Administrator for Child Protection.

Thank you to Tim Snowdon for two years as Churchwarden and all that he has brought to the role. (A gift was to be forthcoming but had been left at home!)

A member of the meeting stood up to thank “the Priest-in-Charge” – Mat for all that he does – endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting closed with the St Matthew’s Prayer.