

## The Parish of Corbridge St Andrew with Halton and Newton Hall

### Minutes of the PCC held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm in church.

**Present:** Canon David Kennedy, Revd Sam Lochhead (Curate), Revd Linda Hunter (Curate), Edward Pybus, Janet Kennedy, Jean Wilks (Chwdn), Max Philbrick, Alice Bryant, Carol Moffatt (minutes), Nahida Remy, John Wilson, Cliff Wright.

**Apologies:** John Clark, Lynne Ward, David McEwan, Jo Eldridge.

David Kennedy opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Ephesians Ch.5 reminding us to remain aware of the beauty of the church as we seek to care for and encourage one another to be open to the healing of God.

#### 1. To agree and sign off Minutes of PCC 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Edward Pybus, seconded by Max Philbrick and agreed unanimously.

#### 2. Matters arising.

- 2.1 **Slaley & Healey:** Discussions are underway with regard to David assuming the additional leadership of Slaley and Healey. This will mean that our ministry team will be working across those parishes too. He will be meeting with the relevant PCCs before Revd Helen Savage retires and will report back to our September PCC. meeting.
- 2.2 **Corbridge Community Partnership:** This project is currently moving ahead, and those involved will continue to keep PCC updated.
- 2.3 **Restoration of Common Cup:** Re-introduction has gone smoothly with choice remaining for those not yet to resume. PCC were happy with the handling of the situation.

#### 3. Mission Statement: Prayer.

PCC welcomed the summary document prepared by Sam to be discussed by the Ministry Team to identify areas for development.

- 3.1 **Mission Action Plan:** It was felt another away morning would be helpful to consider what has already been actioned and achieved as well as future plans. A date is to be identified in 2024.
- 3.2 **Ordinand on placement:** David advised it is now unlikely that we will have another ordinand on placement this year, although there will be four ordinands here during the 1350th anniversary celebration year.

#### 4. Ministry Team.

**4.1. Licensing of Phil Smith as Assistant Priest:** Since last PCC Phil has been licensed and David welcomed him as a valuable member of the team. From September it is planned that he will officiate at two services each month.

**4.2. Linda Hunter Ordination:** Linda was ordained priest on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. She expressed her joy in the ordination service and her first presidency and thanked PCC for their generous support and gifts.

#### 5. Mission & Ministry.

**5.1. Mission Statement:** Living and sharing the Gospel: In facilitating discussion Linda introduced two questions for the discussion groups to consider:

(i) We have this beautifully produced welcome card; how are we going to use it to our advantage so that people feel they want to become part of this church community. (The card is already printed, so there is now no need to discuss what is on it.)

(ii) What do we do when people respond to the card?

Many suggestions were proposed for use and circulation of the new Welcome Card, including at events such as the Tree Festival, copies to be available at the Doctors surgery, library, Community Hub.

The ministry of welcome is really important and we are running sessions for those that welcome at services and at events.

#### 5.2. 1350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update:

By October 2023 we will be within 12 months of the year of celebration. The varied programme is already taking shape to include:

- **Mission and Outreach:** Ordinands from Cranmer Hall;
- **Art Exhibitions:** 2 outstanding local artists;
- **Flower Festival.**

Bishop Helen Ann will be at the inaugural weekend, and we hope that The Archbishop of York will be at the closing worship. A programme will be presented to September PCC. David also advised that the Lady Chapel project is supported by a generous £20k donation from John Ross in memory of his wife Demelza.

#### 5.3. Take Five

The notice board has been updated with news that the Goods in the Lebanon will be retiring in December. We will continue to remember them in prayer. Dave Johnson has spoken of how vital the support of St Andrew's is to the Byker Project. A zoom meeting is planned with Andrew and Lisa Piet in Bolivia who also welcome our support. Four of the Take 5 Group have a meeting with the GAP housing project in Hexham planned and will report back.

**6. Finance**

At the next meeting Cliff will talk about how the year is progressing; careful consideration will be needed to determine our parish share contribution.

**7. Reports.**

**7.1 Safeguarding**

We are currently piloting the new recruitment hub; although time consuming at the moment, this will be very beneficial.

**7.2. Halton.**

Awaiting progress on Quinquennial inspection. Due to a fall of masonry in the nave, the area has been taped off to ensure safety during worship until remedial work is undertaken.

**7.3 Maintenance.**

Reply still awaited from Tristan on work to the cottage. Quotes being sought from two contractors for work at Halton, including repair to the chest tomb which we believe will require Faculty. A date is awaited for the quinquennial inspection of St Andrew's Church. Roof repairs: date awaited from contractor. Some clearance of ivy etc. in churchyard has taken place. Fire safety procedures are being updated.

**7.4. Eco & Environment Committee Update.**

Sam reported the lead taken by the Church was appreciated in the community and led to very positive discussions which remain ongoing. The Diocesan Environmental Task Force is building support to churches and will be providing Vicars with charging stations. Sam thanked everyone who had helped make the event such a success.

**7.5 Events Committee Update.**

Report presented by Linda.

**7.6 Deanery Synod.**

David reported on the meeting of 12th July.

**8. Correspondence. None.**

**9. AOB.**

David extended an invitation to anyone willing and able to join the Standing Committee.

Linda is setting up an electronic calendar which will be continually updated and available to PCC members.

**10. Date of next meeting: 27.9.23.**