

**The parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and
St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey**

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
7th MARCH 2024**

1. OPENING PRAYERS AT 7.30 PM: Reading Numbers 14 verses 11 - 18

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2. **APOLOGIES:** Tim Stephens, Matthew Percy, Sue Nickels

PRESENT: Dawn Hamilton (DH) VIA ZOOM Graham Hamilton (GH) VIA ZOOM
Peter Chesterman (PC) VICE CHAIR Shirley Codner (SAC) SECRETARY, Roy White (RW) , Mike
Limb (ML) , Roy Pitchford (RP), Michael Codner (MC) Sharon Alexander (SA) , Mark Alexander
(MA) , Jill Hosford (JH), Jack Knightly (JK) Barry Newport (BN)
Bishop Rod Thomas, Simon Merrett (Invited guests)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
NONE

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PCC MEETING:** 18 January 2024
No corrections. Proposed JH Seconded MC All in favour

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

JH asked about under pew heating plan. Planning to visit church with working system
(MC.PC. BC)

JH: request for Family worker time sheet GH to obtain in due time. RP asked why only family
worker time sheet. GH to address.

6. **VICARS REPORT.**

GH has had 2nd Chemo treatment and has felt better than expected, working from desk and
gardening, hoping to record a sermon for each church service for 14th April. Last Chemo treatment
is due 26th May based on this GH says earliest return to duty in person will likely be early to mid-
July we will therefore carry on with guest speakers at least until then.

Rev Alex Sharp from Chudleigh will cover the St Georges day service on 21 April for uniformed
youth groups in the Town, at 5pm MA to be involved with this.

After 14 years Camilla Matheson is stepping down from leadership of First Steps Toddler Group at
Easter. She will be missed but Rosie Stephens and Shirley Codner plan to take on the running of
the group which is an integral part of the Family work at PPT.

GH has obtained books and information about the National TRY PRAYING initiative starting on
17th March. This will involve watching a short explanatory video in church with the invitation to take
a free book from the back of church read it and then pass it on.

GH made reference to his Synod report which had been circulated to PCC members.

7. **Consideration of Ephesian Fund and Alternative spiritual oversight.**

Bishop ROD THOMAS explained that some permanent provision will be needed because we
cannot simply 'agree to differ' over Prayers of love & Faith. 1 Corinthians 6 teaches that those in a
pattern of rebellion will not enter the kingdom of God, and we cannot bless a pattern that God says
leads away from him for ever when our mission is to share the Gospel (good news) of eternal life
with God. The CEEC is offering some temporary provision until a settlement is agreed. Rod is one
of those providing Alternative Spiritual Oversight. He explained the thinking behind the Ephesian
Fund and how both of these systems might in future be useful to PPT. There is still much debate
ahead and many discussions to be made. Bishop Rod encouraged us to Stand Firm wait and see
mean while keeping relationship with Good Bishops and CEEC. PCC members had opportunity to
ask Bishop Rod questions as they occurred to them.

8. Invited guest Simon Merritt.

Simon gave us a brief update on the progress of the Devon Good Stewards Trust. This is now a charity with the same mission statement as CEEC with a more local focus and will operate in a similar way to the Ephesian trust.

Bishop Rod and Simon Merritt left the meeting at this point.

9. Treasurers report.

The treasurers report had previously been circulated and was accepted by all.

JK asked about "sundry items in budget" -this was explained by RP as extra purchases such as new fridge for kitchen in church room.

Management of common fund payment is on track as agreed at last PCC (Budget A)

10. Approval of conflict of interest policy. Proposed JK, Seconded SC, agreed.

11. Quinquennial renewal of Licensed Lay reader-Carolyn Laycock.

Proposed .1 abstention all other in favour.

12. Fabric matters: glass door and lighting scheme faculties. Quinquennial update.

JH still waiting to hear from chancellor (average wait 117days at present)

Lighting faculty has been submitted , there are a few questions to answer, lighting engineer to give input on one , second question about spotlights on the historical monuments in the chancel. It was agreed that the focus should be on the Lord's table, not on monuments, which will be well enough illuminated by the ordinary lighting. GH and Camilla for feedback to DAC.

Electrical specialists to be contacted ref Spec for making good after new lighting and sockets fitted.

PC, MC and BN to visit local church to see working under pew heating in the near future .PC to organise this.

13. Health and safety update .Safeguarding ,DBS training deadlines.

No health and safety updates to report .

All current PCC members need to compete DBS checks and safeguarding training by the APCM .

All paid and volunteer staff and PCC members are required to hold current DBS certificates plus safeguarding and domestic violence awareness training. Those without these by the APCM will be asked to step down from their role.

New PCC members appointed at APCM will have 3 Months to complete the process.

Tim Stephens or Shirley Codner can be contacted to discuss this if needed.

14. Date of next meeting: APCM 20th April. PCC 23rd MAY

15. Farewell and thank you to PCC members stepping down:

Sue Nickels. Barry Newport

16. The meeting closed with prayer at 9.05pm GH.