

**CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, ABINGTON
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th March 2024 AT 7.45PM
PARISH ROOMS**

PRESENT: Rev Byung Jun Kim, Bob Purser, Alison Barnes, Chris Waters, Dianne Ward, Susie McKay, Douglas Rutherford, Damian Pickard, Andrew Munns, Donald Loe, Lizzie Loe, Jane Evans, Jane, Liz Kelly, Cathy Tinsley, John Wishart, Rev Tracy Pegram, Melissa Tallack (minutes)

86/23 OPENING PRAYERS AND DEVOTION

The meeting opened in prayer.

87/23 APOLOGIES:

Prester Coleman, Matthew George, Esme Cushing, Sue Harrison

88/23 RECTOR'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

I had a privilege of meeting with Bishop Debbie the day after her Installation Service which was lovely. It was strange to see the Palace without Bishop Donald and now with a new owner. That's the way life is. All of us are here temporarily.

The good news is ,though, we all are part of the larger story of God whose words and promises never perish or change. All of his promises and will shall be fulfilled. For me, to see the Palace with a new bishop, was a good reminder of how we ought to mark this 800th anniversary since Peter de Irchester, the first Rector of Abington.

We have never met Peter, we don't know him and yet if it wasn't for Peter, if he didn't say yes to God 800 years ago, we wouldn't be celebrating this year. Peter and us, we are connected across those 800 years because all of us are part of the same God's story.

I don't know how good a priest Peter was. Maybe he was a brilliant priest. Maybe he wasn't. But what matters now, what makes difference now to us is not how great he was but only one thing. That is he answered God's calling to come to Abington 800 years ago.

So let's worry less about how many things we are going to do or how well we will perform. But let's strive to discern how we may answer faithfully to God's calling for us in this age and time like Peter de Irchester did.

89/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29th NOVEMBER 2023

Two typos were noted and corrected. The minutes were then proposed as accepted, seconded by Chris and approved by all present.

90/23 MATTERS ARISING

Screen repair – the screen wall bolts have now been resin anchored.

91/23 CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letters from Read Easy and Christians Against Poverty were received. The final legacy of the late Mrs. Catherine Huckle has been received and a thank you letter has been sent.

92/23 SAFEGUARDING

The following update had been shared by Esme by email:

- There has been one safeguarding concern raised since the last PCC

- The MASH telephone number in the Policy document has been updated and document reissued on our website (thanks Bob). It is due for the annual review in April, so I will bring it to the next PCC on 1st May.
- I am undertaking DBS checks for Little Fishes helpers - this is not strictly necessary as parents/carers are always present, but we felt that it would be good practice as on occasions parents ask helpers to supervise one child while they take another child to the toilet for example.
- Jun has requested a meeting with the diocese team to discuss the requirements for DBS checks for volunteers to clarify
- The training page on the diocese webpage has been updated with a very clear table of what training people should be up to date with [Safeguarding Training Modules - Diocese of Peterborough \(peterborough-diocese.org.uk\)](https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk) and I would encourage everyone to check to ensure they are up to date.

93/23 TREASURERS REPORT

The 2024 budget notes were circulated prior to the meeting and no questions were raised.

Hopefully with a positive response to the stewardship campaign our income will increase. Damian reported that, so far, there have been 10 new pledges and 10-12 pledge increases, which will result in an increased income of up to £10,000 (which represents approximately a 10-12% increase).

Susie reported that we have almost broken even at the end of 2023. Although we have spent more than planned, we have also received more income. The expenditure on the rooms electricity is significant and seems to have increased.

The meeting agreed that once the annual accounts have been reviewed by the independent examiner, subject to there being no changes, they will be regarded as approved. If there are any changes, a special PCC meeting will be convened.

Organ fund – Susie proposed that we put another £5,000 into the organ fund in 2024. This was unanimously supported by all present.

We are currently tracking our income forecast exactly so far in 2024.

Thank you to Susie for preparing the accounts and budget and for Damian and the Stewardship committee for the stewardship campaign.

94/23 REVIEW OF LAST THREE MONTHS

Positive comments were shared regarding the Midnight Mass and Carol Service.

95/23 WORSHIP PLANNING

- Introducing All-Age Eucharist Plan
- Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist: 10 Mar
- Palm Sunday: 24 Mar
- Maundy Thursday with foot washing: 28 Mar, 7.30 pm
- Good Friday: 29 Mar, Walk of Witness at 10 am-11.50 am, Good Friday Liturgy 2 pm
- Holy Saturday: 30 Mar at 5 pm
- Easter Sunday with Baptism: 31 Mar
- Joint Service with Park Avenue Methodist: 5 May, 10.30 am (8.15 am at Abington)

- Sunday after Ascension All-Age Eucharist: 12 May

96/23 800th YEAR CELEBRATIONS PLAN

The plan for the year was discussed and will be shared with the congregation.

Permission was sought and approved by the PCC to commission the icon. We will ask the icon writer to come and present it to the congregation once the work is finished. A faculty will need to be applied for to fix it to the wall. Bob proposed we start the process and this was seconded by Dianne and approved by all present.

We will also be preparing some 800 year memorabilia for sale (key rings, prints of the church, fridge magnets, lavender bags, history booklet and leaflet (produced by Jane). Alison also suggested including something to give to the children as a memento.

Donald will investigate the re-gilding of the Shakespeare plaque.

The overall plan was supported by the PCC meeting.

97/23 CELEBRATION SERVICE: FULL IMMERSION BAPTISM AND LUNCH

The PCC were happy to support this.

98/23 SUPPORTING FORWARD LOOKING EXERCISE (LED BY BISHOP ANDREW)

The PCC were happy to support this activity.

99/23 COMMISSIONING AN ICON

Discussed and approved under item 96/23

100/23 PLAN FOR ALL AGE WORSHIP

This was circulated by Cathy and supported by all present.

101/23 MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY AND GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Footwashing will take place after the sermon and will be followed by the anthem. There will be four people who will have their feet washed (volunteers will be sought). People who will have their feet washed will sit on the front row from the beginning of the service.

The Good Friday liturgy will be read, not acted and there will be a prayer following each piece of music.

102/23 MEETING WITH PARK AVENUE METHODIST (PAM)

There will be a joint service at PAM on the 5th May at 10:30 and then at Abington on the 30th June and 24th December.

103/23 APCM

The following 3 year PCC member terms are coming to an end in 2024

Andrew Munns, Dianne Ward, Susie McKay, Emmanuel Agudosy, Sue Harrison, Douglas Rutherford, Elizabeth Loe.

PCC Nomination papers are available from Jun or Melissa

Thanks were given to everyone listed above for their service on the PCC.

104/23 REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH MISSION

Cathy confirmed there was nothing more to add.

105/23 REPORT ON ANNA CHAPLAIN MISSION

Liz reported that it continues to go well at APV, particularly Messy Vintage. Liz has also just completed leading an Anna Chaplain course for the Diocese and we hope to have 4 more Anna Chaplains in the Diocese. Liz thanked everyone for their support and the PCC thanked Liz for all she is doing.

106/23 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings – the next meeting is planned for Monday. Andrew reported that the new panels in the Parish Rooms small hall are complete and the lighting balcony finished. The committee is holding off on further lighting work.

Other reports have been circulated and no further comments were added.

The Children's committee meeting is due next week.

107/23 AOB

None.

108/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

See 95/23

109/23 DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2024

SC: 17 Apr, 19 June, 4 Sep, 6 Nov (all Wednesday at 7.45pm)

PCC: 1 May, 10 July, 18 Sep, 27 Nov (all Wednesday at 7.45pm)

APCM: 28 Apr

THE MEETING FINISHED WITH THE GRACE