

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Combined PCCs for Harwell and Chilton**

held on Tuesday 27th January 2009 at 7.45pm in St Matthew's Harwell

Present

Chris Stott (Chair)

Harwell

Kate Evans

Tim Roberts

Jane Woolley

Sid Gale

Martin Speed (Co-opted
Secretary) - minutes

Vicky Macarthur

Clive House

Frances Taylor

Tony Hughes

Chilton

Avril Butler (Co-opted
Secretary)

Linda Lambon

Pam Rolls

Naomi Gibson

Liz Morris

Carol Pigott

Andrew Hayes

1. Opening

Chris opened the meeting by sharing reflections on a theme of perseverance – referring to Hebrews 10 and James 1 among other passages, and with prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, John Berry, Stuart Gibson, Georgina Greer, Bruce Keeble, Hazel King, Allan Macarthur John Pigott, and Steve Tunstall

3. Parish portfolio

Pam Rolls reported that work was progressing well on the Parish Portfolio that was being prepared as part of her training for ministry. She said the portfolio was based around:

- Parish development (strategy and worship)
- Mission (how we engage in mission)
- Encouraging the ministry of 'all baptised' (encouraging all and identifying gifts)
- Encouraging collaborative servant leadership

Pam reported that Hazel King who is co-ordinating the production of the portfolio is currently collecting one page summaries from a number of people. Pam asked that if anyone has been asked for one that they please respond by 25th February. She said that Hazel would welcome reports from anyone who wanted to contribute.

Questions were invited, and it was suggested that it would be a good idea to circulate a list of contributions requested and received so that it was possible to identify any areas that members might want to contribute to. It was agreed that Pam would provide such an update at the next PCC.

[A member has asked that the minutes make it clear that: this is a joint PCC project that has to be done to support Pam in her training and Hazel was asked to do this.]

4. Vocations update

Pam reported that she is now half way through her training and would be ordained in June 2010. She has completed a church history course and currently she is on a Mission and Evangelism course. She reported that at Easter she will be doing a Parish placement at St Peter's in Didcot.

Questions were invited and Pam was asked whether there was anything she would particularly ask for the PCC to keep in their prayers. She asked for prayers for help with writing essays and for the placement.

Chris told Pam that everyone was 'rooting for her', affirmed her in her mission and were looking forward to June 2010.

5. Plans for Lent and Easter

Chris reported that the preparations for Lent and Easter included:

- Pancake breakfast
- Lent home groups based on material picked out from Stephen Cottrell's notes.
- A palm praise evening (at the planning stage)

Chris said that nothing was planned for holy week aside from the Chilton procession.

6. Church Administrator

Chris reported that Carolyn Vickers, a member of Harwell Church, has been appointed Church administrator. Naomi is very kindly undertaking the training and induction process. Chris thanked Naomi for this on behalf of the PCC.

Chris said that the normal times for Carolyn to be in the office would be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. He asked that the PCCs keep Carolyn in their prayers.

7. Report on Alpha course and post-Alpha

Chris reported that the course had been very successful. There were eight people on the course and the away day had gone particularly well. An enthusiastic home group had started that followed on from the course.

Chris hopes that another course will take place in the autumn.

The PCCs asked that Martin write a letter of thanks to Roz for the Alpha course catering.

On a related topic, Chris also reported that a Marriage preparation course would be held on the 28th of February.

8. Deanery Pastoral Committee

Chris reported that the Deanery Pastoral Committee (which had not met for some time) was being re-established. It was hoped that this would give a wider representation for issues that 'crop up' than is represented by the standing committee alone. Naomi will be secretary and there are planned to be three meetings per year. Chris suggested that Gordon Gill be asked to take on this role.

This was proposed by Tim and seconded by Clive and agreed to unanimously.

Naomi said that the Deanery Synod meeting had been very positive with a period of sharing topics of interest in parishes followed by prayer in small groups. The Synod had asked that PCCs promote the 'Just Trading' shop in Wallingford (which had been done through a notice sheet message.)

9. AOB

- **PCC meeting dates:** the meeting noted the revised schedule of dates, but agreed that the September meeting should also be a combined PCC meeting. Martin was asked to send out a new version taking account of change in venues that would result from the additional combined PCC meeting. There was a discussion of whether there should be more or fewer combined meetings, and whether there was possibly a better 'distribution' of combined meetings throughout the year. It was eventually agreed that no change should be made at this time.

10. Close

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm and was followed by individual PCC meetings.

11. Next Meeting

The next combined PCC meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th of July at 7:45 at All Saint's Chilton.

(To be signed as a true record by the individual PCCs at their next meeting.)

..... Chairman

..... Secretary