

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary Combined PCC Meeting held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 9 June 2021 at 7.30 pm**

### **1. Present**

#### **Members of the Joint PCC**

Jonathan Mobey (Chair), Jane Woolley (Minutes), Jan Radford, Rebecca Lewis, Hazel Benton, Eliza Wheaton, Tony Hughes, Allan Macarthur, Pam Rolls, Carol Pigott, Yvonne Sanderson, Stuart Gibson

#### **Other PCC members**

Patrick Moseley, Alex Reich, Gordon Gill, Sid Gale, Phil Corbishley

#### **Invited Preachers & leaders not on the PCC**

Kate Evans, Brendan Bailey, Vicky Macarthur

#### **Invited Other Senior Leadership Team and Staff members:**

Deborah Evans, Melanie Shields, Sarah Barratt

### **2. Opening & Prayer**

Jonathan Mobey invited Rebecca Lewis to read Acts 4: 23-36.

Jonathan then led the meeting in prayer.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

CPC members and Secretary: John Pigott, Judith Russell, Peter Cox

Other CPC members absent: Michelle Walker; Phill Johnston

Others invited: Jean Barton (SLT), Peter Barton, Joan Impey (Preachers & leaders)

### **3. Tabling of amendments to the SLT proposal for services in 2021 and beyond**

Six papers had been circulated in advance of the meeting. These were:

1. Services in 2021 and beyond – SLT proposal for PCCs – May 2021
2. Services in 2021 and beyond – questions – 5 June 2021
3. Amendment tabled by Hazel Benton
4. Amendment tabled by Tony Hughes
5. Amendment tabled by Pat Moseley
6. Amendment tabled by Jan Radford and Pam Rolls

Jonathan Mobey reminded people of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) proposal that was tabled at the May Combined PCC meeting, and how it had arisen.

Jonathan thanked those who have been thinking and praying about the issues.

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Jonathan relayed that he had received four amendments to the SLT proposal (see list above). These amendments all focus on the pattern of Sunday morning worship.

Jonathan Mobey summarised the essence of the amendment proposals from Hazel Benton, Tony Hughes and Pat Moseley via Table 1 below. Note that the allocation of service types to specific weeks in the month was added by Jonathan for illustrative purposes only.

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<b>Chilton</b>	HC	MW +PFS 9.30	MW	Interactive	Hazel
		MW +PFS 10.30			Tony
		MP +no PFS			Pat
<b>Harwell</b>	Interactive	HC	Interactive	MW	
	Interactive				
	MP				

Table 1: Summary of amendment proposals 1-3

HC = Holy Communion; MW = Morning Worship; PFS = Pebbles Family Service (a form of interactive worship in Chilton Village Hall)

Hazel Benton, Tony Hughes and Pat Moseley agreed that their amendment proposals were fairly similar in that they deliver an even mix of Sunday morning service types across the two churches over the course of a month. In view of this, they agreed to table the version in red text as put forward by Hazel Benton as their joint single proposal. This is hereafter referred to for convenience in these minutes as the “**BHM amendment**”.

Jonathan Mobey then invited Hazel Benton, Tony Hughes and Pat Moseley to speak to this single amendment proposal.

Jonathan Mobey then invited other attendees to comment on this proposal.

Jonathan Mobey gave Hazel Benton, Tony Hughes and Pat Moseley an opportunity to respond to the comments.

The meeting then turned its attention to the fourth amendment proposal from Jan Radford and Pam Rolls hereafter referred to as the “**Jan Radford & Pam Rolls amendment**”. This is to have two Sunday morning services at St Matthew’s each week: an Interactive service at 09.45 followed by a more traditional Morning Worship service at 11.15 with coffee in between.

Jonathan Mobey invited Jan Radford and Pam Rolls to speak to their proposal.

Jonathan Mobey then invited other attendees to comment on this proposal.

Jonathan Mobey gave Jan Radford and Pam Rolls an opportunity to respond to the comments.

Allan Macarthur then proposed an amendment to the “**Jan Radford & Pam Rolls amendment**” hereafter referred to as the “**Allan Macarthur amendment to the Jan Radford & Pam Rolls amendment**”.

Allan Macarthur explained that his proposal would change the Jan Radford & Pam Rolls amendment in the following ways:

- a) The two Sunday morning services at St Matthew’s at the slightly later times of 10.00 and 11.30 and
- b) With only two Morning Worship and two Sunday evening services per month instead of every week, the morning and evening services alternating so that on any given Sunday there is either a Morning Worship service or an evening service. This is to mitigate resourcing concerns – particularly on the sidespeople and churchwarden front.

#### 4. Agreeing a way forward for our services in the coming months

Jonathan Mobey explained that we would use the standard procedure for committee and parliament decision making.

Jonathan Mobey clarified that only Joint PCC members are eligible to vote on this occasion.

Allan Macarthur agreed to split his tabled **amendment to the Jan Radford & Pam Rolls amendment** into two parts, (a) and (b) above.

Table 2 below shows the order in which the amendments were voted on and the results of the voting. Jonathan Mobey explained that people should vote to accept any amendment to the original SLT proposal, and to any amendment of an amendment, that was thought to be an improvement. Should two contradictory amendments be passed in this way, further voting would need to occur.

<b>Vote 1</b>	<b>The Allan Macarthur amendment to the Jan Radford &amp; Pam Rolls amendment part (a): - the service times element – i.e. that the service times be 10.00 and 11.30 rather than 09.45 and 11.15</b>
Result	12 in favour; 0 against; 0 abstentions PASSED, i.e. amending the <b>Jan Radford &amp; Pam Rolls amendment</b>
<b>Vote 2</b>	<b>The Allan Macarthur amendment to the Jan Radford &amp; Pam Rolls amendment part (b): - reducing the number of evening and Morning Worship services to 2 per month rather than weekly</b>
Result	3 in favour; 6 against; 3 abstentions NOT PASSED
<b>Vote 3</b>	<b>The BHM amendment to the SLT proposal</b>
Result	6 in favour; 6 against; 0 abstentions NOT PASSED
<b>Vote 4</b>	<b>The Jan Radford &amp; Pam Rolls amendment to the SLT proposal but with the Allan Macarthur amendment part (a) to the service times</b>
Result	11 in favour; 0 against; 1 abstention PASSED
<b>Vote 5</b>	<b>The SLT proposal modified by the Jan Radford &amp; Pam Rolls amendment but with the Allan Macarthur amendment to the service times</b>
Result	10 in favour; 0 against; 2 abstentions PASSED

Table 2: The order and results of the voting

**SUMMARY OF OVERALL DECISION:** SLT proposal agreed but with the addition at St Matthew's of a second Sunday morning service. Service times at St Matthew's to be 10.00 Interactive; 11.30 Morning Worship; shared coffee time in between.

**5. Communication of the new service pattern**

Due to the lateness of the hour, Jonathan Mobey said that discussion of communication of the new service pattern would not take place this evening. Jonathan invited PCC members to send any thoughts on this to him before the next SLT meeting on 15 June instead.

**Jonathan Mobey closed the meeting with The Grace at 9.55pm**

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**CHAIR**

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