

Minutes for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 28th April 2019 at 7.00pm

1. **Welcome:** Stuart Lees
2. **Appointment of Wardens:** John Griffiths & Anna Beyer
3. **Vestry Meeting:**
 - Minutes of the previous APCM dated 29th April 2018 were approved.
 - Thank You to those stepping down -Nathan Beard stepped down as Warden and was awarded an axe in thanks. Other PCC members stepping down were honoured; Janette Redding, Suraj Badlani.
 - Appointment of new Treasurer: Nick Wilsher was appointed.
 - Election of PCC- no election required.
 - Prayer- all PCC stood up and were prayed for by the whole church. Names: John Griffiths (Warden), Anna Beyer (Warden), Sean Greathead (Secretary), Nick Wilsher (Treasurer), Nathan Beard, Tracey de Souza, Mike Dyson, Gareth Jones, Alice Parsons, Sarah McCowen, Nicola MacDonald (known as Bean), Nathan Watt.

A testimony of healing from a congregation member, Debbie Sly, who had been healed of pain was given.

4. **Treasures Report:** Sian Gates
 - i. Appointment of the independent auditors Saffery Champness.
Saffery Champness were appointed as independent auditors.

Sian then updated the church on the state of finances, the audited accounts and systems:

- There has been a change of accounting system and CCF has brought the bookkeeping in house to facilitate better decision making which is already revolutionising the system.
- Expenditure has been kept tight, but we have also been able to invest in our property and the church building.
- There has been incredible giving from the church. Much of it we can claim gift aid on. We have a good level of non-gift aid income too, the majority relates to events which we couldn't claim GA on anyway so, we are being very tax efficient in our giving. Thank you.

Sian highlighted the key areas of expenditure: mission, ministry, property running costs, wages & pension, support costs, and depreciation. Overall, we have made a small gain rather than a deficit. Hurrah.

Key definitions were explained:

- Property (fixed assets): church hall, 55 Clancarty Rd (Diocese owns church and vicarage).
- Debtors (people who use money i.e. hall hirers) and commitments to giving i.e. (mission)

The loan for 55 Clancarty Road has been paid off in one year instead of 2, as expected, and is part of the success of having completely turned around the finances in a year. Sian thanked the church for their faith-filled giving.

ii. Thank you to Sian

The Standing Committee then presented Sian with a present and sang her a song to the tune of 'Hey Jude'. Words can be received upon request! Sian received a standing ovation from the church for her 16+ years of service.

5. CCF Feedback

CCF members updated the church on various kingdom initiatives they are involved in.

○ **Holos-** Tom & Naomi Partridge

One year on. Holos is a 'gutsy little drinks company' whose heart is to create a business that can create wholeness in the lives of those it supports, survivors of trafficking. It's a kingdom business. Holos brews Kombucha which has lots of health benefits and is being ` 25 locations across London including London's favourite restaurant (according to Trip Advisor). Key testimonies from the year: 1) Holos is part of a seed funding programme that was guaranteed and put their financial status at risk but received double the funding required 2) Holos is due to go online imminently.

Prayer points and challenges: we need a new manufacturing unit, and we need to partner with the right people.

Ways to get involved: 1) join our intercessory group 2) offer your skills in mentoring in sales, marketing, and business to survivors as part of a training programme 3) volunteer at upcoming festivals. 4) Get directly in contact with Orchard and The Sophie Hayes foundation.

○ **We See Hope-** Joe Francis

We See Hope is a charity dedicated to support orphans and carers across Africa. Joe showed a video of the charity's work highlighted in an individual's life: 1) Investment: training, business management in her own business (clothes making) allowing her to make \$4 a day more than the local average. 2) Impact: future opportunities for herself and family, her siblings were able to go back to school. 17 people across 3 generations were experiencing education, equipping and restoration of a future and it all started with one girl. We See Hope was set up by Phil Wall of the Salvation Army using his family's life savings which grew exponentially by people giving and stepping out in faith.

- **Lookout: an update from CCF's Prophets**
Ceri Lees and Alice Parsons updated CCF on the role of the intercessors who pray for CCF. It's a hidden in the natural ministry. Intercessors raise their heads above the parapet to see in the spirit what is going on. It's not hidden in the spirit. So, they pray in teams and feedback to the leadership and pray on behalf of the church. They shared a story of praying very specifically over Parsons Green one evening and the next day the tube bomb happened. No one was killed. Amazing. The intercessors feel that they are privileged to be servants of the church and minister in this way.
- **Pop Up Community-Emily & Nathan Watt**
Pop Up Community is Eel Brook Weekend's little brother. It runs throughout most of the year, every Saturday. What it looks like: Since April 2018, every week a designated team takes a gazebo, croissants and coffee to Pineapple park. The focus is to build relationships in the community. One of the stories shared was of someone asking for a CCF team to go to a home to pray for someone bed ridden. Pop Up Community connects to the bigger vision of EBW and we have been seeing God bless it. Pray for the teams as they go out weekly.

The church prayed for each other individually for a time.

6. **Looking Forward: Stuart Lees**

Stuart told a story of a lady in Uganda prayed for by a team from CCF who when she returned to the church in the UK told her vicar. This vicar then came to the JM conference and after 5 years of investing slowly that church is ready for the culture of the supernatural.

Celebrate Weekend- a weekend in September 2019 praying prophetically for the nation, camping in a beautiful place with sister churches who are working together on JM stuff. The whole church is invited.

A word for CCF- we are to be a beacon/lampstand (like the lights from where the twin towers stood).

Where are we going to? What's the priority for us as a church?

To live out our calling. There is a vertical call on our life, to care about what God thinks about our life and focus on that more than anything else. We live in a world that wants service providers and church is seen in the same way. That's not how the kingdom works. We are caught up in the Battle of Britain. The focus was on the pilots in that battle, but they were only the tip of the iceberg: strategists, medics, ground crews, engineers. Everybody played their part. More well known for that was the Battle of Dunkirk- even the smallest ship. Don't get caught into the 'I have nothing to offer'. The prayer that went on prior to the Parsons Green bomb demonstrates what authority we have in the spirit. If we don't primarily focus on the things of God and the moves of God, we will miss what is going to happen.

How do we grow a church that wants to pray? We all want to pray but when it comes to it everyone is 'a bit busy, something else on, really tired'. You don't win a war by being a bit involved. We don't want to dive in wholeheartedly because we want a service provider church. We all need

to get in our little boat and be ready in the moment. Don't miss the time of the moment when we are called to go to war.

The word for CCF now is that we are a spearhead being reforged. You must melt it down and then reforge it. I don't think we know who we are yet. Ask ourselves 'where am I playing my part in this heavenly thing God has for us?'

A busy church will not win our nation. The busier we are we will not depend on the Holy Spirit. There is a different type of calling. We will talk more about this in the next year. You guys are at the core of this. If not us, then who? This is us. We must be here at this time for a purpose.

The church spent time praying over this.

7. **Kids & Youth:** an update from the Children & Youth Pastor, Dustin Pruett

The kids here are great. I'm learning a lot. They are really responding to the things of the Spirit. Reminding the church that as believers who are not adults, children are not marred by pessimism. So, healing that has children you can see more, believe more. Dustin observed that you can tell that the kids and youth are steeped in and have been covered in prayer for many years by Thomas, former youth pastor and others on the team who have gone before. Recently a girl part of the youth gave her life to Christ. Hurrah. Pray for kids and youth and the team. Join us in sowing seeds into their lives. Thank you for your prayers.

8. **Freedom Prayer-** an update from Peter Plumbley

Pete thanked the church, the majority of whom are on prayer team, for their faith and investment. People come from other countries to be prayed for here. A reminder that CCF family have priority booking on Sundays for the Freedom Prayer Pre-PM service slots. So many have invested over the years and Pete honoured those who have pioneered and grown this ministry.

Ways to get involved: Pastors' Days are great ways to sow into leadership of churches often who are without support.

Sign up. Get involved. It's amazing.

9. **Worship:** an update from the Worship Pastor, Jonty Lees

Exciting times. We have lost quite a lot of people in the last year as the transitional nature of a church in London. Jonty has praying with the church leadership about the strategy. They have come to the decision that we will have 3 months rest as a team. Jonty was nervous about doing it alone and asked God if two people could track with him during this time. Emily Watt will join Jonty in the mornings and Sarah Dodd in the evenings. Things that will be happening over the 3 months- home worship, social gatherings, etc. We'll come back in August with a big celebratory worship session.

Jonty outlined several themes that will be invested in: greater reverence of God, prophetic intercession, song writing, and to learn how to wholly surrender in worship.

Jonty affirmed that God is totally leading the process and he was excited but also nervous. It doesn't make sense in the natural but it does in the heavens so we will push into that. Pray for us, those on in the three months and for the team as a whole.

John Griffiths, Warden, thanked Stuart and Ceri Lees for their heart of prayer and leadership. The church gave them a standing ovation.

**There will be copies available at the back of church at the end of the meeting of the 2018 AGM Minutes, The PCC Secretary's & Fabric Report 2018-2019.*