

**Parish of All Saints
PCC Meeting Minutes
11th June 2024 at 7.00pm**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Martin Robinson, Janice Callow, Paul Gale, Eric Tyson.
2. **Welcome of new PCC members and observers:** New members: Bob Bell, Paul Gale, and Elizabeth Thomas. Observers: The Rev'd Laura Doe, curate of Abbott's Leigh and Leigh Woods; George Brett and James Furlong, Trinity College ordinands.
3. **Appointment of treasurer:** Eric Tyson, was proposed by Sue Perry, seconded by John Davenport, approved *nem con*. Appointment of PCC Secretary being considered by possible candidate. Standing Committee membership to be confirmed following this appointment.

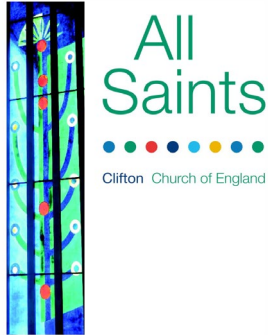
4. Transforming Church. Together

Fr Charles referred to the Deanery Synod notes on generosity, one of the TC.T values discussed at a recent meeting. At programme level, little work has ventured further than setting up committees, general bureaucracy and structures.

One area of the programme, priority communities, has been more focused. There are 14 areas in the scheme and the aim is to enable people to flourish within them. The majority of the approximately £7 million fund from the National Church will be assigned to them over a period of three years. Early examples of success can be seen in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, both in our deanery, where there are flourishing community groups, life educational ventures and the Bristol North West Foodbank (Bristol West Deanery, seeded by the Trussell Trust).

TC.T has three priorities and is driven by four values (Openness, Creativity, Bravery and Generosity). It is the Diocesan intention that these values be explored within Deaneries, PCCs and parish contexts.

The PCC split into groups to discuss their understandings of 'Generosity' and how they might be manifested, summarised below.



Group 1

- Individual generosity in helping others to achieve things they did not know how to do.
- Offer time and shelter.
- Recognise and share problems.

Group 2

- Practical generosity e.g offer of space for community events, lunches, garden, food point.
- Donate time, money, stuff as required and appropriate.

Group 3

- Generosity of spirit founded in the continuum from liturgy to the eucharist, feeding personal and collective growth, translating in many ways.
- Who should we be generous to in BS8? Perceptions of wealth and comfort not always accurate as there are pockets of poverty, poor housing and loneliness.
- What talents do we have and how should we use them?

Group 4

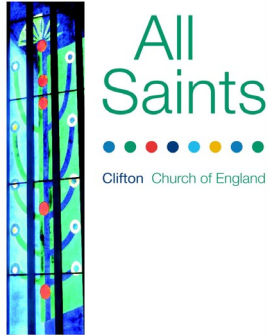
- Offer of our space to the wider community concerts, events, meetings, teas, etc.
- Bereavement and mental health support.
- Help with benefits etc.
- Parish Share is financial generosity.

Fr Charles provided an example of local help to people living on the edge of society e.g individuals leaving bedrolls on church property, the morning tea run and support for an individual 'cuckooed' out of their flat. Wendy's support in this area was acknowledged.

5. Written reports

Early Worship and Churches Together reports had been circulated and were taken as read.

The paper on the Sudanese students in Uganda was discussed. Five students were being supported through a full and suitable education and payment of the full combined fee is required for the coming year (approx. £3.4k – to be confirmed). The PCC was keen to continue to support this cause which would enable the students to use their education



within their community. It was proposed to send money sourced from the mission pot now and to fundraise to pay it back. It would be the Harvest Charity. Georgina would seek publicity materials. Proposed by Vicky Gordon, seconded by John Davenport, passed *nem con*.

6. Finance

The treasurer was absent and no paperwork had been distributed or tabled.

7. Safeguarding

DBS checks were underway and new members were due to undertake. safeguarding training.

8. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of meeting on 9th April had been circulated and were approved. Proposed by Annette Young, seconded by Vicky Gordon, passed *nem con*.

9. Standing Committee Minutes

The atrium project was discussed briefly with an undertaking for the project to be discussed in more depth as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Next Meetings:

SC	Tuesday 30 July 2024 at 7.00pm Vicarage
PCC	Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 7.00pm Sacristy

Chair: Fr Charles Sutton

20 August 2024