

All Saints' Church, Guildford. Notes on meeting of the Mission Vision Group held on 5th June 2018 at 4 Litchfield Way at 8 p.m.

Present: Peter Nicholls (PN) (in the chair), Carolyn Nicholls (CN) and Richard Hemingway (RH) (Secretary). Apologies from Cally Burch and Simon Moulden.

1. Opening prayers and review of current mission activity in the parish, led by PN.
2. Treasurer awaiting authorisation for payment of moneys collected for Rohingya refugees. PN to contact the PCC Secretary.
3. Christian Aid activities reviewed. Service on 29th April attended by a reasonable number, though only a few from other parishes. Speaker spoke well. £227 raised at the Service, and a further £685 from envelopes and car washing and cake sale. Suggestions for next year included a "big breakfast", taking the car wash to the Village Hall car park on a Saturday, and distributing, but not collecting, envelopes for the annual appeal.
4. Sponsored Walk was well supported both by walkers and attendees at Willow Grange, with £612 collected for the Koens Mission. We continue to receive informative reports and gratitude from them.
5. It was noted that permission had been given for Friends International to use the church for the start and finish of their walk for new students on 13th October. It was hoped that this might be an opportunity for students to be encouraged to attend events organised by the church.
6. Magazine articles. CN had included CMS for June in place of Morning Star. July would be Seafarers as usual. It was agreed that Leprosy Mission could fill the gap for August. (PN)
7. Recruitment of new members to the group. Response so far disappointing, possibly reflecting lack of enthusiasm for organisations outside the parish? View expressed that the membership of the Mission VG needs to be broadened so that it becomes more relevant to different groups across the church, maybe to include members from the former Nurture and Growth VG and the Ministry team. Possibility of the PCC considering this at the next Away Day? PN to raise topic with Clergy.
8. 2019 Pilgrimage. Useful input from all present for the use of the St. Swithun's Way and public transport. Also useful precedent for publicity from another parish, who had walked some of the same route. Clarification of the objectives for the project made progress. With this information, RH would draw up a draft itinerary, with walkers returning to base on the Friday evening, and starting again on the Saturday, initially for circulation to members of the Group and the Vicar. PN and RH to be joint organisers, and to liaise with Events Group for additional support (keeping this to a minimum). The route would be walked in due course.
9. Next meeting: Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 35 Manor Way at 8 p.m..