



THE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees Friday June 2nd 2017 7:30pm

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
3. Reports:
 - Pastor's report
 - Treasurer's reports
 - Pickle fund report
4. AOB for Item 14?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Pride, and Trans Pride – updates.
8. Promotional material. T-Shirts, banners, etc..
9. Sermon series – Guests.
10. Golden Handbags June 11th
11. Brighton Bear Weekend June 15-18th
12. Small groups network meeting June 10th.
13. Church visioning.
14. AOB
15. Closing Prayer.

Our Vision

We call for a world where LGBTQ people live free from discrimination.

Our Mission

We are called primarily to empower and serve the LGBTQ community.

Our Core Values

We are a Christian church called to do justice and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8). We seek at all times to be honest, transparent, and true to our mission in the world.

Minutes for the meeting of the board of trustees

Friday May 11th 2017 7:30pm at Keith's home.

Present: Rev Michael Hydes (Chair), Keith Fish (Treasurer), Sarah Barber (Safeguarding Officer), Wendy Burgess (Board Member), Simon Markham (Secretary),

Guests: none

Apologies: none

Opening Prayer: Rev Michael Hydes

Minutes of the last meeting:

Proposed by: Keith **Seconded by:** Wendy **Yes - ALL No Abstain**

Pastor's report:

Proposed by: Wendy **Seconded by:** Simon **Yes - ALL No Abstain**

Treasurer's report:

Keith mentioned to Mary that the money for Brighton in Need is still in our account. Global Justice Institute collection was £108.90. Financial figures are slightly down for April because of the way the month falls – the end of the month (When direct debits come in) fell on a weekend.

Proposed by: Rev. Michael **Seconded by:** Simon **Yes - ALL No Abstain**

Pickle fund report:

One emergency payment made during April for £36.51.

Safeguarding: Nothing to report. (Sarah and Wendy have just completed a Mental Health and Faith awareness course).

Health and Safety: Nothing to report.

AOB

- We talked about designing a flyer for Pride service – Michael to look at options.
- We looked at welcome packs for emergency accommodation – Michael to put together a small working party.
- Wendy and Sarah are looking more deeply into a women's group, but it's still in the early stages.
- We are still awaiting information on Trans Pride event – and possibilities for a speaker for Trans Pride Sunday. .
- Refreshment funds are dwindling – Michael to make an announcement at church reminding folks that refreshments are fully funded by donations.
- Look at the costs of a pull up banner to be used indoors at events – Michael to cost.

Closing Prayer. Keith.

Pastor's report for June 2017

May was full of interesting events. I met with Daniel Cheesman, the new CEO of Switchboard. We talked about how our organisations could support each other as we move forward, and he accepted an invitation to preach at the Village. I also met with Billie Lewis to talk about Pride. The Village will be working with the LGBT Community Safety Forum at the access tent, providing temporary tattoos, card readings, and a listening ear if needed. I have been co-opted onto the LGBT Community Safety Forum board as a trustee. I look forward to working with them and seeing how both organizations can cooperate in serving the community.

The Brighton Gay Men's Chorus and Rainbow Chorus both put on great concerts during the month.

I have twice been a guest on *Latest TV* again, and have been asked if I would be willing to be a monthly guest. I was asked to take part in the documentary *Fox and Owl get married*. I wasn't able to meet with them this month but we did a brief piece via skype that will appear in the film.

During the month I met with my spiritual director. Alas, she has cancer and is only accepting palliative care. Please lift Aileen in your thoughts and prayers.

I was asked to speak at Idahobit on the 17th, and read a prayer. The Rainbow Chorus sang and the speakers were great.

During May I dealt with four pastoral emergencies, none of whom were Village attendees. I also made two emergency Pickle payments.

May was mental Health Awareness month, and a great season for worship speakers. Kate from Mindout spoke about the road to mental and spiritual health, Stephen told us some of his life story, I spoke about being bipolar, and Alistair spoke on the survival of the gentlest. Our worship videos for May have already been watched on youtube by over 200 people. Please see below the schedule for June – October. There's some magical stuff happening at the Village.

Love

Rev. Michael.

Worship – June through October 2017

JUNE IS A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

June 4 OTHER VOICES **Charlie** **Pentecost Sunday**
June 11 OTHER VOICES **Sarah**
June 18 OTHER VOICES **Tony**
June 25 OTHER VOICES **Pam**

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23 **TRANS PRIDE**

July 30 **FOX AND OWL**

AUGUST IS PRIDE MONTH

Aug 6 PRIDE VOICES **Peter Tatchell**
Aug 13 PRIDE VOICES **Rev. Jide Macauley**
Aug 20 PRIDE VOICES **AJ Nuggets Patterson**
Aug 27 PRIDE VOICES **Rabbi Elli Tikvah**

SEPTEMBER IS MUSIC MONTH

Sep 3 Earth Ongoing creation. **Rev. Alex Mabbs.**
Sep 10 Fire And Smoke – God's leading. **Rev. Michael part 1/3 Holy Spirit and music**
Sep 17 Wind Ruah – The Holy Spirit **Rev. Michael part 2/3 Holy Spirit and music**
Sep 24 Water Baptism into Christ – being a part of God's family. **Rev. Michael part 3/3 Holy Spirit and music**

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Oct 1 **Daniel Cheeseman**
Oct 8 **Rev. Peta Evans**
Oct 15 **Felice Rhiannon**
Oct 22 **Caroline Lucas**
Oct 29 **Finola Brophy**

