



# THE VILLAGE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **Agenda for the meeting of the board of trustees Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18?
5. Safeguarding.
6. Health and Safety.
7. Pride and Trans Pride – review.
8. New church printer.
9. Sermon series – Guests.
10. Appointments. (Rev. Peta Evans and Dameon Loukas).
11. Day retreat (Oct 7<sup>th</sup>).
12. Visit from Brandan Robertson (Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)
13. Meet-up Groups.
14. Church visioning.
15. Rev. Peta / Networking event expenses.
16. Budget for *Soul Safari 2018*. (Festival of LGBT+ Mind, Body, and Spirit)
17. Membership list.
18. AOB
19. 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 July 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 7:30pm at Rev Michael's home.**

**Present:** Rev Michael Hydes [Chair], Simon Markham [Secretary]

**Guests:** Dameon Loukas

**Apologies:** Keith Fish, Wendy Burgess, Sarah Barber.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev Michael 7:50pm

**Minutes of last meeting: Proposed by:** Rev Michael **Seconded by:** Simon

**Pastor's report: Proposed by:** Simon **Seconded by** Rev Michael

**Treasurer's report: Proposed by:** Simon **Seconded by:** Rev Michael Rev Michael to ask Keith about the course expenses.

**Pickle fund report:** Three payments were made during July totaling £59.07

**Safeguarding:** No issues discussed.

**Health and Safety:** No issues at present. We don't need a risk assessment for Pride this year as we are covered by the LGBTCSF. Trans Pride we can use the same RA this that we used last year.

**Guest Speakers:** All ok at the moment, if any dropout Rev Michael will stand in.

**Appointments:** After much prayerful consideration for all parties Rev. Peta Evans has agreed to join *The Village MCC* as a associate pastor. Expenses and training will be offered as available and agreed by the board.

**Day retreat:** Set for October 7<sup>th</sup> at Wendy and Sarah's home in Newhaven. Theme is *Healing*.

**Meet up group:** Nothing set up as yet. Rev Michael intending to set up a group under the banner of *Soul Safari*.

**Church Visioning:** Rev Peta has offered to facilitate a visioning process with the church board.

**A.O.B:** Nothing to discuss.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev Michael closed in prayer at 8:50pm

## Pastor's report for July and August 2017

As usual it's been a busy time of the year and overall I'm pleased with the way it's unfolded. Because there's two months to report on I'm going to bullet point the events instead of woffling on.....

- Disability Pride - Village MCC volunteers asked to help with signposting. (Chris volunteered)
- Recorded 2 episodes of *Queersay* with Andrew Kay on Brighton's *Latest TV* program.
- At Trans Pride we were present with *MCC Brighton* offering temporary tattoos and Jesus deck card readings.
- At our Trans Pride service we celebrated by talking with Will Mason about his journey.
- We held a pre-Pride meeting for volunteers at Charlie's home.
- At our post Trans Pride Service we celebrated by talking with Fox Fisher about their journey.
- Brighton Pride festival - 13 volunteers (10 on site) supported the work of *The LGBT Community Safety Forum - Accessibility Matters* and processed over 600 differently-able attendees, as well as offered Jesus Deck card readings, temporary tattoos, and security.
- The following morning I was a guest on the *BBC Radio Sussex Sunday morning show*, commenting on the news and bringing the Pause for Thought section
- At our pride service we hosted a Q&A with Peter Tatchell. There were 39 in attendance (our largest attendance to date) for a very intimate meeting with a very special man. We raised £300 for the *Peter Tatchell Foundation*. Chris posted a press release which was published in Gscene.
- Pride month worship speakers included Rev. Jide Macauley, AJ Nuggets Patterson, and Rabbi Elli Tikvah Sarah, (All of whom were amazing!).
- I was appointed to the board of *The LGBT Community Safety Forum* and attended the public meeting as a trustee and the post-pride meeting as contributor (as well as board member).
- Chris and I hosted a visiting minister and their partner for a meal.
- Dameon Lukas has accepted the role of *Hospitality* and will be welcoming new folk as they come to church. We have had a new batch of Village greeting cards printed and Dameon is looking after member event celebrations with a card in the post. Thank you Dameon.
- Created and printed banners for Pride.
- Created and printed T-Shirts.
- 5 Pastoral meetings with church attendees.
- 3 Pastoral meetings with non church attendees.
- Met with Rev. Peta Evans to talk about transitioning into Village MCC Church life.
- We have the go ahead for two *Soul Safari* Sundays at The *B-Right-On* festival in February. The event will be held in Victoria Gardens and Rev. Peta, Isla, Dameon, Keith, and I have formed a steering group to look at how best to be present.
- Met with Trustees of *The Brighton and Hove Faith in Action* group. We were offered membership, which we accepted. (Membership is free of charge but by invitation only).

So it's been a busy couple of months and mostly positive things. However, my health has not been good, the poles on two of the new banners broke, and my printer finally died. But, I've managed well enough, the company replaced the damaged poles, and the church bought a new Brother Colour Laser printer. My old inkjet was never really fit for purpose and this thing is incredible - so every cloud does have a silver lining!

September is music month. The schedule is:

Sep 3 Earth - Ongoing creation. **Rev. Alex Mabbs.**

Sep 10 Wind (Ruach) – The Holy Spirit **Sarah Barber**

Sep 17 Fire - God's leading. **Rev. Michael**

Sep 24 Water - Baptism into Christ, being a part of God's family. **Robert Douglas**

And the following events are imminent: October 7<sup>th</sup> - Church retreat day from 10am-4pm at Wendy and Sarah's home in Newhaven. October 30<sup>th</sup> - visit from Brandan Robertson.

I will be away for a few days during September and will not be in church on Sunday Sep 24<sup>th</sup>.

Much love

Rev. Michael.

July'17 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 30 June 2017 **£5420.57**

Income

Collections		Attendance	
02 July	21.00	13	
09 July	38.00	18	
16 July	36.00	18	
23 July	29.20	18	
30 July	55.50	24	
Standing Order	£ 806.50		
			<u>£986.20</u>

Expenditure

<u>M. Hydes July</u>	£400.00	
Rent July	£180.00	
Tithe June	£ 66.55	
<u>Costs/expenses June</u>	<u>£156.28</u>	<u>£802.83</u>

*(conference transfer £50.00)*

Balance in Account as at 31 July 17 **£5603.94**

Forecast

Rev Michael	£400.00	
Costs Exp. reimbursed	£411.60	
Rent	£162.00	
<u>Tithe</u>	<u>£ 83.62</u>	<u>£1057.22</u>

This includes Pride t-shirt spending, which is to be repaid.

allocated Brighton Cares **£500.00**

forecast Balance available **£4046.72**

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 39.16</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£697.42</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£643.63</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 00.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 450.00</u>

**General funds Avail £2216.51**

## August'17 Board Accounts for The Village Metropolitan Community Church

Opening Bal at 31 July 2017 £5603.94

### Income

Collections		Attendance	
06 Aug	300.00	39	
13 Aug	66.00	26	
20 Aug	48.00	24	
27 Aug	77.50	27	
House of Rainbow	112.00		
Standing Order	656.50		
Pride T Shirts	130.00		
			<u>£1390.00</u>

### Expenditure

<u>M. Hydes Aug</u>	£400.00	
Rent July	£162.00	
Tithe June	£ 83.62	
Costs/expenses July	£411.60	
Peter Tatchell Foundation	£300.00	
House Of Rainbow	£112.00	<u>£1469.22</u>

*(conference transfer £50.00)*

Balance in Account as at 31 August 2017 £5524.72

### Forecast

Rev Michael	£400.00	
Costs Exp. reimbursed	£414.35	
Rent	£144.00	
<u>Tithe</u>	<u>£ 79.80</u>	<u>£1038.15</u>

This includes costs of a new church printer

allocated Brighton Cares £500.00

forecast Balance available £3986.57

<u>Keyboard fund</u>	<u>£ 39.16</u>
<u>PickleFund</u>	<u>£727.42</u>
<u>Sleep Safe</u>	<u>£643.63</u>
<u>Community Works</u>	<u>£ 00.00</u>
<u>Conference Fund</u>	<u>£ 500.00</u>

General funds Avail £2076.36