

SKLT Meeting Minutes 20/02/23

Hugh Barne (HB), Martin Handford (MH), Hanna Oakes (HO), Lucy Larkin (LL), Heather Alford (HA), Ben Goddard (BG)

1. Opening prayers were said
2. Bible reading led by MH
 - i. Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction
 - ii. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding
 - iii. James 1:5 Ask God who gives (wisdom) generously
 - iv. 2 Timothy 4:3-5 The time will come when people will turn from the truth, and turn aside to myths: keep your head and endure hardship when discharging your ministry duties. The verses from 2 Timothy make the point that people will "leave sound doctrine and gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear". MH linked this to the recent vote at General Synod on proposals tabled by the House of Bishops.
 - v. MH then read a prayer about unity.
3. Minutes
 - i. Minutes to be taken in the 365 environments as a live document
 - ii. BG to create a location and accounts for members to enable us all to access, comment on, and refer back to SKLT meetings. Also, sub-pages for Building Development and Building Maintenance teams.
 - iii. MH to clarify leadership of the Building Development team (he leads the Building Maintenance team).
4. Discussion on Synod and HB/MB's letter to the church family
 - i. There was discussion around the letter from Marc Baker (**MB**) and HB that was circulated to the LT on the 15th Feb and published on the 16th Feb. HO stated that the church family would want to know if MB and HB intended to use the new prayers (should they be commended). LL suggested that the communication would have benefited from including the figures from the voting at Synod. HA and LL asked why the LT had not been allowed to suggest changes to the letter. HB apologised for any confusion caused in sending the letter to the LT but explained that the precedent had been set when MH asked for the previous letter to be sent to the SKLT. HB noted that this letter was not intended as a definitive statement of the position of the church, rather an update to inform the church family of recent developments and to suggest how we might navigate the coming months together.
 - ii. LL raised that St Kea had not engaged in the Living in Love and Faith (**LLF**). Therefore, there is likely to be a higher concentration of emotions and confusions on the matter. HB said that his understanding of the reason behind this was the timing¹ of the 'LLF conversations' in which time the church was first fielding the pandemic and then rebuilding the communal life of the church.
 - iii. HA expressed concerns that St Kea had been described as a 'generous evangelical church' at the time of Marc's appointment (reflecting a broad range of churchmanship) and that we in the last ten years she felt St Kea had become more conservative evangelical.

¹ (November '20 - April '22)

- iv. Further to HB's current offer of visiting home groups, it was proposed that HB will consult with MB to offer a public discussion after a service to permit congregation to engage and hopefully better understand MB's stance (in the format of the On The Way discussion of a few weeks ago).
5. Youth and Children
- i. MH raise the need to feedback to the PCC our thoughts on using the money currently paying for Sam's hours to once again be utilised for a youth intern in the next year if possible. There is a need to bottom this out at SKLT March meeting. Reference should be made to previous minutes on this discussion. HB and BG to discuss transport options for possible interns.
 - ii. Sunday Club - HO wished to acknowledge the volunteers who keep our Sunday morning provision running – and that we need to make sure that they are supported in their roles and have the training they need. HA identified we need two more leaders (one before the summer, and one after the summer).
6. Review of progress
- i. Looking back and forwards
 - 1. 19th Feb seemed down on numbers as expected for half term but generally we're about 100 adults a week.
 - 2. It was identified families are naturally converging on the front north side and we should encourage that.
 - 3. BG confirmed that the aim is to move cameras to the back, which will help facilitate the above. Numbers on YouTube continue to be strong within the week immediately after (50-60) and then tailing off about 5 a week.
 - 4. MH started a discussion about the right approach in laying out extra seating, whether it was best to aim to set out extra chairs as and when, or to have them set out ready. Reduced circulation was noted as one downside to having too many chairs laid out. There was some discussion about empty seats in the front rows and how to fill them. HB noted that it can be off-putting for newcomers if it looks like there isn't room for them.
 - ii. Upcoming events
 - 1. Kea Fellowship evening on Wednesday 22nd - Ash Wednesday - Sam to update and lead prayer on Kea Youth and LICF.
 - 2. 26th March eat together in homes (including one Newcomers lunch) HB to publicise
 - 3. Maundy Thursday event - HB and LL to discuss whether this is the 'eat together' event for April.
 - 4. Away day
 - i. 11th March - Truro School - Burrell Theatre and dining room for lunch.
 - ii. SKLT to consider afternoon activities, MH offered to investigate leading a cycle ride from Devoran, HA suggested a possible walking route from Truro School to St Clement.
 - iii. Children's provision - Investigating having helpers from another congregation to allow all members to partake
 - iv. Speaker sorted by HB
 - 5. Sung worship event - HO
 - i. HO confirmed 31st March in the evening 19:30-21:00

- ii. Led by Matt Molyneaux (**MM**)
 - iii. Space out the seating a little to make less formal
 - iv. Focused time of worship with a wealth of songs to allow freedom - simple format
 - v. Will have Welcome and Prayer Ministry (MH to arrange)
 - vi. HO said that a fledgling committee had formed and had intended to review the first event and aspire to every two months if well received
 - vii. HB raised the question of whether these new events (if regular) might possibly compete with the monthly St Kea/Trinity (Praise & Prayer) fellowship evenings and also requested that the timing of events is considered within the overall SKLT planning document. HO stated that this had been discussed as a potential concern in the initial worship event meeting, but that it was felt that this event was a different offering, where 'sung' worship is the main focus, compared to the Kea Fellowship evenings which has primarily a prayer and fellowship focus.
7. Pastoral care update
- i. HB couldn't attend the most recent Pastoral Care team meeting and couldn't meet with the Avers before they went away but intends to improve communication.
 - ii. HB suggested a simple report from the Pastoral Care team that the SKLT can access resulting from their meetings
 - iii. Jennie Stevenson (as inclusion lead) has been liaising with those who can't get to the church
 - iv. Individuals were discussed
8. AOB
- i. Leadership Away Day - not discussed, other than a re-iteration of the suggestion that some items need more time than we have in our regular monthly meetings.
9. Close

Agreed by: BG, LL, HO, HB in advance of the meeting and by all remaining members at the March SKLT meeting.