

## **ST PAUL'S & ST GEORGE'S CHURCH – VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY 18/01/10**

Douglas Millican (Chair), Stephen Brooks, Dave Richards, Alison Strang, Geoff Horne, Margaret Jack, Ruth Stewart, Myra Martin, Derek Gordon, James Galbraith, Diana Hall, Rosie Addis.

In Attendance: Ruth Milliken, David (Intern)

Feedback from those attending the January Prayer meeting had been positive. There was a discussion around possible further main prayer meetings and how these could be balanced with the need for Vestry to pray together as a separate group. One person has agreed to organise prayer breakfasts.

Rosie Addis was approved as the new Secretary to the Vestry.

Dave is in the process of convening a working group to review the Counselling Service.

### **Rector's report**

John White, the new Youth Director is settling in well.

The Christmas services went well, with good attendance at the Carol Service. There is the possibility next year of having two services, a 'family friendly' one at 4pm and a more traditional one at 7pm.

The church is now going through a time of consolidation. This is reflected in the numbers (around 600). It is good to see that there are now more large churches in the city, and part of our future plan would be to work more closely with other churches across denominations.

The incident at last Sunday's 11am service has shown that the Welcome Team need a protocol to follow. This is being taken forward.

### **Children's Ministry**

We are privileged to have so many children attending the church on a Sunday, and the aim will be to create community amongst the children, so that they can then outreach to their friends (e.g. bring them to Energise or Holiday Club).

There are also many children and their carers who attend the Babies and Toddlers Thursday morning group. This is currently our biggest opportunity, but also where there is a desperate need for more volunteers.

### **Finance**

The Vestry Report and Financial Statements were approved. The P21 accounts were approved by the current Trustees (Douglas, Dave, and Geoff).

Geoff recommended that given the income to date, and the fact that there will be no Associate Director for at least another six months, £4,000 should be released, to be spent on some of the items on the current 'wish-list'.

### **Serving the World**

Following the discussion last meeting, it has been agreed that a) as a church we are committed to giving away 10% of our income to activities outwith our control, and b) we want to at least match the 10% giving with that given to our Mission Partners.

Geoff and Douglas will meet with representatives from the Global Focus and 10% groups, to draft a proposal for how monies are allocated. This will then be brought back to Vestry.