

All Saints' Church, Guildford.

Notes on a meeting of the Mission Vision Group held on Monday 12th October 2020 at 4, Litchfield Way at 11.30 am.

Present: Peter Nicholls (in the Chair) (PN), Carolyn Nicholls (CN) and Richard Hemingway (Secretary) (RH)

1. RH led the meeting in prayer.
2. Since the last meeting in July, Rachel Hubbard had stood down, following the appointment of her husband, Julian, to be the Incumbent at Compton parish. Her contribution was gratefully acknowledged.
3. The Notes of the previous meeting were adopted, it being noted that it had not been possible to hold the proposed Sponsored Walk owing to the Covid restrictions not being sufficiently relaxed for organised church events. It was also noted that the cash collection at Harvest Sunday Services had been changed to the North Guildford Food Bank. The preacher at the previous day's 10 a.m. Service, Mike Simpson of Mosaic Middle East (formerly FRRME), had been truly inspiring, and it was hoped that this would spark a renewed commitment to Mission in the parish.
4. Further to item 7 of the July Notes, names were again considered for invitation to join the MVG, following the Vicar's remarks at the Service the previous day. It was felt that people might be more inclined to accept if they were invited personally by the Vicar. CN undertook to approach the Vicar first, RH supporting.
5. Proposals for Mission support in 2021. The general guideline being followed was support for any given beneficiary for 3 years at a time, unless there was a strong case for supporting longer. This year, it was hoped that the names of the proposed beneficiaries would be circulated to PCC members as soon as these Notes were available, with a request that any comments or suggestions be referred to members of the MVG before their next meeting on 23rd November, when it was hoped new members would be on board, and the MVG could then make a final recommendation for the PCC to approve at its final meeting of the year.
6. Proposals for 2021 support:
 - (a) Friends International (considered appropriate for continuing support, given the close local connection)
 - (b) The Bishop of Guildford's Foundation (being a wider based support Organisation than some of the others supported in 2020.
 - (c) Mosaic Middle East (A key Mission for support overseas at All Saints')
 - (d) Bible Society (to complete a 3 year term)
 - (e) United Society Partners in the Gospel (core beneficiary, second year)
 - (f) Five Talents (second year) and
 - (g) North Guildford Food Bank. To be noted: (i) Any Lent Appeal funds to go to (b) above. (ii) Christian Aid to be supported in May. (iii) Mission to Seafarers as usual in July. (iv) A Rocha to be the main Harvest Charity for cash donations. Donations of food at harvest, as per 2020, for the Food Bank. (v) The Koens family/Wycliffe to be continued in 2021 as our special Mission Project, as per 2020. The Koens would be in the UK on furlough in 2021, and they will be consulted about their future needs.

- (b) 2 speakers at main Services in church to be invited in 2021, one from A Rocha, because of the Eco awards, it being known that another church in Surrey had recently been visited by a speaker from there, and the other being one or more of the Koens family.
- 7. The next meeting would be on Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7.30 p.m., by Zoom.