



St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury

Minutes of Standing Committee – 13 January 2022

Present: Keith Hilton-Turvey (Rector)
David Houghton (Churchwarden)
Andrew Beech
Catherine Beech

501. This meeting was held to finalise the arrangements for the discussion by the PCC of the spiritual direction of the church agreed at the previous meeting of the Standing Committee. The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of the meeting on 10 January

502. These were agreed unanimously.

Strategic direction of the church

503. Andrew Beech had circulated details of the proposed discussion to PCC members. All who had commented thus far had welcomed the opportunity for such a discussion.

504. It was agreed that, after prayer, PCC members would each be invited to read out their sentence in answer to the question “Where do you see the church as being now?”. No opportunity would be given for anyone to respond to the answer; instead a second table round of answers to the question “Where would you like the church to be now?”. This would be followed by a time of prayer.

505. It was agreed that the responses would be considered under five headings: evangelisation, discipleship, community, ministry and worship. Putting worship last on the list (though of equal importance) was seen as unusual, but it was felt that bringing people to faith and making disciples of them was a necessary prelude to their worshipping God. The responses of PCC members under these various headings would be used as a basis for discussion. Andrew Beech and David Houghton would assist by relating the responses to the opening questions from PCC members to the discussion of “Where do members believe Christ is leading us?” as appropriate.

Next meeting

506. The next Standing Committee meeting will be held on 7 March in the meeting room.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.