

Minutes of Christian Distinctiveness Meeting held on 10.11.2025 St Anne's C.E. (C) Primary School
MINUTES of Meeting Christian Distinctiveness Governors

Monday 10th November 2025

Setting Strategic Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ clarity of vision, values and ethos ▪ engaging stakeholders ▪ meeting statutory duties
Creating Robust Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ accountability for teaching, achievement, behaviour and safety ▪ strengthening school leadership ▪ performance managing the Headteacher ▪ contributing to school self-evaluation
Ensuring Financial Probity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ solvency and effective financial management ▪ use of Pupil Premium Sports Premium and other resources to overcome barriers to learning

No.	Agenda	Notes/Actions
<u>1</u>	Present	EH, ARo, AW, NR, PB
<u>2</u>	Apologies	AC, ATu
<u>4</u>	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Read and agreed
<u>5</u>	Matters Arising	<p>AW was looking to get people trained and calling this the Big Story. THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED BUT TO KEEP ON AS AN ACTION</p> <p>Worship Council to deliver Worship at Horton. CONTACT MADE WITH HORTON BY NR</p> <p>EH will look into Dementia Friendly status. THIS HAS BEEN ADDED TO SIP</p> <p>EH, AW and NR to meet on 10th September at 2pm to meet about how this will look at St Anne's. Spirituality. THIS HAS HAPPENED AND IS NOW IN PLACE</p> <p>NR will look into setting up lunchtime clubs and after-school clubs in mid-September</p> <p>BIBLE HEROES. COMPLETED AND IN ACTION</p>
<u>6</u>	Christian Distinctiveness Terms of Reference	Shared and approved
<u>7</u>	CDA meeting Autumn -Spirituality	<p>EH updated the group with the contents of the CDA meeting which was based around Spirituality. Lynsay Jennings (CDA) had led the staff in staff training on Spirituality which was positively received from the staff. Focusses for the year will be Pupil Voice into RE; book looks and Christianity around the world. The report will be shared at the next meeting.</p> <p>NR shared how spirituality will look at St Anne's and that she had completed reflection areas for all classes alongside an underpinning theme. (Light this term). NR will visit classes on a fortnightly basis to dig into the Big Qs encouraging CHN to think bigger. School was going to use the IN OUT UP thinking method and this will be an ongoing theme with teachers throughout their lessons.</p>
<u>8</u>	Flourish report and update Naomi	Naomi updated the committee on the progress of Flourish and it was commented upon the positive impact that Naomi had had at St Anne's. Flourish focuses had been on a three-day summer club attended by 28 CHN; national gathering attendance; introduction of Bible study clubs in Y4 and Y5 and the Light Party which was sold out quickly (40 spaces).
<u>9</u>	Flourish Outcomes	<p>There are five underpinning principles and outcomes for Flourish. The committee reviewed these outcomes and RAG rated them in terms of progress made so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Young people's voices are instinctively at the centre of all leadership decision-making and implementation Questionnaire and Pupil Voice further needed to strengthen this. ▪ Clearly articulated and shared purpose to grow a younger and more diverse community of Christian disciples This is present and is building. It is clearly in the hearts. Work needed around articulation. CHN in school YES. In church maybe needs more development. ▪ Strategic leadership partnership between school/college and at least one church community (with appropriate long-term governance and

		<p>resource commitment) The link between school, Connect 2 and St Anne's church is strengthening all of the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intergenerational faith development experiences involving children and their families of all ages This was felt that it was RED / AMBER and would be a priority for the coming year. ▪ Worship that is fully integrated into the regular rhythms, practices, structures and resources of the school/college's vision for flourishing of children and adults
10	Connect 2	<p>AW shared that Connect 2 as a church are directly answerable to the Bishop. There needs to be an oversight group for Connect 2 and had approached EH (school) about being part of this; therefore school will become a critical friend to Connect 2 in terms of supporting Connect 2 in deciding and evaluating what the community needs.</p> <p>How the Second Sunday operates was discussed by the group. It was felt that maybe an after -school club for children with an invitational entry into church could be successful with the objective and feeding parents and families into connect 2 / St Anne's church. It was also discussed about possibly running a Parent Café.</p>
11	Worship	<p>Worship timetable was shared. EH reported that the positive impact Connect 2 and Naomi had on Monday worship was fantastic. Rev Karen supports fortnightly worship on Tuesdays and S. Cullen supports worship once a term. The Methodist church was no longer supporting worship due to the absence of a minister.</p>
12	Worship Council	<p>NR explained that CHN were now monitoring and evaluating worship based on the feedback forms AW had supplied. NR would explore with the council the impact of this. Worship Council were working on a worship for 27.11.25 based on Dogman and turning this into a modern day parable. This could also be taken to Horton for a worship.</p>
12	Christmas dates	<p>AW NR and Rev Karen are meeting on 12th Nov to plan prayer spaces for RE day on 3rd Dec. There will be a joint school, St Anne's Church and Connect 2 family service on Sunday 14th December and Connect 2 and Naomi will support / lead the Christingle on 15th December.</p>
13	Health & Safety / Equality Issues	<p>Connect 2 have kindly offered to support 10 school families with hampers and two members of staff with hampers over Christmas.</p>
14	Safeguarding	<p>No items</p>
15	Date of next meeting	<p>Wednesday 25th February 2025</p>