

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2010**

Present: Fr Mike, Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd, David Hodgens, Anne Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Marian Haughton, Candy Williams, Dawn Hyett

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 13th September**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
P1, Item 3 – ongoing. Tony now has the letter which is out of date so he is amending it.
P3, Item 8 – following the last meeting when it was suggested that we enquire if we could have a morning service with the Bishop instead of the proposed afternoon one, Fr Mike informed the PCC that this has now been agreed with the Bishop and partner churches for 10.30 on 24th July at Crookhorn School and will be followed by a picnic lunch. Fr Mike said there is a possibility that there will be a procession to Crookhorn with the various churches joining on the way. Transport will need to be provided.

4. **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn gave the following report:

Figures for September fairly straightforward.
 - £88.75 in outgoings is for the gardener's bill which includes top soil which had to be purchased.
 - An invoice will be sent to Edwards regarding the sponsorship of the Bulletin.
 - We are waiting for the final bill from the builders now everything is finished [Dick advised that this has been received today for £18,063]
 - Carol has worked out the gift aid for the 3rd quarter which include the Gift Day and this has come to £4,119.97.

Tony asked how much the total building work amounted to now we have the final bill from the builders. Dick said we still have a bill to come from the Architect but he estimates it to be approximately £53,000 for tower, guttering, windows etc.

Colin said at the last meeting of the Hall Committee David Cavey raised whether it would look better to use the £25K from the church accounts to pay the remaining bills as we are continuing to fundraise. Dawn said that as it takes some time to sell our investments she would need to borrow the £10K from the hall account anyway. She said that the quota has not yet been paid for this month either. Dick and David said they thought it better to use the money from the Church Hall account as our investments are going up at the moment. Dick also said that we are looking at £20-£35K again next year to replace all the flat roofs.

Tony

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4. a) **Charities Treasurer's Report**
Linda gave the following report:

- September retiring collection was for Water Aid and raised £1110.92 over the month. The 3 weeks in October for Whizz Kids has raised £85.47. The last two weeks are for the YMCA.

5. **Explanation of Diocesan Finances**

This was discussed at the last meeting – 4 different options were given which are voted on by the Deanery Synod, Bishops Council and then to the Diocesan Synod to vote next month. Tony thought they would go for Option 1. David objected to the fact that the budget increases year on year and asked to see a copy. Fr Mike said he would get Wendy from the Diocesan office to come and explain the budget if this would help. Tony said that the budget is fairly straightforward – 83% of the budget is for priests, 17% central under the heading of Mission. We do not take advantage of most of this but the Finance team comes under this as we could not continue our work without their support. Tony said a lot of the increase is a 3.7% rise year on year on clergy pensions.

In the light of this explanation Fr Mike asked whether he thought it would be helpful to have Wendy to talk to us. David said it is too late for this year but it was agreed that we could have an in house training session around July next year once the budget is received and before it is agreed. Tony said he would be happy to lead this session on Diocesan finance.

All

6. **Committee Reports**

a) **Fabric and Finance and Quinquennial**

The minutes from the meeting on 11th October have already been circulated. Dick said that work has now been completed on the tower, guttering and windows and the final bill has been received today for £18,063.33. This comes via Daniel, the Architect. A final settlement is still awaited from Daniel probably in the region of £2,000. There are a few things ongoing around the church which are noted on the last page. Dick advised that the First Aid Box in the church has gone missing and a new one has been purchased at a cost of £25. There is a problem with the gate at the Sacristy side of the church and Tony Shepherd is going to bolt the pillar to the wall like the other one.

David said that Waitrose say we are not able to hold a collection there as these are restricted to Poppy Appeal and any major appeal eg Earthquake, flood etc. The green tokens are still awaiting selection. There is a Street Collection planned in the market on Friday 10th December and volunteers will be needed to help with this. Race night planned for February. Dick said that 90 cardboard towers had been made and were all handed out on Sunday. They will make about 30 more as some people had not had them.

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Dawn has worked out a provisional budget for next year with 5% on everything. Fabric and Finance have taken this away and will manipulate it for the November PCC meeting. [Major agenda item for the November PCC meeting].

Jane

b) **40th Anniversary**

Minutes from the meeting on 13th October have already been circulated. Main thing is the meeting in church on 3rd November for everyone who

has agreed to buy and decorate a tree at 7.30 pm.

c) **Pastoral**

Not met.

d) **Hall**

Minutes have already been circulated. Colin says he is still chasing Bernard to finish the work. He has had a few personal problems but has promised to get back to it soon.

e) **Fundraising**

Not met. However, Auction took place on Saturday and made £1,400 which Tony said was down on last time.

f) **Social**

Not met. Yet to discuss next year's social events.

g) **Deanery Synod**

Linda gave the following report:

Welcomed to Synod at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn on 29th September. They expect 600 people through their doors every week and run an Alpha course at the Costa Coffee Shop in Waterlooville.

Speakers were Robin Coutts, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Peter Kelly, Senior Vocations Chaplain on "Fostering and Discernment of Vocations". Gave background information to promoting vocations due to ongoing reduction of number of clergy in training. At present 65 training in our Diocese (31 men, 34 women) and 76 clergy will retire by 2025 which equals 51%. Lengthy ordination process explained and current trainee Sandy Osborne spoke about her doubts, fears, need of support and encouragement from all and prayers. There are all sorts of Ministry both lay and ordained and a vocation Sunday is proposed. Identifying people is everyone's responsibility not just the incumbents and the Diocese have produced a tear off card for approaching individuals. [Fr Timon has copies]. All of us are called by vocation to be in church every week.

Main item of finance concerned Parish Share and unless Option 1, the full increase, is implemented it was proposed that any reduction in shares should be retained by the Deanery in an emergency parish fund share rather than passed on to parishes. After a short debate the motion was not carried with the majority of the meeting abstaining.

It was asked that Strategy for Ministry for Mission be put on PCC agendas for prayer and the Bishop is getting to grips with the plans.

Fr Mike

7. **Response from Margaret Symonds re letter from St Mary Axim**

Margaret, Lynn Winter and Fr Mike met and decided when we next have a retiring collection for Axim we should do a big display at the back of church. Something would also be written to go in the centre pages of the magazine at the same time. Sunday School would do a project and people doing the intercessions would be asked to include Axim in their prayers. No question of paying for the Axim priest to come over here but need to raise the profile and awareness of Axim.

8. **Correspondence**

- Fr Mike said that Adrienne Bridger wants to stop being the Christian Aid representative so we need to find someone else to take over. As

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there were no volunteers at the meeting Fr Mike would put a notice in the Bulletin.

- Advert for Christmas Services in The News. This will cost £40 and PCC agreed that we should do this. Fr Mike will complete and send this off with a cheque.
- Fr Mike passed around a leaflet of the 5 churches in the Waterloo/Denmead area which Wimpey are handing out to the new houses in Hambledon Road which John Johnson has produced. 21 have already gone out and a further 21 have been requested before Christmas. Colin wondered whether we could do something similar to hand out to the Estate Agents in the area for people moving into a new house.
- E-mail received from Bishop Peter Hancock, Bishop of Basingstoke thanking everyone in the diocese for the love, prayers and friendship over many years and thanks to all those who contributed to the Crozier he received as a leaving gift.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 17th November** following the Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.