

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2011

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright, Tony Rice-Oxley, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Carol McKells, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Lindsay Chalk, Marian Haughton

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 9th November**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Page 2, Item 4b) – Fr Mike confirmed the notice had gone in the Bulletin.
- Page 4, Item 14 – Dick still to draft a reply to Rev Siegmund. Fr Mike said he has had no offers from the congregation to head this twinning up.
- Page 5, Item 19 – Dick has now registered St George's and created access for Dawn so she can fill in all the necessary information.

Dick

4. **Church Finances**

a) **Treasurer's Report**

As Dawn was unable to be at the meeting Dick gave her report as follows:

On the Income side:

We have received the tax back for gift aid donations for Quarter 3 of £1,984.65.

Donations are made up of £28.50 from a funeral and £44.26 from 2 baptisms during November.

The figure of £90 in sales is in respect of plant sales.

Fundraising includes the proceeds from the shop of £3,594, £200 from the barn dance, £100 from Bonusball and £23.41 from a concert.

Extraordinary expenditure relates to £100 donated to the choir to pay for some more carol sheets which is included in the expenditure for this month, and £211.92 received from the hall relating to joint maintenance costs that we paid.

On the expenditure side:

I am pleased to report that we have paid our full quota to the diocese for this year.

Included within admin is £358.89 which is paid to CCLI and is in respect of our licences regarding music in church.

We had to call Griffiths & Co in to repair the organ and this amounted to £153.60 which takes the organ maintenance over budget. We have had to call them out again this month as well but that will be included in the December figures.

Included within Church maintenance is £264 payable to Highfield Plumbing and £159.84 to Southern Fire Protection but as I have already mentioned half of this has been paid back to us from the Hall. £82.95 included within extraordinary expenditure is the purchase of carol sheets as already mentioned.

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

The November retiring collection in aid of the Elizabeth Foundation raised £193.61 which included 2 baptisms and £50 donation from Wednesday morning coffee.

Wednesday morning coffee wanted the PCC to know that they have also sent off £50 to: Leprosy Mission, Christian Aid, Breast Cancer Care, Hounds for Heroes, RNIB and Barnabus Fund. They said there should be some left in that fund which may replace the ink stained chasuble.

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

As the minutes were late coming out Dick went through the main points.

- High Interest Savings Account - F&F agreed that £10,000 would be transferred into a UTB higher interest savings account with the same signatories as the current account.
- Walk Round List - Thanks to a lot of work by Colin Monk a lot of the items on the Walk Round List have been done. George's Men will tackle some of the other items in January.
- Front Wall Work – A quote has been obtained from B and M Clark for £1,893.60 for work to replace the capping stones on the front wall which is a safety issue and to re-point the wall at the rear of the church. As it is over £1500 it will require a Schedule B approval which Dick is completing.
- Temporary Events Licence – Colin has asked what we need a licence for. If we sell or give away alcohol as part of the ticket price we need a licence but there is a limit of 15 days in a year. Tony, Colin and Dick are meeting with the Licensing Authority in Havant tomorrow to clarify this.
- Quinquennial work – Gallery rail height. After taking other advice we must comply with the Architect's instructions so we must address this next year.

Tony, Colin
and Dick

Dick Handy proposed that we accept B and M Clark's quote of £1,893.60 to replace the capping stones on the front wall and to re-point the wall at the rear of the church as per their Estimate No 7292 dated 23rd November 2011. This was seconded by Tony Rice-Oxley and agreed unanimously by the PCC.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Barbie handed out copies of the minutes from the meeting on 21st November which have not been circulated to the PCC as they have not yet been approved and went through the main points.

Richard

- Fr Mike had been sent a copy of a leaflet "On the way to Bethlehem" aimed at primary aged children. It was decided that it was too expensive to buy one for each of the children coming to the schools Christmas services as the cost is £10 for 30 copies but 60 copies have been ordered to allow enough for Sunday School and some to be put in church. There is also a similar publication aimed at teenagers and it was agreed to get a sample of this to see if it is of any use to the Youth Club
- Fr Timon confirmed that he has had two volunteers join the Youth Club leadership who have settled in well.
- Sunday School is settling down but as the numbers fluctuate a lot it was decided this year to have a Nativity tableaux at the Christmas Eve service using whatever children make it on the day.

ACTION

- St George's should contact The News more regularly to raise our profile.
- Confirmation – The Bishop will come to St George's on Sunday 13th May for a confirmation service at 4.00 pm. There will probably be a said service at 10 am and the main service will be at 4.00 pm that day.
- Taize type service – Fr Timon said he has been in touch with St Faiths, COGs, St Johns Rowlands Castle who are very interested in taking part in a Taize service run by the youth during Lent on 25th March.
- Fr Mike asked that the "Sunday bags for children" be put on the next Pastoral agenda. Dick said these bags were all empty and he had to stuff them with toys etc before the Schools Concerts. Barbie said we need to pick up suitable items for the children's corner if anyone sees anything.
- A traditional Harvest display will be discussed at the next Pastoral meeting.

Pastoral
Agenda

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Not met. Need to put discussion on Music Licences on the next agenda.

Hall
Committee

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met.

b) **Fundraising**

Not met.

9. **Deanery Synod Report**

Fr Timon gave the following report from the Havant Deanery Synod meeting held on Wednesday 30th November:

Welcome by The Revd David Proud, the priest-in-charge of St Thomas, Bedhampton. The main feature of the evening was the presentation "Engaging with Young People".

The presentation was given by Ben Mizen, the Diocesan Youth Officer and assisted by Mike Capener, Youth Worker at the Church of the Good Shepherd (COGS). Ben presented a model for engaging with young people. However, he felt that engaging with young people is very difficult. His presentation was based on a model which is five fold.

He spoke about values for ministry and activities:

- Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Worship
- Discipleship
- Ministry

He felt that we need to be in the bigger circle of the community to evangelise and then slowly and gradually draw people into the congregation, making them become part of the committed church. This is how his model works:

A young person needs an activity to focus on:

ACTION

Young Person

Community
Crowd
Congregation
Committed
Core

Activity

Evangelism/Outreach
Fellowship
Worship
Discipleship
Ministry

These he thinks can be achieved by getting to know what the young people have to offer in the way of their own talents which can be brought into the fellowship, worship and so on. Finding out ways of connecting with young people, what are their needs? Where are they in life? He suggested that the present culture is the invitation culture, so invitation is another way by which we can welcome Young People into the church. He is very keen to train leaders so if there is anyone who feels they have the calling to young people please do get in touch with Ben Mizen.

Two major events are coming up in the Diocese:

Saturday 25th February – ‘CONFIRMED’ for youth workers/ministers, clergy and laity

All

And

Wednesday 7th March 2012 – Children’s Spirituality at Portsmouth Cathedral.

All

More information on the board at the back of Church.

The Diocesan Synod report was not presented as Mark William was not present at the meeting.

The next meeting is at Hart Plain Church on Wednesday 22nd February 2012.

10.

Parochial Fees 2012

Fabric and Finance have looked at these fees and it has been circulated to everyone. Fr Mike said the fees have gone up slightly and are presented in a slightly different form. Sections with a + are statutory fees.

Dick Handy recommended that the PCC accepts the Fees for 2012 as agreed by the Fabric and Finance Committee. This was seconded by Tony Rice-Oxley and agreed unanimously.

11.

Music License (Dick)

Dick said there is a slight change to the Music Licences. Separate licence tied in to that for the showing of films. The playing of any CD type music in non service events now needs a licence – a Public Performance Licence (PPL) around £50 for the year which has been paid.

12.

Charities Committee – formation for 2012

Fr Mike asked for volunteers to meet with him, Fr Timon and Linda for one meeting to agree the charities to be supported next year. Tony, Dick and Jane volunteered. The meeting will take place after the Ash Wednesday service on 22nd February at approximately 8.30 pm.

Fr Mike, Fr Timon, Linda, Tony, Dick and Jane

ACTION

13. **Parish Boundaries – confirmation of PCC approval**
Fr Mike passed around some maps and explained the changes to the parish boundaries. Fr Mike proposed that the PCC accept the recommendation from the Archdeacon, this was seconded by Sheilah Hall and agreed unanimously.
14. **Correspondence**
- Pompey Chimes – It was agreed to subscribe to this again next year - £90 for 60 copies. Dick said that Dawn had received a letter saying we hadn't paid for last year's so two cheques will be sent off – one for 2011 and one for 2012.
 - The servers have agreed to buy some new girdles and crosses on the same coloured rope which will cost about £200. As Leon Bartosiak used to be a server Fr Mike thought it would be nice to use the rest of his legacy of £150 towards this.
15. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th January 2012** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.
- The meeting closed at 8.55 pm and was followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Dawn

All