

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2011**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Dawn Hyett, Candy Williams, Sheilah Hall, Colin Monk, Tony Rice-Oxley, Marian Haughton, Barbie Lloyd, David Hodgins, Sandra Hewett, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden),
Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod)

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 22nd February**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 2, 6(a) – Fr Mike confirmed that the Schedule B which we needed
for the work on the roof has been agreed and a copy received.

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

Included within the income figure for sales is £160 for plant sales.

Within Liturgical donations is £50 from the Tweenies to purchase the
Paschal candle in memory of Jules, and £39.73 votive sales.

Extra-ordinary income is £121 received from the film club to cover the
costs of the licence already purchased.

On the expenditure side we have paid our first quota payment this
month.

Included in the clergy expenses is £170 for Walsingham.

£157.50 included within the admin figure was payable to Oaklands
School in respect of the printing of the Lent calendars, and £59 payable
to Data Developments for a year's software support. We have set up a
direct debit to pay this as it secured us a cheaper premium.

Fr Mike said that a cheque has been received in memory of Bill McNeill
from the Royal Marine Portsmouth Lodge for £1,000 for the church
repair fund.

4. a) **Charities Treasurer's Report**
The February retiring collection for the Barnabas fund (for persecuted
Christians) amounted to £106.86.

Linda said that as Adrienne Bridger has now given up as Christian Aid
coordinator she has been in contact with them and has managed to get
envelopes to put in church for Christian Aid week 15th May to 21st May.
They should be writing to Adrienne thanking her for her work.

5. **Presentation of Accounts for APCM**
Dawn went through all the accounts paperwork which she had sent
through before the meeting. As it is her first year she apologised that it
has taken her longer to get the accounts ready as she has been on a

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very steep learning curve, so the accounts have only just gone to Gordon Beer, the Auditor.

Tony asked if there will be a simplified version (as in previous years) to go in the APCM report and Dawn confirmed that there would.

Dawn

Fr Mike thanked Dawn for a fantastic piece of work on behalf of the PCC and said we value her work greatly. As a PCC we need to approve the accounts subject to the auditor's comments. This was proposed by Linda and seconded by David and agreed unanimously. Dawn agreed to e-mail any changes received from the auditor to the PCC.

Dawn

6. **Any other urgent business**

Deanery Meetings

Fr Timon reported on two Deanery meetings, one on shaping the Deanery in years to come and one on Ministry for Mission which he and Sheilah had attended. The Deanery is divided into 3 clusters which are self chosen – Central Partnership (us), the Northern Cluster and the Southern Federation. Discussion took place on what resources we have and what we can share with others. This is an on-going process up to 2015 and is in the initial stages. How we can best cope with future ministry was discussed. Fr Timon said that our cluster is working very well. We have been able to help each other and share our resources and have visited the other churches and seen how different and varied our traditions are. Other clusters commented that they do not have such a strong team as we have with Fr Mike, Fr Timon, Fr Ray and Bishop Godfrey. The Rev'd John Naude from Church of the Good Shepherd is very happy to be a part of this cluster as he has never been anywhere quite like it before.

Fr Mike showed people a flyer with dates for diaries:

Ministry for Mission Roadshow

18th May at Shedfield from 5.00-9.00

19th May at the Cathedral from 5.00-9.00

Organist

Fr Mike said that Cecil is ill and is taking a short sabbatical until he recovers. Mark Langtree will stand in. Cecil may decide to reduce his commitment and if so he, Mark and possibly Paul Taylor will sort it out between them. If this happens Fabric and Finance need to discuss honoraria. The PCC asked Candy to give Cecil our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Candy

Deanery Synod Meeting

This meeting was held at St Wilfrid's Cowplain on 24th February 2011. They have a link with Westbrook Church, a community directive, entitled "Beacon of Blessing", and Lucy Moore's Messy Church project.

Lucy Docherty, Lay Chair of Diocesan Synod gave a talk on the workings of Synod explaining the pyramid structure stating any matter of religious or public interest can be put forward for discussion. Synod is defined as a council for debates or government, and is a coming together, common mind and lay involvement. The new Strategy for Ministry for Mission will put more emphasis on Deanery and laity and the favoured group ministry set up comes under 4 headings – vocations,

training and development, structures/deployment and mission support.

Roadshow at the Cathedral on Thursday 19th May between 5 and 9 pm to explain framework, resources etc. Principles are for everyone to hear gospel and for spiritual growth. Encouraged to attend. Bishop will be there for various talks. Archdeaconry roadshows thoughts, prayers and ideas led to this roadshow .

On finance deanery accounts presented for 2010 no movements in IDWAL account. PCCs thanked for paying parish shares in full once again, Havant being one of only 3 of 9 deaneries to do so.

At the next meeting the Deanery will look at approving, or not, proposals for women bishops, really just looking at whether it is “good enough” legally. All the information is given on the website.

Bishop’s visit to the Deanery on 1st March – all were encouraged to attend the event at St Albans.

Last meeting of this PCC

Fr Mike thanked Linda and Lindsay for representing us at Synod for the last 3 years. They can now stand for PCC if they wish. Thanks also to David, Barbie and Colin who will be standing down at the APCM. Barbie is able to stand for re-election as she was standing in for someone.

Magazine

Tony said the circulation is dropping alarmingly and advertisers are beginning to ask how many people this reaches and whether it is worth them advertising still. A lot of people are reading the magazine on the internet. Need to consider whether it is really an outreach, do we need a magazine, should we produce 500 copies a month and give them away or drop them through letterboxes? All these things need to be discussed. This will be an agenda item for the June PCC meeting.

Jane -
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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17th May 2011** at the Vicarage, starting at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm