

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 10TH JULY 2012**

Present: Fr Mike, Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Geoff Davies (left 8.20 pm), Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Rachel Palmer, Carol McKells, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Tony Rice-Oxley & Barbie Lloyd (both at Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 29th May 2012**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

Fr Mike added an item to the agenda as follows:

- Report from Churchwardens meeting from St John's, Purbrook

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 1, Item 3(a) – The churchwardens sent a letter to the Bishop re Fr Timon's situation and a reply has been received thanking us for our concerns and outlining what the position is and advising that his term of office will be extended to the end of September. He started two Sundays ago at St John's. Dawn advised that the collection is going very well and a significant amount has been received so far with money still coming in.

Page 2, Item 4(c) – The churchwardens are working on a job description and an advertisement will go in the Bulletin in the next month or so.

Page 3, Item 4(c) – Richard thought he had sorted the hum on the microphone but it keeps returning intermittently so he is trying to fix it.

Fr Mike

4. **Church Finances**

a) **Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

Donations include £173.70 from Funerals, £15.45 from a wedding, £17.54 from Baptisms and £100 in Donations.

Fundraising includes £100 from the Bonus ball

Bookstall includes £12 from the Bible Reading Fellowship

Extra-ordinary income includes £125 received for flowers from HBC for the civic service and £100 Donation for the Spotlights

A further £105 was received from the Gift Day envelopes.

Expenditure

Admin includes £3 admin fee for the utilities, £57.21 for green envelopes and £22 for new posters.

Church maintenance includes £1893.60 payable to B&M Clark for the work they carried out on the front wall and £400 for the new notice boards. This has taken the church maintenance figure over budget for this year.

We had two weddings during May which is the reason why the fees paid out this month are high.

Liturgical costs include £56.46 for communion wine, £295.50 for votives, £90.72 for alter candles, £80.02 for wafers and £50 for Baptism cards.

Although Liturgical costs are over budget we have received £324.88

back from sales of votives and donations made to cover one off expenses like the paschal candle and the palm crosses and these are included in the Liturgical gifts figure in income. Extra-ordinary expenses are the £125 to purchase flowers for the civic service which we received back.

Carol advised that she has just claimed the gift aid for the second quarter – April to June which comes to just over £2,000.

Colin asked whether we are still paying expenses to Fr Timon. Dawn advised that his last claim was 30th June and he is now claiming from St John's. Dawn said that we have never paid the telephone or utilities for his house.

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

Linda gave the following report:

Christian Aid raised £285.16 through the month of May. The June retiring collection amounted to £78.97 for St Mary Axim, with possibly another £50 from Wednesday morning coffees. We need to get the link going again to transfer this money. £52.02 was also collected for Hannah's Holiday Home from two baptisms.

Christian Aid has no representative at St George's at the moment but there was a collection in Waterlooville Precinct by Havant and Bedhampton Christian Aid representatives and they collected £561 which was reported in The News.

Charities Treasurer – Pat Mitchell has volunteered to take on this role.

She is away quite a lot but is willing to give it a try and is happy to be co-opted on to the PCC if necessary. Linda Wainwright proposed that Pat Mitchell be appointed to the role of Charities Treasurer and be co-opted on to the PCC. This was seconded by Sheilah Hall and agreed unanimously. She will need to be co-opted each April to the PCC.

Linda will go and talk through it with her on 9th August.

Linda

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

Not met but Dick gave an update. Daniel, the Architect came with a structural engineer to look at the work needed to the choir gallery. He has not had any response and has contacted Daniel to find out where they are. This work will include painting specifications for painting the church a shade or so lighter than we have at present.

The bank need a copy of the PCC minutes confirming that we wish to take Richard Spurgeon off the HSBC account and any other church accounts and add Linda Wainwright. This was proposed by Dawn Trimby, seconded by Candy Williams and agreed unanimously.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

These minutes have already been circulated to the PCC. Linda went through the minutes. We have money in the budget for Sunday School but if there is more money needed would like to think that the PCC will come up with whatever is required. There will be another Parish Breakfast in the autumn. Sunday School is now up and running again with new helpers. Youth Club will be the next thing to be discussed and it is hoped that it can be started up again from October. Fr Mike said it was encouraging that a lot of people came forward at the special meeting.

Sandra is going to CRB check all the people who have volunteered to help.

Sandra

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Geoff went through the Hall report which had already been circulated to the PCC before the meeting. The outstanding invoice from Victoria School of Dance has now been paid. We have recently had a lot of expenditure on the hall and there is more work still to be done which will cost around £1200. We would also like a complete redecoration of the hall – hall, lobbys, kitchen and toilets especially as the 100th anniversary is coming up in 2013. Sheilah’s husband is giving his advice on a specification which will then go out to contractors. This will come back to PCC once we have a better idea of costs. Geoff and Colin explained that the interest rate on our account with CCLA is so low that we want to change to an easily accessible account that achieves a higher interest rate and are looking to moving it to UTB. Richard Spurgeon is sole trustee on this account.

Geoff Davies proposed that the PCC approve the Hall Committee withdrawing all their money from CCLA. This was seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.

Geoff also proposed that Richard Spurgeon be authorised to withdraw it as sole trustee on behalf of the Hall Committee. This was seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met.

b) **Fundraising**

Not met.

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

Meeting tonight.

Cluster meeting at St John’s Purbrook – Linda gave a report on this meeting which was held on 26th June when the churchwardens and incumbents from all the cluster churches met together to look at how we can cover 5 churches with 4 stipendiary clergy. Nothing concrete came out of the meeting. A meeting will be held on 18th July with the Deanery/Diocese and then the cluster churches will meet again at the beginning of August to look at what information has come from that meeting.

9. **Correspondence**

- A letter has already been circulated to the PCC about the special meeting being held on 26th September - Archdeaconry finance consultation where all churches are invited to send representatives. The Bishop will be attending and it is being held at St George’s.
- June Bradley has stepped down from her role as Sacristan. The PCC offer their grateful thanks for all her years of service (around 20 years) and for everything that she has done.

Jane

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd September 2012 in church** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.