

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 29TH MAY 2012**

Present: Fr Mike, Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Tony Rice-Oxley, Sheilah Hall, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Geoff Davies (left 8.30 pm), Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Fr Timon, Rachel Palmer, Carol McKells, Colin Monk

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 1st May 2012**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

Fr Mike made a couple of amendments to the agenda as follows:

Item 3a) Fr Timon
Item 3b) Report from Churchwardens meeting
Item 10 removed as it comes up under Pastoral and add
Item 10a) Statues
Item 10b) Organist

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 2, Item 6 – still looking for someone to take this on.
Page 3, AOB Item – the new boiler is now fitted and working
Page 4, Item 10 – Tony and Jaye are happy to continue in this role
Page 5, Item 11b) – Dick confirmed that the paperwork has now been sent off to the Archdeacon in order that Graham Biggs can be appointed as Lay Assistant at the 8 am service.

a) **Fr Timon**
A long discussion took place on Fr Timon's situation. It was agreed that a letter of support will be drafted and sent on behalf of the PCC to the Bishop in support of the Singh family.

b) **Report from Churchwardens meeting**
Dick reported that there is a vacancy at St John's Purbrook and Church of the Good Shepherd, Crookhorn becomes vacant in July and this would most likely be filled. Looks unlikely that Purbrook will be able to appoint a new priest, therefore there will then be 4 stipendiary priests between the 5 parishes. Waterlooville is by far the largest parish of the 5 followed by Purbrook so Richard and Dick wrote a letter to the Rural Dean with a copy to the Archdeacon saying that due to Fr Mike's very high workload we are very reluctant to provide support from St George's and that a more workable solution must be found. Churchwardens from the 5 cluster churches and Fr Mike and Sandra from Denmead met to talk through the issues with the Rural Dean and members from the Deanery Pastoral Committee who have gone away to talk about it and another meeting will be held in June. St John's recently held their APCM. Their Treasurer has resigned and they only have one Churchwarden so, in the absence of a stipendiary priest, desperately need a self supporting minister to lead the parish. Two-thirds of the new development is in their parish so their congregation will increase.

Dick / Linda

Tony / Jane

4. Church Finances**a) Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- Standing orders include a figure of £750 in respect of matched giving by an employer of one of the congregation
- Donations included £52.15 from Baptisms, £60 donations and £23.70 from a funeral.
- Lit Donations include £69.91 votive sales and £49 for Palm crosses.
- Fundraising includes £30 from bulb sales, £116 from the sales of show DVD's and £14 from Smartie's collections
- Bookstall costs include £180 from the Bible reading fellowship which reimburses the cost of this already paid out.
- £76.53 in Extra-ordinary income is the cost of half the A frame signs from the hall.

Expenditure

- £101.30 in church maintenance is for 2 new spotlight fittings and 6 bulbs to go in these. They are to shine on Mary and George.
- £192 in bookstall is the cheque to Bible reading fellowship

Fr Mike said an anonymous gift of £100 has been received to pay for the spotlights over George and Mary.

Ralph Nunn who was a Deputy Churchwarden at the church has died and left £50 to the church and also something for the Sunday School.

b) Charities Treasurer's Report

Linda gave the following report:

Retirement Collection May (part) for Hannah's Holiday Home (including £50 from Wednesday coffee) raised £184.50.

Peter Oades funeral raised £224.50 for the RNLI and £224.50 for the Arthritis Research Council.

£170 was raised at the Civic Service for the Mayor of Havant's Charity Appeal Fund.

c) Fabric and Finance Committee Report

- Dick had a meeting with the Architect on Monday to discuss the re-painting of the church and work to the gallery. He has suggested painting the church in a grey two shades lighter than the present colour. The Architect looked at a number of solutions to raise the height of the gallery and fill in the gaps. Suggested putting steel cable around the gallery but needs a structural engineer to come in and check that the rails are strong enough and the glass is toughened. Block in the gap at the bottom with wood. He was also worried about someone falling on the stairs and falling through the glass and this will be addressed. The Architect recommended doing the gallery work first before decorating. A Faculty will be required.
- When Fr Timon leaves Fr Mike's workload will increase and it is proposed that we employ a church administrator to help out. This person would be employed for an average of 5 hours per week but

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three of these should be a regular slot, say Monday at 9 am. Tony is talking to the Church Administrator at St Wilfrid's. We would also need to update the current IT equipment in the Sacristy and provide broadband. Dick proposed that we make moves to employ a Church Administrator at £8 an hour for an average of 5 hours per week for 45 weeks per year. This was seconded by Dawn Trimby and agreed unanimously.

Something will go in the Bulletin for a fortnight initially and applications should go to the Churchwardens.

Fr Mike

- Fr Mike said that Richard has traced the hum on the microphone last Sunday to a break in the wire in Timon's microphone. A new one is £50 and has been ordered as it is more expensive to have it repaired.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

- The minutes have already been circulated. Linda said that the main items were the concern over the future of the Sunday School and the Youth Club. Fr Mike preached a sermon on Sunday highlighting the problems and e-mails have been sent to potential candidates. There has been some positive response and a short meeting will be held this Sunday to get people together. Linda has been in touch with Ben Mizen who confirms training is available but there are no formal courses until November. We need to have something formal in place by September. Lynn has been kept informed and is grateful for the support she is getting.
- Youth Club will be on the next agenda for discussion. Jane reminded Fr Mike that the youth club need to be told they are finishing at the end of June and contact needs to be made with St Faith's Youth Club to advise that we will not be able to meet with them for the planned beach BBQ on 20th July.

Fr Mike

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Not met.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**
Not met.

b) **Fundraising**
Not met.

9. **Deanery Synod Report**

Not met.

10. a) **Statues**

The statues of George and Mary were moved in January and it was agreed that we would leave them in place until Easter and re-assess. Fr Mike said he has had only positive comments. Linda said she would like to see Mary tilted in slightly and everyone was happy that they are left in their current position.

b) **Organist**

Fr Mike now has the official agreement for the appointment of the organist who was appointed over a year ago. It is now completed and the churchwardens have signed it and the signed copy will be kept in the church safe.

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11. **Correspondence**
None

12. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th July 2012 in church** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.