

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**Present:** Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Marian Haughton, Tony Rice-Oxley, John Hood, Lynne McNeill, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams, Colin Monk, Jane Cook (Secretary)

**ACTION**

Fr Mike thanked everyone for coming.

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Geoff Davies, Abi Morgan, Sonja Barrand, Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod),

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

**Minutes of St George's Standing Committee – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

These minutes have been circulated to everyone and were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 4, Item 4c – Jane confirmed she had sent a letter to Rod Starr.

Page 4, Item 6 – Colin confirmed that he has fixed the broken light sensors on the hall.

Page 5, Item 12 – Fr Mike confirmed that the WMF are happy with the venue charges for use of the Church of £2,500 for WMF 2015.

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

Dawn was not able to attend the meeting as she is ill so Jane read out her report as follows:

Income

- Received £2118.54 from HMRC in respect of gift aid
- Donations include £50.03 from the Trafalgar Day service
- £100 in Fundraising is from Bonus ball
- £350 in extra-ord income is £350 received from the hall in respect of the work carried out on the steps already paid by the church

Expenditure

- Although there is no parish share shown in the figures the October payment was paid at the beginning of November once the drawn down funds were received. The November payment, which will be the final payment, will be made once the proceeds from the bazaar have been banked. This will still mean that it will be paid in full by the end of the year.
- Church Maint includes £324 for the electrical work and £987 to Lympny's
- £600 in Church grounds is for the additional work carried out by the gardener
- Liturgical cost are made up of £21.30 Baptism cards, £79.70 Candles and £46.48 on wine
- A further £5352.48 was paid on the organ refurbishment and the final payment was made in November

I have opened up a separate bank account for the legacies and as of today there is £300 in it but this will not be shown until the November figures.

I have also received correspondence from UTB stating that the interest rate on our deposit account will be dropping to 1.9% from 2.15% from 1 January 2015”.

Both John Hood and TRO said that it was a bit unfortunate that our first foray into putting our finances on the weekly bulletin showed a rather too healthy situation, due in the main to the bazaar figure being included. In the future (starting from January) it was suggested that the information given is the weekly in and out, and the cumulative in and out for the period week by week. JH further suggested that we might change to show a 52 week moving annual total but we would need to discuss this with DT first in case too much work is involved. This will be taken to F&F to discuss.

F&amp;F

Linda said we have incurred Architects fees of £428.18 which is for advice given on various things since 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Unfortunate that it should come in at the end of the year.

#### **b) Charity Treasurer’s Report**

Lynne reports that the October figures were £119.10 for the Homeless Charity Emmaus and £134.35 for the Christian Aid emergency appeal for the Ebola Crisis. In November a total of £374 was raised for Naomi House including a donation from Wednesday coffee, £120 from the Barn Dance and donations from the children’s concerts.

#### **c) F&F & Quinquennial Report**

These minutes have already been circulated and Linda went through the main points.

- Fr Mike will preach on the state of the church accounts on 8<sup>th</sup> February. On the following Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February there will be a short meeting after the service to encourage people to join a fundraising committee and bring along new ideas to raise funds.
- The sanctuary steps matter has been shelved for the moment as the brass edging is too expensive. However Fr Mike felt it was a health and safety issue as a couple of people had fallen and discussion took place. It was then agreed that something should be done. John said we could get black tape which he thought would be under £100 to put along the edge and the PCC agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.
- Pew cushions – several people have already agreed to donate money to replace these and it was agreed that we should not refuse these offers.
- Colin asked about the agreement that some of the lighting should be turned off until the service began and Fr Mike said that this is happening now. Need to make sure that all the sidespeople are aware of this.

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#### **Pastoral Committee Report**

Barbie apologised that she has not had time to get the minutes out yet. She will forward to Jane once done for circulation to everyone. The meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November at Rosy’s house where Linda handed over the chair to her. Rosy advised the PCC of the main points from the meeting:

Barbie

- Candy brought examples of prayer bookmarks to the meeting. She is in discussion with the DT department at Oaklands who are going to produce them.
- Marian brought about 48 “Message in a Bottles” which are now being stored in the tower. They give details of a person which is then placed in the fridge with a sticker on the front door so emergency services know where to look. They will be taken out by the newly formed Pastoral Visiting Team.

## ACTION

Barbie

- Barbie has got 150 copies of leaflets to hand out at the Christingle and Nativity funded by the Parish breakfasts.
- The children will be performing their Nativity as part of the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December.
- Team Ascalon are a small but enthusiastic band of young people.
- Rosemary said that Parent and Toddlers has some spaces at the moment – invites have been sent to Berewood Primary School.
- Sonja is arranging a session to go through safeguarding training with Sunday School and the pastoral team and anyone else who is interested.
- Sonja showed the template for the volunteer welcome pack that she is producing.
- Rosy had a meeting at Rowlands Castle regarding the Pastoral Visiting Team. Those people who have expressed an interest are being DBS checked at the moment. Rev Sandy Phillips from Christ Church, Portsdown is giving a talk for a couple of hours in church on Sat 31<sup>st</sup> January and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.
- Candy said that the holder for the prayer cards will be made from red translucent acrylic plastic and she looked with Fr Mike at where they should place it. It was decided to put on the bottom of the votive candle stand.
- Tony asked whether the names in the deceased book are also included in the list. Fr Mike said they are two totally separate lists. Also June Diaper puts the names in the Memorial book in the glass stand and needs to be informed of anyone to be added.

Sonja

All

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### **Hall Committee Report**

No meeting. However Tony gave an update:

- Unable to do the ramp because of all the work in the car park. Probably won't get done until March now.
- Hall made money over the year mainly from short-term one off bookings. It is proposed that £1,000 be given to the church as done in previous years but this has still to be passed and agreed by the Hall Committee at their next meeting. We are carrying too much money in the current account and some of this will be transferred into the Diocesan account.
- New tables and chairs have been put on hold in the current financial climate. Tony still has some red chairs on his tennis court which he would like to get rid of.
- The rats are still about and we are still working on the problem. Simon has put more bait down. The traps that Dick put out are now out of sight under the bushes.

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### **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met

b) **Fundraising**

Not met

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### **Deanery Synod**

Barbie was unable to go to the last meeting but thinks Elaine went. Linda will talk to Elaine to see if the minutes have been circulated yet.

9.

Linda

### **Fees 2015**

The proposed fees for 2015 have already been circulated. Fr Mike explained that a lot of these are statutory amounts but F&F went through the

rest and have put them up slightly. The PCC were happy that we accept these amounts. This was proposed by Tony Rice-Oxley, seconded by Linda Wainwright and agreed unanimously.

**10. Correspondence**

- Rod Starr wrote to Fr Mike and several other people individually thanking people for their support. Fr Mike has now met with him and discussed the memorial concert that he is proposing to put on in memory of Stella. The suggested date is 21<sup>st</sup> March and will feature some of the choirs she worked with and the organ will be officially re-opened following the refurbishment. Those people who donated money to the organ refurbishment and also the organ builders will be invited.
- Mark Langtry has said that for personal reasons he cannot take on the job of full-time organist but would be happy to be deputy organist. The PCC expressed their grateful thanks to Mark for all he has done and continues to do. We will need to advertise for a new organist in the new year.
- Concert charges – Tony said that he sends out contracts to people who use the church for concerts throughout the year. The charge is now £20 an hour including rehearsals. Rehearsals must be on the same day as the concert. Someone from the PCC needs to be in attendance.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm at Glendene, Hambledon Road**. In Fr Mike's absence Linda will chair the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and was followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

**All to note**