

**INUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Colin Monk, Lynne McNeill, Rachel Palmer, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Geoff Davies, Carol McKells, Sonja Barrand, Abi Morgan, Candy Williams

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming on such an awful evening.
2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on Tuesday 14th January**
The following amendments to these minutes were noted:
Page 1, under Present: delete Lynne as she is in twice and add McKells to Carol's name.
Page 1, Item 2: Linda Wainwright not Lynda
Page 3, Item 7, Sub para 3: should read "...giving £1 per week extra"
Page 4, Item 7, first bullet point: Diocesan spelt incorrectly
Page 5, Item 10, first bullet point: should read Three Processions – Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day.
Page 5, Item 10, bullet point 5: Sedar spelt incorrectly – should be Seder.

These were then signed as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Page 2, Item 4b – Dawn said she is meeting the criteria and signing the weekly bank sheet and recording it in the book.
4. **Church Finances**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn gave the following report:
Income
 - Fundraising is all bulb salesExpenditure
 - Gas and Electric are for the costs from September to December 2013 so should have been in last year's figures.
 - Admin includes our annual subscription to Royal School of Church Music £95
 - b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**
 - Lynne reported that Canine Partners and ASAP Cat Rescue shared £103.46 in January.
 - Linda said that Mabel Maginn is going to Ghana on 28th February and has kindly offered to take our donation to St Mary Axim. This comes to £249.20 and will be made up to £250. Many thanks to Mabel on behalf of the PCC.
 - c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**
Have not met but Dick reported that Daniel, the Architect visited and did the inspection and issued the Quinquennial report. The only major disappointment is that the tower roof is leaking again. This has been reported to B&M Clark. Other urgent items are to do with the flat roofs, Lady Chapel roof which has broken tiles, an electrical test and a

lightening conductor test. After the previous Quinquennial report which had 14/15 urgent items we are very pleased with this one. Daniel made a statement in the report that the church was in excellent condition. He has found old drawings of the drains around the site and the graveyard which he offered to put on to digital at a cost of £150 + VAT, which we have accepted. Fr Mike offered huge thanks to Dick and Linda and the rest of the team for keeping the church in such a good state of repair and for organising the Quinquennial visit.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The minutes have already been circulated. Linda added that the youth are to be included in the stewardship campaign during Lent. Everyone should have received a copy of the safeguarding training and e-training information which has already been circulated. The Diocese has been informed that they failed to include Waterlooville in the Pompey Chimes list of Food Banks in the area.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

The next meeting will take place next Wednesday. Colin said Geoff had prepared the accounts. The church accounts are not prepared on an accrual basis and Dawn said the Hall accounts need to comply. Dawn said this is what has been agreed with the Diocese so we are not in a position to change it. Colin will talk to Geoff about this.

Colin

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met

b) **Fundraising**

Not met

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

In Candy and Barbie's absence Fr Mike advised that a presentation was given by the Trussell Trust at the meeting on 11th February. A lot of Food Banks do not want to join them as it is a franchising organisation and costs £1500 to join and then £300 per year. The Trussell Trust have arrangements with large firms Mars, Kellogg's and Tesco who contribute to them. Trussell Trust started in Bulgaria and set up the first Food Bank in this country in Salisbury. They have about 250 around the country and said there is probably an equal number who do not belong to them.

Fr Mike said that the Deanery capitation fee has reduced from £15 to £10.

Candy then sent the report below:

Speaker: Mark Ward, Trussell Trust gave a very interesting and informative talk.

- . Originally started approx 15 yrs ago in Salisbury area.
- . Started by Charity work in Romania providing boarding school support for street children.
- . Became focused in Salisbury area on the awareness of local deprived families in between
 - Pay Day Cheques and not having any funding for food.
- . Food Bank started by volunteers from the Trussell Trust which has now spread nationwide

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- . Provides additional employment for deprived and disabled people.
- . Sponsorships from large companies such as Tesco, Kellogg's, and Cummins Transport.
- . Negotiations with Wonga Credit Company working towards a finance support link for families who struggle financially.

MISSION

- . Cowplain/Westbrook Church placed a Bid for amount of money £150? to set up Saturday Morning Cafe in Westbrook Centre. Bid was accepted.
- . Havant Churches organising a Professional Passion Play to be performed in Havant Park during June 2014 ... Cost £31,000 most of which has been raised. (Majority of cost being insurances and actors) Deanery Synod agreed on a contribution and support.

FINANCE REPORT

PCC TRAINING COURSE

- . To be arranged for new members this summer.
- . New Lay Deanery Synod Chairman announced.
- . Next Meeting. 21 May 2014

9. **St George's Ladies Group**

An invitation has been issued to St George's Ladies Group to come under the church umbrella. The benefit is that they will come under the church insurance and will pay a cheaper rate for the hall but the PCC have to pass their programme. Their accounts will also have to be included in the church accounts. The Ladies Group fundraise for a particular charity each year. Jane will send a letter to Anne Brown advising that this has been accepted by the PCC.

Jane

A copy of the Tweenies programme was also put forward. The activities of both groups will come under the church insurance and Jane will keep the programmes with the minutes.

Jane

10. **Lent Stewardship Programme**

We will be studying St Marks Gospel and question how we can best support the work, activities and finances of the church. Dick passed around a copy he had printed out. There was a meeting a few weeks ago about what format it should take. The Diocesan DVD will be shown a week before Lent starts. Fr Mike will be giving 2 sermons beforehand and then Dick and Linda will do one on finance. If everyone on the electoral roll gives an extra £1 a week our income will be back to where it should be. The document will be given out to Sunday School and Team Ascalon as well as all members on the Electoral Roll on Sunday 23rd March.

11. **Future PCC Dates**

2014

Sunday 6th April – APCM in church 11.15 am

Tuesday 6th May at The Vicarage

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 9th July

Monday 22nd September

Tuesday 4th November

Monday 15th December at The Vicarage

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Tuesday 13th January

Monday 23rd February

Wednesday 25th March

Sunday 26th April – APCM

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Correspondence

- Fr Mike has received a card from the Millard family thanking everyone at St George's for all their kindness.
- Chalice Assistants – licences are up this year. Fr Mike read out the list of current Chalice Assistants and asked those present if they are willing to continue. He said it would be good to have around 4 more people to join the team.
- Dawn said that Tony had asked her to bring up the issue of casual people in the church getting paid which he is worried about. Dawn said that at least one Treasurer in the Deanery is resigning over this. Dick said he has read the documentation and he was under the impression that they are not interested in one off payments. Dawn said every church would need a PAYE system set up. She said there is a payroll with free software for up to 9 people which we could use but doesn't know how you would do a one off payment. Linda said she feels we are being badly let down by the Diocese who are not issuing any guidance and Dick and Linda will bring this up at the next Archdeacon's visitation. This will be referred back to F&F. We are very lucky to have Dawn who understands these things.

Dick / Linda

F&F

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th March 2014 in church following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

All

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.