

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD AT THE VICARAGE
ON WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Fr Mike, John Hood (Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Chris Gadd, Norma Kershaw, Dick Handy, Colin Monk, Malcolm Brewer, Lynne McNeill, Candy Williams, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Patricia Byrne, Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden)

Fr Mike welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and started the meeting with some prayers.
2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 1st November**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Page 1, Item 3 – Noticeboard - John said Notice has been up and there were no objections. John cannot access the Faculty electronically to put in the necessary information so has delayed sending the last documents. Will need to pay the £270 for the Faculty and it should hopefully be approved by mid-January ready to put up.
Page 5, Item 9 - Rubbish Bins – after mentioning to HBC that the bins were dangerous they have taken them away. No discussion about replacement. Could get 2 re-furbished bins for £400 but this would mean they are our responsibility and not HBC. After Norse took over the contract they still emptied these bins. John said there is a bin directly outside the gate and he has seen people using it. There are also the dustbins. It was agreed to leave it for the time being and see how it goes but we need to remember on Fete days etc that we must put out bins.
4. a) **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn gave the following report:

Income
 - Received £1008.94 from HMRC in respect of gift aid
 - Donations include £74.35 from baptisms
 - Lit donations is all votive sales
 - Fundraising is £28 Bulbs, £40 pens and diaries, £36.50 shop proceeds £20 5p's in bottle and £310 quiz night
 - We received £193.61 on our investment with the dioceseExpenditure
 - Admin includes £327.75 paid to Stay Local for the Christmas services advert
 - Fundraising costs is a contribution towards a new walking stick as it was sold in error in the shop
 - Lit costs are for wafers, and communion wine
 - Extra-ordinary expenditure is a £100 legacy received which I have transferred to our Legacy account

Dawn confirmed we are still a month behind on the quota but it was agreed that things are looking good.

b) **Budget Proposal from F&F Committee**

The budget proposal has already been sent out and Dawn went through it. She said we looked at where we were at the end of the third quarter and looked at each on its individual merits. There is nothing likely to cause a surprise. Reduced gift day as this year we had 2 or 3 large donations so can't rely on that happening again. Sticking to £10,000 for fundraising. On the expenditure side the parish share is what has been notified by the Diocese. We have reduced the gas and electric. Insurance is based on last year. Increased photocopier a bit. We have kept liturgical supplies the same at £2,000 but a big thank you to John who has made lots of votive candles. This year we have added pastoral costs for things like flowers, cards etc for people in hospital. Also added Mission which was the training course that Fr Mike and the Churchwardens went on. Have also put Vicarage maintenance in the budget too. No Extraordinary repairs so far but this can always change. If we stick to budget it would mean £744 from our reserves. There were no questions regarding the budget. This budget was proposed by Dawn Trimby, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.

c) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

Lynne reported as follows:

September – Southern Domestic Abuse - £119.65

Christian Aid special Haiti Appeal - £392.94

October - Let the Children Live - £78.68

November - The Haven, Wessex - £175.17

Poppy Appeal for Royal British Legion from a baptism –
£25.15

d) **Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report**

Dawn reported that we have had a problem with our bank account and were told they were going to close it in 2 months and would send us a cheque. As Dawn works from 9-5 when the bank are open she was not able to go in to sort it out so Tony R-O and John went in to talk to them. Apparently the reason they were closing the account was because they weren't happy with one of the questions completed on their questionnaire. This has now been sorted out and the bank account is now working again. However, Dawn is locked out of internet banking at the moment.

5. **Insurance for Church and the Hall**

We have not yet received the quote from Ecclesiastical. If we go with the Trinitas quote do we get a refund for the Hall for only having 4 months of the year? On the Frequently Asked Questions lots of people are asking why hall insurance is so much cheaper with Trinitas so this is obviously right across the Diocese. Our renewal date is 1st January so John agreed to contact Ecclesiastical to see why we have not received their quote. Fr Mike said if we do decide to go with Trinitas we must make it very clear to them that the Church is open during the day before we go ahead with them. PCC agreed to extend one off powers to the

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Standing Committee to decide which insurance we go with as it will be in excess of the usual £1,000 that the Standing Committee are able to authorise.

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6. **Charities Committee Report**

Lynne said that she had met with Sheilah and Jane to come up with the Charities to support from January to December next year, as follows:

January	Canine Partners
February	The Blendworth Centre
March	Bishop's Lent Appeal
April	PSPA (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy)
May	Christian Aid and Portsmouth MS
June	African Child Trust
July	Sightsavers
August	Shelter
September	Ethiopia Aid
October	Portsmouth Samaritans
November	Practical Action (helping people overseas to work their way out of poverty)
December	The Children's Society

A lot of these charities had been nominated by members of the congregation and we tried to go for a mixture of local and overseas. PCC were happy that we adopt the above charities for 2017.

7. **War Graves**

John said we have notified the Diocese and HBC and filled in the necessary forms and sometime in the next 12 months a blue plaque will appear on the lych gate put up by HBC and at no expense to us advising that there is one war grave in the churchyard. The headstone is by the Hall but it would be sensible for us to know where the actual grave is in case anyone comes to ask.

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8. **HBC Grants**

- The money for the benches has arrived. Malcolm had notification today to say the amount of £450 will be paid into our account within 3 working days and he will give it to Dawn. John has had quotations from Goodwillies for the timber to upgrade all the benches.
- Defibrillator – Colin said that Jane R-O followed up on this and the cost of providing a Defibrillator in a locked case would be £1,650. We have received the £1,000 grant towards this and therefore need to find £650. As it has to be kept at a certain temperature it also has to have a power supply. Colin looked into this further and contacted the British Heart Foundation who received a £1M grant from the Government to provide defibrillators. He sent off the grant application form but had an e-mail back saying we do not meet the criteria as they recommend it is kept in an unlocked case. After discussion it was agreed that this would not be practical as it might be stolen. Colin has also spoken to the company that supply South Central Ambulance Service in Aldershot and sent an e-mail to

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everyone with their response. It was agreed that as Barbie feels so strongly about providing this defibrillator we should take her up on her offer to take this forward. Jane said she would be happy to work with Barbie on this. Need to contact the Church, WMF and local businesses to see if they would give a one off donation towards this. It was suggested that we could ask Jacksons whether they would be

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prepared to wire it up once it is installed as their contribution to the community.

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9. **LYCIG**

a) **Suggestions from Churchwardens and Parish Priest**

Rather than just inviting children and young people along to church they thought it would be good to give them a definite role in the service, maybe 4 times a year, possibly starting with Mothering Sunday to have a team of children to serve at the Altar. The first time they could be shadowed by an adult server. Dick said he thought there was a rule that servers had to be confirmed but Fr Mike said not. There was discussion as to what they would wear. Dick said he thinks there are about 5 Cottars that could be worn. It was suggested that we should buy white tabards for them to wear.

b) **Mission Group**

Fr Mike said we need to establish a group of 3 people to join the 2 churchwardens and himself making a total of 6. He has spoken to 2 people who have said yes and is still to speak to one person. The aim is to meet in early January with a view to attending a Diocesan event on 9th January.

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c) **Change of Date for next PCC meeting**

Our next PCC was going to be 9th January which is the date of the Diocesan event and Fr Mike said he proposed to change this date to 23rd January and everyone was in agreement.

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10. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The report of the meeting held on 29th November has already been circulated to everyone. Main thing to come out of the meeting was to review the electoral roll over the last 5 years and see who started coming and then stopped and find out if there is a reason for it. There will be a meeting at the beginning of February.

11. **Hall Committee Report**

Have not met but Colin said at the last PCC there was discussion about banning the use of Bouncy Castles in the Hall and he said he would talk to Ecclesiastical about this. Colin rang them and they said they do not, and would not, provide cover. The Hall Committee would like to move forward to putting a complete ban on the use of bouncy castles and inflatables in the Hall. Colin said he has also received an e-mail from somebody wishing to hold a trampolining club for toddlers and he politely told them no. Colin Monk proposed that we put a complete ban on the use of bouncy castle and inflatables in the Hall, this was seconded by John Hood, there was one abstention and everyone else agreed.

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12. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social and Fundraising Committee**

The report of the meeting held on 9th November has already been circulated to everyone. Fr Mike said that Ian Gibson has agreed to take over as raffle promoter in January.

b) **Communications Team (report by Chris Gadd)**

This report had been circulated to everyone before the meeting. Chris said it is the end of calendar year report and he went through it. Communications work has gone well this year and he has made some

good contacts with the News and St George's has featured regularly. Need to now work on how to get people into church. The Carol Service on Sunday 18th December is being recorded by Express FM and will be broadcast on Christmas Eve and twice on Christmas Day. They will bring their own gear and come at 5 pm to set up. There has been a request by a member of the congregation to record and make available the Carol Service and Christmas Day service and Dick is working on this.

Fr Mike said thank you to Chris for the huge amount that has happened over the year.

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13. **Deanery Synod Report**

Neither of the Deanery Synod representatives were at the meeting.

14. **Correspondence**

- Dick has had a request from Harfield to do their annual lightening conductor test at a cost of £220 which is the same as last year. It was agreed that Dick should go ahead and arrange this.
- We have had a communication from the Diocese reminding us that we will need 2 new Deanery Synod representatives from April.

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15. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January 2017 in church at 8.00 pm following the Eucharist.

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The meeting closed at 8.50 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by Fr Mike and Lynda.