

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY 2010**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd, Candy Williams, David Hodgens, Anne Morgan, Marian Haughton, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Dawn Hyett, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

None

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 8th June**

There was one correction to the minutes as follows:

P3 No 9 – Priest of St Mary Axim should read “John Dickson”, not Ben Dixon.

The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Any matters arising from the minutes appear as items on the agenda.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Dawn reported as follows:

Unfortunately there were some errors in the figures that I originally sent out and hopefully you have all had an updated copy. I am also sorry about the problems opening the attachment. My in house computer expert was not available when I was doing them.

On the income side the sales figure is above the budget and this is mainly due to the sale of plants by David and Anna.

The Liturgical donations include an amount of £39.50 which was donated by the Tweenies towards the pastoral candle in memory of Sue Palmer.

Also included within the figure for pink envelopes are donations of £52 which should be in QQ fundraising.

On the expenditure side the fundraising costs includes the payment of £405.07 for the 40th birthday mugs; however we have only received £218.00 so far for the sale of these.

The liturgical costs include a payment of £318.84 for votives. However we did purchase 2 to 3 years worth in one hit.

Dick, Richard and I, went to the bank yesterday and sorted out the signatures on the bank account and this should all have gone through within 7 days. This was done in accordance with the minutes from the May meeting.

Although there looks like there is a lot of money in the account, this will reduce very quickly once the bills start coming in for the tower work, and these are expected to start coming in anytime from next week onwards.

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

Linda said the retiring collections for June were as follows:

- One week for PSP charity raised £147.28
- Following 3 weeks for the Rosemary Foundation raised £69.08.

Fr Mike said people need to do a display advertising their charity. This is what happened for the PSP charity and you can see what a difference it makes.

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5. **Committee Reports**

a) **Fabric and Finance and Quinquennial**

Dick reported on the meeting which was held on Monday – minutes not yet circulated. The meeting discussed Quinquennial work and progress to date. People voiced their concerns and worries about various things going wrong, particularly the length of time taken to erect the scaffolding, security of the site – ie ladders left lying around and concerns over the schedule. Dick raised these things with the builder yesterday. He apologised and explained that they work on a partnership basis with other companies and he hadn't asked the scaffolder how long it was going to take but when he did ask him he said it would be at least 2 weeks. Once this is done and they have taken the roof off they will give us a new schedule for the work.

On the security issue once the scaffolding is complete they will have a locked and enclosed area under the scaffolding to keep all their tools. Dick discussed the other works on the Faculty with the builder – putty around the windows and the guttering. The quote from the builder on what Daniel had specified for the windows came to £6K. On further investigation there seemed to be some confusion between the builder and Daniel on the type of putty to be used and now this has been resolved the builder has now quoted £4K for the work. Dick advised that he should only be replacing putty that is coming away and not all of it so he has now gone away to prepare another quote. Recommendation is that we go with this builder once we have the price and once Daniel has agreed it.

They then discussed the Gift Day which is happening this Saturday 10th July from 10-2. Some people from Fabric and Finance Committee will be there along with the Churchwardens. It would also be good to have 3 or 4 people from the PCC as well. They talked about having a BBQ but decided against it and talked about having an additional street collection outside the church with a follow up one on 23rd July. Unfortunately when they checked they couldn't get licences for these 2 dates. It is possible to get one for 13th August and any Friday in December. David Ho proposed having 2 stalls one in the precinct and one in the church on 13th August and it was agreed to have one on Friday 10th December. They will now apply for Licences for these two dates. Help will be needed on both these days.

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Discussions took place about how we show the progress of our fundraising. Decided against a thermometer. Also talked about a second Gift Day later in the year. Will put a display outside with instructions on how to make donations.

Tony asked what response we had had to the letters sent out to businesses. Richard said he had one telephone response and 7 or 8 letters all with a polite no. Tony suggested sending a letter to the local Waterlooville businesses if they haven't already been contacted. He is happy to get together with Richard with advice on who to contact and get a letter out.

Tony/Richard

Dick said Paypal need proof that St George's are a registered charity so people can use the button on the St George's website to donate. Dick has this in hand. JustGiving was also suggested. Richard would like to see the young people involved in raising money too. Investigate other

Dick

ACTION

- internet methods of giving and talk to John Johnson. It was suggested we write to people who have been baptised or married in St George's asking for donations. Dick will put all these things on the agenda for the next Fabric and Finance Meeting.
- b) **40th Anniversary**
The minutes of the meeting held on 30th June have been circulated. Fr Timon said that the Christmas Tree Festival is the next large event for the Committee from 2nd to 7th December. The main concern of the Committee was about the church electrics for the lights for the trees and Fr Timon has spoken to John Pearce about this and he doesn't think it will be a problem but will investigate.
- c) **Pastoral**
Richard said he thought Julia is organising a Scratch Christmas Concert on Sunday 5th December but this needs to be confirmed by Julia.
- d) **Hall**
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July were circulated at the meeting and Richard asked if there were any questions. Rosemary is desperate for Baptism visitors and Sheilah volunteered at the Pastoral meeting but if anyone else is interested please get in touch with Rosemary.
- e) **Fundraising**
Not met
- f) **Social**
Not met. Fr Timon will be attending the next meeting on behalf of the 40th Committee.
- g) **Deanery Synod** met at Hart Plain on 5th July. Linda gave the following report:
- The speaker was Neil Pugmuire, Communications Adviser. He edits Pompey Chimes and is available for a full scale audit of church communications or to advise on magazines/websites etc. He has written a book of 100 communication ideas. Need to adapt methods for different audiences and look to new means such as text, Facebook, YouTube, My space etc as well as using word, letter, e-mail, phone or lecture. Crookhorn Youth Group uses podcasts/MP3 players. Medium can be more important than content.
- Logos – need to reinforce church identity. Noticeboards – consider revamp, changing around, large posters and a large "Welcome" sign. Video films can now be displayed onto a window. Parish Magazines – half churches use. More real life stories of faith for inclusion, more use of photos not all text and show, real people on front cover. Posters – professionally printed and large, use secular output and emphasise people contact in publicity. Website – is it for internal use or non church goers? Pray on line. Update regularly. Diocese encourage use of Church of England logo. Powerpoint presentations as part of services.
- Nothing to report on finance.
 - Kairos Buildings phase officially closed.
 - Strategy for Ministry for Mission principles received and to be considered by new Bishop in February next year.
- Dick
- Richard
- Fr Timon

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- General Synod election timetable announced.
- Rise in thefts of lead and now stone slates reported.
- Bishop Christopher has sworn allegiance to the Queen and is now officially the Bishop of Portsmouth.

Richard suggested that the PCC should write to John Johnson giving him our warmest thanks for all he does in keeping the St George's website up to date.

Jane

6. **Appointment of Churchwardens Assistants**

Dick has approached several people to be Churchwardens Assistant. Jaye Warren enthusiastically agreed and the PCC was happy to endorse her offer. We could do with one more person if anyone is interested or has any thoughts.

All

7. **Response from Margaret Symonds re letter from St Mary Axim**

Fr Mike had referred this to Margaret who had replied that IDWAL would pay half the air fares. There would still be the cost of visas to consider but was sure between us we could offer accommodation. She said the MU would not be in a position to pay the fares but as individuals would contribute and could organise a coffee morning. Since this another letter had been received and after reading it we were not quite sure whether they were still intending to come. Fr Mike will go back to Margaret to get in touch with them and clarify.

Fr Mike

8. **Outcome of further meeting re St George's Youth Club**

Friday night is the last night that Jane and Tony will formally run the Youth Club and Fr Mike thanked them on behalf of the PCC for the last 17 years and thanked all the helpers over the years. Fr Timon said there had been another meeting of parents a couple of weeks ago when only 5 parents turned up, 2 of whom left fairly soon which left 3. One cannot commit because of shift work and 2 will commit to only doing 2 or 3 times per year. Fr Timon has spoken to Ben Mizen, Diocesan Youth Adviser, who said he should not go ahead unless he has sufficient support. He has booked an appointment with him to discuss this further. Hart Plain Church are running 3 sessions for Youth Club leaders if anyone is interested in attending. It has been decided that the Youth Club will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month and they will lower the age to 10. It will run from 7.30 to 9.15. Fr Timon will lead these sessions but desperately needs people to help out. Please let him know if you are able to help.

All

All

9. **Hall Works**

Colin reported that in the spring the hall had water coming through the roof in various places. Colin has asked Bernard, their local builder to take a look and give us a quote. The problem is the area around the bell tower where rain is getting in under the lead slates. He also looked at the guttering along the car park side of the hall. The windows are also not in a good state of repair. He could take out the rotten wood and replace with solid wood and seal up. He has come up with a quotation to do this and remove the bell tower and plate it over. Richard raised concerns about the loss of the bell tower and planning consent. Colin spoke to Bernard again and he thinks it would be possible to seal the roof and then replace the bell tower which would be non functioning. His quotation for all this work is £1,500 which people agreed seems very

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Colin

reasonable. The hall has more than enough funds to pay for this work. This was proposed by Colin and seconded by David Ho and agreed unanimously.

Tony reminded the PCC and explained to the new members that the hall will be 100 years old in 2013 and we really need to make decisions about its future and whether it is cost effective to keep putting money in to repair it.

10. **Re-Gilding of the Clock**

This was discussed at Fabric and Finance and the feeling was that with all the other work going on at the moment we couldn't commit to undertaking this now. However it was raised with Daniel and he feels it would be a shame not to do it while the scaffolding is up and has offered to take this up on our behalf with Havant Borough Council and Colin has provided him with contacts.

11. **Correspondence**

None.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13th September 2010** following the Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.