

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd, Lindsay Chalk, Rachel Palmer, Richard Spurgeon, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**

Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Geoff Davies, Colin Monk, Carol McKells and Pat Mitchell

Fr Mike thanked everybody who had anything to do with Fr Timon's final service and 'do' afterwards. The tree which Fr Timon gave can be planted in the church grounds and Tony said we just need to let the gardener know where to put it. Linda opened a card from the Singhs to St George's family and read it to the PCC and Fr Mike will put it up for everyone to see.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 10th July**

Page 2, Item 4b, 2nd para – should read Waterlooville and Havant.
Page 3, Item 6, para 3 – Richard said that he is not sole trustee on the CCLA account. Carol, Tony and Margaret Symonds are the other trustees.

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

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 1, Item 3 – The Parish Administrator job comes up as a separate item

Page 3, Item 9 – Jane has sent a letter to June Bradley as requested.

4. **Church Finances**

a) **Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- Donations include £2000 from WMF, £52 from the PBC concert and £88.58 from baptisms as well as a donation of £100
- Included in the Liturgical donations is £160.97 from votive sales
- The sales figure is the money received from card sales at WMF
- Fundraising is made up of £55 from plant sales, £30 from the £10 challenge, £100 from Bonusball and £4.24 from T Plus.
- Extraordinary income is donations towards Fr Timon's leaving gift
- Photocopying is from WMF

Expenditure

- This is the last month that we will pay expenses to Fr Timon
- Church maintenance includes £83.85 which was spent getting new keys and plaque for the noticeboard.
- £225 is the installation of the noticeboard.
- Liturgical costs was for the communion wine
- Extraordinary expenditure was £494 for new albs and £41.66 spent out on drinks and nibbles from Edwin's funeral.

In Dick's absence Jane advised that the 2011 Accounts have now been submitted to the Charities Commission.

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

Linda gave the following report:

The retiring collections for July were:

2 weeks – Cardiac Risk in the Young - £98.11

3 weeks – African Child Trust - £111.81

The retiring collections for August raised £93.20 for Havant Home Start.

An additional £50 will be sent to each charity above from the Wednesday coffee morning fund. Linda said it would be good to present Kunle Onabulo from the Trust with a cheque for £162 when he visits the parish on 16th September and this was agreed.

We also have £300 to go to St Mary Axim and need to find a way to transfer this over.

Linda said she has met with Pat Mitchell and she now has all the paperwork and information. We need to change the bank account. Linda Wainwright proposed that Richard Spurgeon be taken off the Lloyds Charity account and we add Pat Mitchell, this was seconded by Sheilah Hall and agreed unanimously.

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

As Dick was ill the F&F minutes had not been circulated so Tony went through the highlights:

- The investment account has now been opened with an initial deposit of £10,000.
- Tony Shepherd will remove the main ramp shortly and fit with side rails.
- F&F have been looking at sub-accounts. Matter ongoing but it was felt that Parent and Toddlers should come under the church accounts so that they are covered by Ecclesiastical insurance and bound by the Health and Safety and Child Protection regulations.
- Dick, Colin and Tony are doing some repairs around the church.
- Quote for £1700 been received for the damaged porch ledge and a second quote is awaited.
- Inspection of gallery rail by a structural engineer shows that the current structure is too weak to support the architect's proposed improvements. Strict need for this to be done was queried.
- Two quotes obtained for interior painting of the church but cracks will need extra attention with special bonding filler. Quotes with architect.
- It was agreed by the PCC that the Hall Committee go ahead and get quotes for the work on the interior of the hall which was mentioned at the last meeting. This will be between £3K and £6K and the Hall have the money.
- Photocopier – Sharps machine has been selected which will do colour copies. Cost will be £202 per quarter plus 0.35p black and white copies and 3.5p for colour. The PCC agreed that this go ahead.
- Provision of broadband in the sacristy for new Parish Administrator. This would be about £40 a month for the telephone and broadband.

Hall Cttee

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Richard, Dick
John, Colin

It was recommended that Richard, Dick, John Johnson and Colin, in liaison with Fr Mike, investigate these costs further and produce a report for the next PCC.

The F&F minutes will be distributed shortly.

Fr Mike added an item to the agenda as follows:

d) **Diocesan Budget**

Dawn asked the PCC to give her some direction on how to vote at the meeting with the Bishop on 26th September which everyone is invited to attend. Tony said it is likely there will be an increase of 1.6%. Once this is spread across all the churches a lot of them will be more than 1.6%.

Other ways of reducing the 1.6% are:

- (1) stop a lot of work at vicarages
- (2) reduce by one stipendiary priest
- (3) trim Bishop's Ministry for Mission of £250K.

The Bishop is coming on 26th September to talk about this before the final decision on this budget sum. Representatives from other churches will be invited to attend and quiz the Bishop. Details in the Pompey Chimes. The PCC voted for the 1.6% increase. Rosemary organising refreshments and would be pleased for help.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Not met. Sunday School session postponed until 9th September.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Not met.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met.

b) **Fundraising**

Not met.

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

Barbie gave the following report on the Deanery Synod meeting on 10th July 2012:

Canon David Isaac explained what Ministry for Mission is about:

- Our ministry for God's Mission
- All have gifts, and all have a call from God
- All ministry is collaborative – everyone has a role to play

Deanery response to the Ministry for Mission challenge:

- Re-organization
- Defining principles and aims
- Administrative development
- Vitality audits of churches
- Working in clusters

Help: in terms of advice and funding – is available from the diocese.

Specific developments:

- Young vocations – gap year placements

(NB average age of clergy = 55, number of clergy under 35 = 43)

- Pentecost 2013 outreach weekend – Pentecost Party – Friday to Sunday 17th – 19th May

- New Lay Reader training
- Leadership development
- New courses which have proved very popular and are oversubscribed.

Summary leaflet:

“Together we will shape our life:

- *For spiritual and numerical growth*
- *To recognize and use everyone’s gifts*
- *To work together*

We are

- *Called for growth*

We can be

- *Trained for growth*

We will be

- *Structured for growth*
- *Supported in growth.*

What next?

For people:

Practical programmes for prayer and discipleship

For parishes:

Programmes and support for –

- *Review of mission*
- *Renewing in mission*
- *Resourcing for mission*

For clusters and deaneries:

Consultancy and support for

- *Growing together*
- *Planning together*
- *Working together”*

9. **Update on Youth Club**

12 people expressed an interest in the Youth Club. Meeting over the last weekend in September.

10. **Update on St John’s Purbrook**

3 options following detailed discussions and planning to sort out the 5 parishes:

- (1) appoint full-time post to Crookhorn
- (2) appoint whole person to Crookhorn and appoint 0.5 post to Purbrook. Portsdown, Crookhorn and Purbrook parishes join together, Denmead and Waterlooville asked to work together to minister to the MDA (saves 0.5 post)
- (3) appoint whole person to Crookhorn, 0.5 post to Purbrook, Portsdown and Crookhorn and Purbrook parishes join together, Denmead and Waterlooville asked to work together to minister to the MDA. Future cut of 0.5 post from Denmead and Waterlooville pairing (saves 1.0 post).

11. **Parent and Toddler Insurance**

Already covered in 4c above

12. **Parish Administrator**

Closing date for this post is 9th September.

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| 13. | Church Opening and Closing
Not relevant now. | |
| 14. | Diocesan Safeguarding Training
Sandra to chase up whether we can have training at church. | Sandra |
| 15. | Correspondence
Archdeacon Trevor Reader is retiring at Christmas and it was agreed that the PCC should donate £30 towards his retirement collection. | Dawn |
| 16. | Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th October 2012 in church following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. | All |