

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 8.00 pm**

Present: Fr Mike, Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), John Hood (Churchwarden), Candy Williams, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Sheilah Hall, Chris Gadd, Malcolm Brewer, Norma Kershaw, Dick Handy, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Lynne McNeill, Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), Patricia Byrne,

Fr Mike thanked welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to our first meeting after the summer break.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 18th July**
The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 1, Item 3 – John has been told that we should have a Faculty for the new Noticeboard. John has started an on-line Faculty and will get together with Dick to complete it.

Page 1, Item 3 – Jane confirmed that she had sent off the form to the Diocese to enable people to administer home communion.

Page 2, Item 4d – John said that in Dawn's absence on holiday nobody seemed to know what to do with cheques and someone was particularly upset about this. Dawn said regardless of whether she is there or not any cash and cheques should be put in the box in the safe as has always happened.

Page 4, Item 7b – Fr Mike asked if this letter had been sent but it had been agreed at the previous meeting that Jane would hold on to it until the flats opposite the church are finished and we can then give to the agent.

JH/DH

4. a) **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- We have received the payment for quarter 2 and 3 from HMRC and these came to a total of £3869.63
- Donations are from 2 baptisms and the donations in the porch collection box
- Lit Donations includes £23 towards new purificators
- Sales are from the stalls at the music festival
- Fundraising includes £40 from the Euro sweep stake £100 bonusball £3000 from WMF for the venue hire and £25.50 from 5p's in a bottle
- Bookstall income is all bible reading fellowship
- Extra-ordinary income is £250 from Northwood towards the new notice board

Expenditure

- We had to pay two lots of the parish share this month as it got

- overlooked at the end of July
- £77.04 is included in Admin for storage media in order to record the assets of the church
- Fees paid out are high as we had two weddings
- Liturgical costs include purchases of alter candles, wafers and the new purificators

Colin said that finances are looking very good at the moment.

b) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

Lynne was not at the meeting. However she has since given me the information as follows:

The amount raised in August for Portsmouth Hospitals Rocky Appeal was £166.47 made up of retiring collections and baptisms.

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

Not met – next meeting in October.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Rosy said they meet again on 19th October.

- Rosy said that the Sunday School leaders would like a new noticeboard to put up information for parents on what they are doing in Sunday School each week and children's work which their funds can pay for so they just need PCC's approval. After discussion it was not clear whether the noticeboard is needed in church, in the hall or an A frame in the porch for people to read coming into church. Fr Mike said if it is a noticeboard for the hall the one in there at present is not very well used. There is a noticeboard in the gallery which WMF only use once a year which might be suitable. The PCC were willing to support anything to encourage children in Sunday School and Pastoral will go back and ask exactly what is needed.
- Rosy felt that the Sunday School banner could do with a re-vamp and Dawn Hyett is very happy to do whatever they want. Leaders would like input from the children on what designs to put on it and Dawn will make it up.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Not met. Next meeting is on Wednesday 19th October.

7. a) **Other Committee Reports**

Social and Fundraising Committee

- **Church Shop** – 26th September to 8th October.
- **Harvest Bangers/Mash/Beans/Bingo** – Saturday 1st October. About 56 tickets sold and there will be a raffle and small bingo prizes.
- Series of social events for all the congregation to attend at the Vicarage.

b) **Communications Team (Report from Chris Gadd)**

- Our ChurchLive Harvest broadcast takes place on Sunday 2nd

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October and a lot of St George's churches around the world will be tuning in. Colin said with this in mind would it be possible to do a similar thing on Palm Sunday. Could we video the service as we walk around Waterloo and project it onto a screen back in church so anyone who stays in church because they are unable to walk that far can be a part of it. It was agreed this was a great idea and Chris and Dick said it shouldn't be a problem.

- Minutes have already been circulated from a meeting Chris had with Northwood and Chris reiterated that Northwood are very keen to get involved and have already donated £250 towards the new Noticeboard. They have a list of ideas on how to be included in St George's. During Advent they want to get schools attending the Schools Carol Concerts at St George's to enter an Advent calendar competition. The winner's paintings/drawings will be featured in Northwood's front window over the Christmas period. They need Fr Mike to let them know what schools are taking part so they can go into the schools in advance of the carol concerts and announce the winners at the concerts.
- Northwood e-mailed all their landlords in advance of the church shop opening asking them to let us have any furniture they were getting rid of to sell.

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8. **Deanery Synod Report**

Barbie said the last meeting was held in Bedhampton on 9th June but she has not yet received the minutes. Barbie said it was a really good meeting. Rev Robert Sanday, Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing gave a talk and explained why you need a special church service for the deaf as our responses are too quick to sign. Barbie had an Access leaflet and will talk to the Communications Team and Barbie is meeting with Rev Sanday at some point.

The next Synod meeting is on 22nd November.

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9. **Replace wooden chairs with plastic ones (John Hood)**

These wooden chairs are beginning to break and fall apart and children are getting splinters from them. Stackable plastic chairs cost £25 a chair and wouldn't last as long as wooden ones. Dawn suggested asking John Johnson to look in the County Supplies catalogue as he has an account where plastic chairs are £7 each. We have 40 wooden ones at the moment. F&F will explore this a bit further and see how many we really need and how much it would cost.

F&F

10. **Church Security**

- John said nothing really to report. There is the odd time when the church door is left open. The Hall is more of a problem at the moment. Twice they have found the door open early in the morning. Rosy said the window in the disabled toilet was left open on Sunday morning.
- The PCC also discussed church security in the light of the Archdeacon's e-mail following the murder of the parish priest in

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Normandy and everyone felt that we have suitable measures in place.

11. **Minutes of meeting with Northwood Estate Agents (Chris Gadd)**
This has already been discussed under Item 7b) above.
12. **Correspondence**
- Jane had already circulated the letter and information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There is one war grave in our churchyard. No individual Faculty is required providing we adopt their procedure. We need to agree a location. It was suggested that the lych gate would be a good place but we would need permission from Havant Borough Council. The PCC were very happy to have this sign measuring 430 x 230 mm put up in our churchyard. This was proposed by Barbie Lloyd, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously. MS
 - A Passion Play was put on in Havant last year and the group are now keen to do it on Hayling Island and in Waterlooville on Sunday 4th June 2017 in the afternoon. It will be called Saints Alive Musical. They have asked whether they can put it on at St George's. The PCC agreed that they would be very happy for this to take place. MS
 - A letter has been received from Shentons Solicitors Winchester enclosing a cheque for £500 from the estate of Joyce Churchill. This cheque has been acknowledged.
 - Insurance (e-mail) – from next January 2 insurance companies will be vying for our business, whereas Ecclesiastical have had the monopoly for many years. John offered to look into this. JH
13. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting was due to be held on Tuesday 25th October but was changed to **Tuesday 1st November 2016** to avoid half term in church at 8.00 pm following the Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm