

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 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 Hodgins, Anne Morgan, Marian Haughton, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Dawn Hyett, Colin Monk

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 17th May**
There was one correction to the minutes as follows:
 - Page 4 – Fr Mike said that it should read ... approximately £476.

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

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 2 – Tony told Richard that he would be happy to represent the Social and Fundraising Committee on the Pastoral Committee.

4. **Treasurer's Report**
Dawn had circulated the monthly overview to everyone and Dick read out her notes in her absence as follows:

"May has been quite a straightforward month which has been good for me to get to grips with the systems already in place.

We have now received the £25,000 and this is sitting in the current account ready for the work to commence on the tower the week after the Music Festival. This is included in the extraordinary income figure.

Bank interest is lower and I believe that this is due to the £25,000 being cashed in.

As last month, the admin expenses for the year to date include yearly payments and we are still catching up on this and this overpayment will reduce as we progress throughout the year.

Fundraising costs were the purchase of the raffle tickets for the Summer Fete.

As no-one has come back to me with any questions I assume that it is all straightforward".

4. a) **Charities Treasurer's Report**
Linda said that the retiring collection for April in aid of Mercy Ships had raised £70.77 and Wednesday coffee had added £50 making a total of £120.77. The May retiring collection had raised £287.91 for Christian Aid. Unfortunately May was supposed to be split with 2 weeks for Christian Aid and 2 weeks for St George's Baghdad but this didn't happen. Linda suggested that we should add St George's Baghdad as the first charity for the new period in 2011. Displays are not being set up by the members of the congregation who nominated the Charity. Linda offered to follow this up but Fr Mike no longer has the list of names.

Fr Mike

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Linda has asked that Fr Mike give her the names next year.

Fr Mike

Wednesday coffee are proposing to donate any money for the foreseeable future to the tower fund. Dick said that this should go to the Church repair fund rather than the tower fund so that it can go towards any repairs.

5. **Committee Reports**

a) **Fabric and Finance and Quinquennial**

Dick said that the Faculty was received at the end of the month. B & M Clarke have been formally engaged by the Architect. Start date of 21st June to maximise ability to get work done in the summer months. Dick has had discussions with Mick from B & M Clarke re guttering etc and is waiting to hear from him. Need to draw down more money from the investment account as there will be some big bills for scaffolding etc and the £25K took a long time to come through. After discussion it was agreed it would be sensible to borrow £10K from Church Hall funds as it is easily accessible and just get £10K from the investment account.

Dick Handy formally proposed to draw down £10K from the investment account with a supplementary £10K from the Church Hall account. This was seconded by Richard Spurgeon and agreed unanimously. This needs to be sent to the Diocese to draw down the £10K from the investment account.

Dick

David Ho asked:

- whether there had been much response to the letters sent out to firms with more than 50 employees. Richard said there have been 6 replies so far, all negative.
- whether Richard had sent out the letters regarding the Gift Day on 10th July. These have not gone out yet and Richard was asked to send them out as soon as possible.
- what the response had been to the increase in giving. There had been some increase but not a lot.

Richard

David said that Asda have agreed to host the next St George's Street Collection. If we are on their property it means we won't need a licence. F&F meeting will come up with a suitable date and put forward to Asda for agreement.

F&F

b) **40th Anniversary**

Fr Timon said that the Family Fun Day which was the outreach day celebration on behalf of the 40th Anniversary/Mothers' Union 100th birthday had been very successful. The clown had gone down very well and 200+ people had been there during the day. It had been very well received by people. Our next big event is the Christmas Tree Festival. The 40th Committee will meet later this month to discuss this in more detail but this event will require lots of support.

40th Cttee

Fr Mike asked for agreement from the PCC for this whole weekend – Bazaar, Christmas Tree Festival, Schools Concert etc. This was agreed.

c) **Pastoral**

The meeting on 7th June had been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on 6th July at Barbie's house.

Pastoral

d) **Hall**

Colin had been in touch from France concerning the Hall cleaning as the

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Colin/
Richard

cleaner is leaving this Friday after about 15 years. Colin and Richard will meet with her on Friday and present her with some flowers and our thanks. Virtual Standing Committee meeting by e-mail to approve a temporary contract with a cleaning company for 3 months at a cost of £245 + VAT per month. This will be reviewed by the Hall Committee after the 3 months.

Hall Cttee

e) **Fundraising**

- Tony said the raffle for the Fayre on Saturday and the WMF raffle are 2 totally different things this year. So far only £30 of raffle tickets have been sold for the Summer Fayre. This usually makes around £500 so we will need to sell a lot of tickets on the day.
- Tony said they will hopefully do the Auction in October. There is a target for fundraising for £8K in the budget for the year.

f) **Social**

- Tony said the trip to London is grossly oversubscribed – there are about 14 people on the waiting list.
- There is a Barn Dance in September with the 40th Committee
- Proms night at Glendene
- Bonfire Night at Glendene providing there is enough adult support.

Fr Mike has been asked by the Rowans Hospice if they can use St George's for a fundraising Gilbert and Sullivan concert starting at 8pm on 9th October and finishing around 1am on Sunday morning. Local choirs will take part. It was suggested that we do refreshments. [This was discussed previously at the PCC meeting on 1st March, top of Page 5 No (2)]. This was agreed and proposed by Richard Spurgeon, seconded by David Hodgins and agreed unanimously.

g) **Deanery Synod**

Next meeting is on 5th July.

6. **Appointment of Assistant Churchwardens**

At the last meeting it was suggested that Richard and Dick come up with a name each and bring back to this meeting. They are planning on having a session together in the next week or two and this will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

Dick /
Richard

7. **Counting Procedure for Collections**

Dawn has asked the PCC for approval to count the money on a Tuesday morning in the hall kitchen while Parent and Toddlers is going on. Slight concern was expressed about her safety carrying the money over from the Church safe but Richard said that we need to be flexible and offer Dawn as much support as we can but she needs to be aware of her own safety. This was proposed by Lindsay Chalk, seconded by Richard Spurgeon and agreed unanimously.

Dawn

8. **Confirmation of APCM date**

Fr Mike said that Rosemary is happy for the St George's dinner to be on Palm Sunday, 17th April 2011, so the APCM will also be on this day. Tony said that he should really have asked Jane's approval as she runs the Social Committee but she is happy for it to be on Palm Sunday. Apologies to Jane for not asking her directly.

All to note

9. **Letter from St Mary Axim**

Fr Mike read out a letter received from St Mary Axim, our link parish in Ghana, via Lynn Winter. Ben Dixon, Priest there said that with our financial help the church has now been rebuilt and rededicated and he is

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wondering whether we can fund him and perhaps a Warden coming over to visit us. The PCC felt that we could not fund a trip at this time but it was suggested that Fr Mike talk to Margaret to see whether either Idwal or the Mothers' Union might be able to fund such a trip.

Fr Mike

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Correspondence

There was no further correspondence but Fr Mike told the PCC about the youth club meeting which had been held a few weeks ago for interested parties to explore the running of the youth club from September. Disappointingly only two people turned up, both of whom were happy to help out but did not want to lead. Fr Mike said that Fr Timon has offered to take on the running of the club. A letter is going out to encourage parents support to run two evenings, if not 4, per month. Need at least 4 people per evening to help lead. Fr Timon is doing a programme from September to July so people will know what is happening, what is covered and what weeks need to be covered.

11.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th July 2010** following the Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.