

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2012

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Geoff Davies (until 8.20), Carol McKells, Tony Rice-Oxley, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Pat Mitchell, Lindsay Chalk, Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Rachel Palmer, Richard Spurgeon (invited)

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 16th October**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 2, Item 4c) - Quotes are being received from companies for the redecoration of the interior of the church hall and will be discussed by the hall committee after 31st October. Tony asked for 3 representatives from the PCC to join this meeting as some of the companies providing the quotes are known to some of the members of the hall committee. Barbie put her name forward.
Page 5, Item 15 – Dawn confirmed that £30 has been sent off towards Archdeacon Trevor Reader's retirement collection.

Hall Cttee /
Barbie

4. **Church Finances**

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

Income

- Included within the donations figure is £100 from Fr Timon, £39.65 from a funeral, £64.52 from Baptisms and £100 from Len Palmer for the use of the hall after Pat's funeral.
- Extraordinary £20 was for Fr Timon's collection.

Expenditure

- Church maintenance was £49 for the fire ext. Check, £11.50 for new keys and £55 window cleaner
- £47.79 for lawn mower repairs is included in grounds maintenance.
- £32.96 in liturgical costs was for Lectionaries.
- Extraordinary expenditure:
 - £532 proceeds from collection for Fr Timon
 - £25 Noreen's flowers
 - £30 Archdeacon's retirement fund
 - £329.24 altar cloth
 - £30.28 and £16.48 for refreshments at the Diocese meeting

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**
Jane read out the following report from Pat in her absence:

"I apologise for being absent again and secondly for not coming aboard with the necessary information to make a concise report to you. At the moment we are halfway through raising funds for the Portsmouth Samaritans. The previous charity of Historic Churches ended up short changed because of Fr Timon's departure but a future week will be allocated, at the expense of whom?"

I, as yet, have no bank mandate to manage the account but I know that no payments have been made since that to ACT some weeks ago. The next charity to be supported is the Naomi Child Hospice movement”.

- Linda said that the bank mandate is in hand but has been held up because of the closure of Lloyds bank.
- Historic Churches raised £23 in their one week. The additional week will be the first week of the Naomi House collection, ie 4th November as we do a lot of other fundraising for Naomi House.
- The Portsmouth Samaritans raised £99.21.
- Linda said that the Bishop’s Lent Appeal raised £19,000 throughout the Diocese and the Bishop is delighted by the generous response.

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

Tony said the minutes are awaiting Dick’s approval on his return which will then be distributed but he gave the headlines. The meeting spent a lot of time preparing a budget for next year which will be discussed at the next PCC meeting. A quote has now been agreed for the porch lead damage and the guy will take it away to fix. We have to pay £100 excess on our insurance towards this. We are delaying the gallery rail as long as possible as it is a major, expensive job. It is estimated the redecoration of the inside of the church will be between £5,000 and £8,000. New photocopier is now on order and broadband installed. Tony said they will be walking round shortly to see what other jobs need doing. Discussing with Steve McKells at the moment about where to plant Fr Timon’s tree. PAT testing has been completed.

Extraordinary PCC Meeting - a meeting took place after the Sunday service on 30th September to consider the paper produced by Dick, John, Colin and Richard on installing broadband in the sacristy. The installation of broadband in the sacristy was approved by those members of the PCC who were able to attend this meeting and has now been completed.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting on 24th September have already been distributed. Sunday School was the main item on the agenda. Linda said there is a little bit of concern with people not being available on the days that they have been rota’d to do – this goes for all the rotas in church and it is important that people do a swap if they are not available on their particular week. It is likely that it will be possible to hold an in-house Child Protection training session. No new baptism visitors came forward on Sunday following Fr Mike’s sermon. A Safeguarding tick box was circulated to members of the PCC before the meeting and was gone through during the meeting to make sure everything is in place at St George’s.

Sunday School account - Linda asked that the Sunday School account with a balance of about £148 with the Nationwide be closed. This would then come under the main St George’s account and any monies would go through Dawn. This was proposed by Dawn Trimby, seconded by Sheilah Hall and agreed unanimously.

Dawn

6. **Hall Committee Report**

There was nothing to add to the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September which have already been circulated.

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7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) & **Social and Fundraising**

- b)
- The Race Night to be held on 24th November in aid of Naomi House needs approval by the PCC as an additional item to those previously approved. The cheque will be presented on 28th November at the service they are holding at St George's. Posters advertising this service have arrived today.
 - Auction - £1 entry by programme with refreshments. Tony said that Jane really needs people to support this.

All

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

- Fr Mike said that the meeting last Tuesday was speed debating again – a parish puts their concern to another parish who try and answer and then everyone moves on. He didn't feel this was a very worthwhile evening as not enough time was allocated to each question and answer. Tony said he would take this back to the standing committee who decided to start the speed debating.
- Fr Mike said the meeting with the Bishop on 26th September which was open to the rest of the Deanery went very well. The church was packed and he was proud of everyone from St George's who helped and thought we put on a good evening. Special thanks to Colin and Rosemary who organised the refreshments. Linda said it was an excellent evening, very well presented and put across. The 1.6% increase which we agreed at the last PCC meeting will be put to the Diocesan Finance Committee. St George's share will go up by around £1,800 if this is accepted.

Tony

9. **Update on Youth Club**

12 adults have volunteered to help run a new youth club. There are 12 young people who attend St George's at the moment who would be eligible to join to begin with. Once established they will be asked to bring a friend. A meeting was held at the Vicarage recently and people have gone away to come up with a plan and will meet again on 28th October to put something more concrete together.

10. **Update on Parish Administrator**

There were 3 people who expressed an interest in the position and one person was interviewed by Linda Wainwright, Richard Spurgeon and Fr Mike and as a result Lesley Handy was appointed and will start on 4th November. She is shadowing the parish administrator at St Wilfrid's beforehand. As mentioned already broadband is now installed in the sacristy and the new photocopier is on its way.

11. **Future of Partnership Ministry**

Nothing further has happened except that Fr Mike has written to the Bishop informing him that money was ring fenced for a church school and discussions have been going on since 2003. With the change in Archdeacon all the history gets lost. The school will be built as the first houses are being built and we should be seizing the opportunity. Who will minister to the 9,000 people who will be moving in to these houses if we are reducing the number of clergy?

12. **Correspondence**

- A letter has been received from Kunle from ACT thanking us for welcoming him and also thanking us for the cheque for £162 which

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was presented.

- Fr Mike showed a copy of a letter that the Churchwardens have sent to the congregation of St Dunstan's thanking them for their hospitality;
- Eileen Oades has donated £200 in memory of Fr Peter and Fr Mike suggested that we could buy a new chasuble in place of the ruined green one and Eileen is very happy with this;
- Two of Betty Bishop's children have sent a cheque each, one for £200 and one for £121.20 in memory of their mother. Barbie wondered whether we should invest in a small surplus for the boat boy/girl from one of these legacies as the one used at present belongs to Fr Mike.
- Fr Mike has received a request from Waterloo Business Association who are designing a "My Waterloo" website to see if St George's would be interested in being included in it. The cost would be £73 a year. The PCC agreed that we need to be involved in this and suggested asking John Johnson to follow this up.
- The churchwardens at St John's Purbrook have written to the cluster churches to see if we would like to join them in having a quarter of a page advertisement in The Directory at a cost of £37.50. This was agreed by the PCC.
- Tony showed a plastic pink envelope holder which is used in Winchester Cathedral which he is thinking of ordering.

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Tony

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th November 2012** in church following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

All

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.