

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2015 AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), John Hood, Sonja Barrand, Sheilah Hall, Lynne McNeill, Patricia Byrne, Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd, Dick Handy, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He added 4 items under Item 9:

- 9a – Team Ascalon
- 9b – Bandstand Music
- 9c – Hall at Christmas
- 9d – Organist

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Candy Williams, Marian Haughton

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 5th May 2015**

Page 2 – Tony said this should read £80 not £70.

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

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 5, Item 13 – everyone had received an e-mail from Barbie to say that the coffin stands have been delivered to the Parish of Rowner and will be removed from the Terrier.

Page 6, Item 14 – Dick confirmed that he had informed Colin Monk that it was agreed at PCC that he could go ahead and sign the new cleaning contract for the next 3 years for the hall.

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

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- Included within lit donations is £81.76 from votive sales
- Fundraising includes £100 from Bonusball, £45 from Margaret Deals Coffee Morning, £78 plant sales and £304 from Christine Culley's open garden
- Extra-ordinary income is made up of £368 donations for the pew cushions and £641.87 from the closure of the Team Ascalon bank account

Expenditure

- Admin includes £70 for the software that Carol needed to prepare the gift Aid returns and £38.91 for the gift for our auditor
- Fundraising costs are £55 for raffle tickets and £210 drawn as cash for the floats
- Extra-ordinary expenditure of £428 is the transfer of the money for the pew cushions to the legacy account to avoid it distorting the total balance in the current account

Fees paid out are a long way over budget but this is because we are paying for Mark's time from here and we have paid nothing out of Honoraria".

Tony noted that income and expenditure is under budget.

In reply to a question by Dick, Dawn said she does not show all the sub-accounts as there are too many and would not fit on one page for this

meeting.

b) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

Lynne said she has not received the figures from Dawn for Christian Aid and Let the Children Live. Once she receives them she will forward to Fr Mike for inclusion in the Bulletin.

c) **F&F & Quinquennial Report**

The F&F meeting was held on 26th May and the minutes have been circulated. Linda said the light sensor has been fitted over the front door for security purposes. This will only go on when it gets dark. Thanks to the Georges Men team who do such a lot of work around the church. We are working our way through the maintenance schedule. Dick has the Sacristy roof project in hand. Dick said the Architect had contacted him today to get a date to meet week beginning 22nd June after WMF. Linda said there were 4 nominations for the new parish giving scheme training on 23rd June. Once introduced this will mean that Gift Aid donations will go into our account in the month it is given. We can bring it in from 1st September but Linda thinks this may be too soon as we have only just got some people to sign up for Standing Orders this year. PCC and F&F might pilot the scheme.

Tony made a couple of comments – he said it is Gloucester Diocese not Worcester and it is not 1% of our giving but 1% of the Diocesan budget (ie 1% of £4M). If we do not accept the scheme we will still be contributing to it. Doesn't think there is a problem changing from Standing Order to Direct Debit. It will mean you will get a letter saying what you have contributed and adding 1%. You can accept this or change it. Dawn will get the Gift Aid within 10 days on the first of each month. John was against this to start with but is now in agreement because the safeguards are there.

Pew Cushions – Linda said this was discussed at F&F and it had been suggested that they would keep their shape better if they were piped so a new quote was obtained to include kneelers and material for the banner at a cost of £6,177. As we are changing the colour we need to find out if we need a Faculty. Dick said if so this could be added to the Faculty for the Sacristy roof. Dawn said we have just under £5,500 towards these and have had some very generous donations. Fr Mike said Marion Smith, Rosemary Goulding's daughter had sent a donation of £150 towards the kneelers in lieu of the fee which was waived. The banner would be in memory of Edwin and any extra money to come from his Legacy. Put John and Eve Towns names on this and use their money as Fr Mike said the book it was earmarked for is no longer in print. Linda Wainwright proposed that the shortfall would be made up by the PCC from funds that the PCC have control over, this was seconded by Sheilah Hall and agreed unanimously.

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5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Pastoral Meeting took place on 12th May and the minutes have been circulated. Rosy was elected as Chair and Barbie was encouraged to carry on as Secretary and agreed. Rosy said she should have welcomed Elaine to the meeting but failed to do so. A short questionnaire was completed on Safeguarding and sent to the Diocese. The Pastoral Visiting Team has got underway and visits have been arranged. A letter from Margaret Symonds Lenten group was discussed regarding a monthly luncheon club. There are 4 luncheon clubs in the area and Margaret has been asked to get contact details of these so that we can let anyone know when we visit if it is thought they would benefit from one of these.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

A meeting took place on 20th May. Jane apologised these had not been

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circulated and will send to PCC with PCC minutes. Tony said that Colin Monk has been co-opted as Chair this year which means that he can attend PCC meetings if he wishes. Tony said we have received several quotes to replace the roof of the hall on the western side which leaked during the winter. The cost is £4,500 and the Hall has the money to do it. Tony Rice-Oxley proposed that the Hall Committee be instructed to proceed with the roof replacement on the west side at a cost of £4,500 and this was seconded by Rosy Stone and agreed unanimously. As mentioned previously Geoff Davies is looking to stand down as Treasurer. Tony said we have someone in mind so are hoping to persuade them to take it on.

7. Other Committee Reports**a) Social**

Not met

b) Fundraising

Not met. Fundraising Task Force are grateful to Christine Culley and Margaret Deal for their fundraising events. There is also a Bring and Buy on 27th June at Margaret Deal's so encourage people to attend this. They are looking to produce a calendar as a fundraiser for next year of church events. Barbie and Dick to look through photos and send to Patricia who is happy to pursue this.

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8. Deanery Synod

There is a meeting this week.

9. Frequency and Times of PCC meetings

Attendance level has not been good over the last 2 years. Fr Mike said at present he tries to rotate over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and wondered whether people would prefer to have a particular day. Dawn said she would prefer meetings later in the month in order to get the figures out. After discussion it was agreed to leave the rotation of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday but from next January make meetings in the third week of the month.

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9a) Team Ascalon

As a result of negative feedback from children and parents the sabbatical is just carrying on. The £641 in their account has been paid to Dawn and she will put it in the Legacies Account and this could be used for youth activities or to subsidise the Sunday School budget.

9b) Bandstand

Waterlooville Events Committee are planning on Music at the Bandstand one Saturday a month from 10-12. If the weather is inclement The Heroes pub have offered the pub as a venue but if the group of musicians is too big have asked if they could use the church. Barbie said she is slightly concerned that we would have no control over who was coming into the church and the material they are using. Fr Mike said there is no budget so they will be reliant on people who will do it for free, probably schools etc. However he will feed this back to them and with this proviso the PCC were happy to agree to them using the church on the odd occasion.

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9c) Church Hall at Christmas

Fr Mike has had a request from Linda Smith, who runs the Bereavement Group in the hall which is open to anyone who is bereaved, asking if she could use the hall on Christmas Day to provide a Christmas dinner for these people. Colin Monk was very happy for the Hall to be used in this way and

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she is already a key holder so would not involve anyone else. There would be no charge but if they wish to give a donation that would be acceptable. PCC are very happy for the Hall to be used for this.

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9d) Organist

Fr Mike said we had 5 applications in the end. Some were not satisfactory. 4 people were either turned down or pulled out. We have one who would like to take up this post. Sonja is doing a DBS check at the moment. This organist is in another parish and has sent in their resignation. If the DBS check is OK they would start on 4th October which is Harvest. Mark and Julia were both involved in the interviews. Mark is happy to be deputy organist and help out as is Paul Taylor. PCC agreed that we should buy a small gift to present to Mark on the last Sunday in September. Everyone to think about what we could buy him.

All

10. Correspondence

- Linda said she went to the Archdeacon's Consultation meeting in Farlington which was a very good meeting. She will write a few notes and circulate some of the paperwork.
- Sonja said it is time for the Safeguarding Policy to be reviewed to put up on the wall. There are not many changes from last year. She suggested keeping Team Ascalon in it at the moment. Sonja read out the list of people/groups covered in last year's policy and will send the updated copy to Jane to circulate to everyone.

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11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 6th July 2015** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

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The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.