

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2017 AT 8.00 pm**

Present: Fr Mike, John Hood (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Patricia Byrne, Norma Kershaw, Colin Monk, Malcolm Brewer, Chris Gadd, Dick Handy, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod); Candy Williams; Lynne McNeill; Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod)

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 21st February**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Page 4, Item 10 – Dick is trying to arrange First Aid training for the afternoon of Friday 26th May and is waiting for the trainer to confirm.

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4. a) **Approval of Accounts 2016**

Dawn had already circulated the Balance Sheet and the Combined Accounts Overview for 2016 to everyone in advance of the meeting and she went through it at the meeting. She offered to send a full copy of the accounts to anyone that would like them. The Combined Accounts Overview is what goes in the APCM report and pretty much matches the figures which she presents to PCC each month. The accounts are with Paul Read who is auditing them. Dawn hopes there will be no alterations but these accounts are presented on the understanding that if Paul comes back with any changes we will have to amend them. We have received dividends on our accounts. Dawn has again depreciated the Hall by 2%. We again paid our Parish Share in full. Dick said we have to remember that we spent almost £20,000 on the repair of the Sacristy roof which came out of our investments. Malcolm Brewer proposed a voted on thanks on behalf of the PCC which was seconded by Rosy Stone and agreed unanimously to Dawn for the fantastic job that she does as Treasurer.

Fr Mike said the amount of people involved in fundraising during the year is amazing. He would like to say thank you to everyone who does this, far too many to mention. Lots of little things go on behind the scenes as well.

Dawn read out an e-mail from Paul Read. In the light of the Westminster tragedy he wondered whether we could hold a special one off retiring collection for the St George's Police Children's Trust. We usually buy Paul wine for auditing the accounts but this year he has asked that rather than do this we donate the money to this Trust instead.

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Treasurer's Report

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Dawn's gave the following report:

Income

- We have received the gift aid for the quarter ending Dec 16 and this amounted to £1438.43
- Donations include part of the collection from Bab's funeral and the collection box in the porch
- Liturgical income includes £194.90 from votive sales
- Fundraising is made up of £22.98 from the sale of pens and diaries, £100 bonus ball and £25 5p's in a bottle
- Extra-ordinary income includes £400 from Friday coffee and £100 from Wednesday coffee morning. There is also £472.44 from HCC towards the defibrillator
- We have received £191.20 from our investment with the Diocese

Expenditure

- The parish share is above budget as we owed £60.17 from last year
- Church grounds includes £214.68 to have the mower repaired
- Liturgical costs include £51.60 for the palm crosses and branches, but Fr Mike said that these had been paid for by a donation from a member of the congregation.
- £1639.50 is the payment for the defibrillator which we will be reimbursed for.

c) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

These figures were not available as Lynne was not at the meeting.

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

- Rosy said thank you to George's Men who have been cleaning the church windows and it was agreed they look so much better. John said this is an ongoing job through Lent and they are looking really good.
- John said Amanda Jelley was not at church on Sunday so he was unable to chase the Health & Safety file.
- John said they did a maintenance walk around today and about 50% of the jobs on the list have been completed. You have to look for jobs to do now which is very good.
- Preparing for Fr Mike leaving us we must sort out key holders and who controls this. John will talk to CIA about key cutting. Linda Wainwright has requested a key for the safe for when she takes Home Communion. Dick Handy proposed that Linda be given a safe key and this was seconded by John Hood and agreed unanimously. John will arrange to get one cut.
- The churchyard benches are the next big thing on the list to make a start on. We have received a cheque for £290 from fundraising coffee mornings by Edwards and Co-op Funeral Directors in addition to the HBC grant we received for this work. It is intended to buy some extra concrete paving slabs to go under the benches with some of this money. The work on the benches needs to be completed within 9 months of receiving the HBC grant so they need a Certificate of Completion by September.
- Business Continuity – Tony and Dick have met to produce a form to

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go to congregation members who perform roles toward the running and maintenance of the church. Also to keep a list of any supplier or contractor involved.

- PSG and Gift Day - John said that the Gift Day was very successful last year and will be repeated again this year. He said there will be a letter for everybody on Sunday 9th April asking for donations as we

need to build up our reserves particularly if we are looking at a new boiler. These will be due back the last Sunday in April – the APCM and Parish lunch.

There are 50 people in the congregation using the Parish Giving Scheme which saves Dawn a huge amount of time. David Cavey will write personally to the 25 people donating regularly by Standing Order emphasising the benefits of this scheme and stressing that you don't have to be a tax payer to join the scheme.

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5. **LYCIG – Mission Group**

Fr Mike said he had nothing to report. John said he went to a follow up meeting at St Judes. He said it confirmed his feeling that the scheme is aimed at smaller or more struggling churches than we are. The main message from the evening was that we each need to get out there and invite a friend along to a church service. Fr Mike said one of the original suggestions was to involve children in the liturgy and this will start on Sunday with a team of 5 children serving with the adults. Thank you to Dick for making a cross and candles for the acolytes.

6. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February have already been circulated. Rosy said the next meeting is on 2nd May. It was pointed out that this meeting might need to be postponed as the first meeting of the new PCC will not have taken place by then so you won't know which PCC members are on which committee.

Fr Mike said we did have a special meeting to look at the Electoral Rolls over the last 5 years. It turned out that there was a very small drop out of about 10 who Rosy is contacting. The main drop out was through illness or death.

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7. **Hall Committee Report**

The report of the meeting held on 22nd March has already been circulated.

- Colin said there is nothing major to report. Colin said PCC will remember that we had to have the roof on the western side of the hall replaced so the next big expense will be doing the same thing on the eastern side. Looking to build up our funds to cover this.
- 25 paying people came to the pop-up cinema last week. We have asked them to let us have details of the next film once known so we can advertise it in the Bulletin.

8. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social and Fundraising Committee**

This was Lynda Sheffield's last meeting as Chair and Malcolm has now taken over for the next 12 months.

- Malcolm said it was agreed at the Social Committee this morning to provide £600 from the coffee fund and another £300 from Social fund making a total of £900 to church funds.
- The annual church outing will take place to Windsor Castle on Saturday 22nd July leaving at about 9am and returning about 5pm – more details to follow.
- Other social events include an Open Garden, coffee mornings and Malcolm is looking into holding a Barn Dance as there is no quiz evening this year.

- Also thinking about whether we can run a shop again this year.

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b) **Communications Team**

Chris said he had nothing to report.

9. **Deanery Synod Report**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February have already been circulated.

10. **Correspondence**

- Ali at the Co-op and Kelly at Edwards Funeral Directors sent a cheque for £290 as proceeds of fundraising coffee mornings specifically to help towards the refurbishment of the benches in the churchyard. Jane will write a letter of thanks to them both from the PCC.
- Information was passed to Rosy regarding the Cinnamon Network, Hampshire Police Constabulary and Hampshire County Council Demand Reduction Partnership Launch – Monday 24th April from 12.00-2.00 at Ashburton Hall, Winchester SO23 8BH. Cinnamon Network is partnering Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire County Council, to support local churches across Hampshire to transform their communities by reaching out and building life-giving relationships with those in greatest need.

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Fr Mike said we need to say goodbye and thank you to Rosy Stone who is standing down as Churchwarden. She is of course entitled to still come to PCC meetings for the next year if she so wishes. Thanks also to 2 members of the PCC – Lynne McNeill and Candy Williams who come to the end of their 3 years on PCC. Malcolm Brewer has only stood for one year so is entitled to re-apply for PCC for another 3 years. Barbie Lloyd and Elaine Shimbart come to the end of their 3 years on Deanery Synod. Elaine has already said that she will not carry on because of her mayoral duties. Fr Mike said it is really important that we have two representatives on Deanery Synod going into a vacancy so that St George's does not get forgotten. It is hoped that we can persuade Barbie to re-apply for another 3 years.

Dates of Future PCC meetings

To follow.

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12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting is the APCM which will be held on Sunday 30th April following the 10 am Eucharist in church. The first PCC meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday 16th May starting at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage to sort out who is going on which committee.</p> <p>At this point Fr Mike left the meeting.</p>	All All
13.	<p>Report from Parish Profile Sub-Committee A copy of the Parish Profile that the Sub-Committee have worked on was circulated to all PCC members before this meeting in order that people had time to look through it and come up with any questions.</p> <p>It was suggested that we seek, through the Archdeacon, a statement from the Bishop to include in the Profile about the sort of church St George's is and the kind of person he would like to see appointed.</p> <p>After discussion the following was proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hood proposed that we will <u>not</u> seek Alternative Episcopal Oversight and this was seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously. • We understand that Bishop's nominations could be put forward twice and if we find no-one suitable the Diocese will then pay to put an advertisement in the Church Times. John Hood proposed that we go with the Bishop's nominations in the first instance and this was seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously. • The Parish Profile was discussed at length and it was agreed to add "Patron: Bishop of Portsmouth" before "Parish Setting". Otherwise it was accepted and John Hood proposed that it is sent to the Diocese for their initial comments and suggestions and possibly a statement included from the Bishop as mentioned above. This was seconded by Dick Handy and agreed unanimously. 	<p><u>ACTION</u></p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
	<p>It was agreed that we need to establish a rota for priests to take the various services during the Interregnum. It has been suggested that perhaps this could be done so that we get the same priest regularly on a particular day/week each month. John said that we would need to set up a separate auditable account through which we would pay the priest on the day of the service. This applies to both regular and additional services including baptisms, weddings and funerals. These payments will then be re-imbursed by the Diocese. There is a need to agree how often we will hold baptisms — every Sunday or once a month with several baptisms in one service. This needs to be agreed urgently so that those people on Parish Office know what to tell people when they come in to</p>	

book baptisms.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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