

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2008**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Assistant Curate), Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Carol McKells (Treasurer), Denise Rosser, David Hodgins, Leon Bartosiak, Colin Monk (Chair, Church Hall Committee), Tony Rice-Oxley, Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Mabel Maginn, David Palmer, David Cavey, Julia Spurgeon, Dick Handy, Elaine Shimbart

Elaine sent an e-mail saying that due to a change in her circumstances, she is resigning from the PCC. Fr Mike has been to see her and she hopes maybe to come back in the future.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 22nd September**

Page 2 – 5b) – John Johnson should read John Pearce.
The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Noticeboard – man has still not come back. Fr Mike to chase.

Dragon Envelopes – thanks to Lindsay and John for doing the Dragon envelopes.

Names of Sick – Pastoral Committee agreed to add these and you will notice that in last week's Bulletin they appeared along with a note to let Fr Timon know if you do not want your name to appear on the list.

Fr Mike

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Carol gave the following report:

Incoming – no major amounts to report. Tax on gift aid claimed and may not appear until November, going by recent claims.

CBF dividends due to be transferred from Lloyds TSB.

Ex-ord in shows a cheque paid in relating to the Church Hall insurance claim for roof repairs. The insurance cheque as made payable to the main Church account. Due to lack of time, it was paid into the Church account and subsequently paid out again, see outgoing side.

Outgoing – we are up to date with the Quota.

Fundraising costs due to increase by £400.

Photocopier costs almost £300 over budget but balances out on the income side which is also around £300 over budget.

..... Healey's. Letter received from Healey's to say that contract between Panasonic and themselves due to end at the end of the year. We will have a different contract in the new year with Danwood (not confirmed).

Margaret asked if Carol had got the £200 money from the raffle for Axim. Carol said she had banked it today and will keep hold of it until someone can take it out.

5. Committee Reports**a) Fabric and Finance**

The draft Budget had been circulated to all members of the PCC before the meeting. Much discussion followed about various ways of saving and raising money including saving around £300 a year by producing our own Bulletin, increasing fees for weddings and funerals from 1st January (this will be an agenda item for the next meeting), next year maybe keeping all the donations from special services, eg weddings instead of half going to the church and half to charity although Fr Mike thought you actually get more money if people think some is going to charity, suggestion that a laminated card should be put in the pews advising people how much it costs to run the church each week along with a supply of pink envelopes. PCC members were asked to go away and look carefully at the proposed budget and be ready to come back to the November meeting with ideas for saving/raising money in order to produce a balanced budget.

Bonus Ball

Tony explained how this would work. David H. had doubts about it. People were worried that it would conflict with the 100 Club but Colin said he already has 97 people in this club and was happy for Social and Fundraising to give this a try. It was decided to promote Bonus Ball in the Bulletin and ask for volunteers to join at £1 a week. This was proposed by Colin, seconded by Lindsay, there was one person against and one abstention.

b) Pastoral

The minutes had already been circulated to everyone. Fr Mike pointed out that in future at Baptisms the number of godparents would be restricted to 4 and parents would have to sign an agreement which prevented them from changing them on the day as there had been instances when as many as 11 godparents were chosen for one child. Lindsay said that she knows a bit about Messy Church as Francesca goes once a month to St Wilfreds.

Fr Mike is going to talk to the Sunday School leaders about children coming into church later in time to go up for the blessing. Lindsay thought this would be a good idea as at the moment they never have time to finish anything in the time available.

c) Deanery Synod

Linda gave a report on the Deanery Synod meeting on 24th September held at St Peters, Hayling Island.

Rev Dennis Lloyd – Mission Resources Advisor gave an overlong presentation on stewardship – defined as “to resource God’s mission with vision, money, time and talents” – emphasising that we should not concentrate solely on finance. He is available to help parishes as required.

Rev Philip Cochrane – member of Diocesan Liturgy and Worship Advisory Group – known as DILWAG – spoke about the group providing information for those directly involved in Acts of Worship in parishes, a mind of exchange of best practices.

Advertised one day workshop on 18th October about “Ideas for Transforming Worship” and 6 week course in January “making worship work”. [Fr Timon may attend]. Also producing a 3 times a year toolkit document starting with Advent/Christmas.

Elections/Deanery Treasurer’s report mentioned 2nd year £50 contribution is due to the Koforidua stipend fund project – St George’s needs PCC to authorise payment.

Report on 10 Bishops entertained locally prior to Lambeth Conference.

All

ACTION

Funding of £7K for each of the next 3 years to support administrative costs for the Kairos C3 Listening Service project approved.
Kairos Building Phase One runs from January to Easter 2009 and meeting felt specimen copies of the DVD/booklet should be available for clergy to see in order to gauge number of copies required by each parish. Talk on Spirituality and Buildings Hart Plain Church on 21st October 2008 at 7.30 pm.

A U2 Eucharist – Sunday 26th October at St Francis Leigh Park at 7.30 pm.

d) Hall

Colin had not been able to do the minutes so these will be circulated later. However he said they are trying to sort out charges for next year so that everyone is treated fairly. The hall income is above budget for the year despite the fact they have paid money out to purchase cupboards and re-do the hall floor.

Colin

e) Future Hall developments

Remove this item from the Agenda for the time being.

6. **Cameras/TV facilities in choir loft – update**

Lindsay's husband Stuart has been in to talk to Dick about this. We await a report from Dick at the next meeting.

Dick

7. **Comparative energy costs – update**

Carol said she had phoned British Gas and Southern Electric. Southern Electric objected to the transfer as we have a contract with them which has only just started and runs for two years. She then phoned Utilities Warehouse who are waiting for it to be transferred. There is a £200 penalty for both as we are in arrears. Tony and Carol will look into it further.

Tony / Carol

8. **Future of the Youth Club (Tony R-O)**

Jane read out a letter from Tony and Jane R-O regarding the future of the Youth Club. There are 3 options – the Youth Club will cease altogether from next summer, there will be shared leadership, or new people take over the running of the Youth Club totally. The PCC expressed their gratitude to the leaders and the fact that they would not like to see the Youth Club cease as it is good outreach. Jane will forward a copy of the letter to everyone with the minutes and PCC members need to think about this before the next meeting and come up with names of likely candidates to be discussed. It is important that someone is found soon if the youth club is to remain.

Jane /
All

9. **Further Support for St Mary's Axim (Margaret)**

Margaret explained that there has been a link with St Mary's Axim since 1983 and we have an on-going relationship. They need money to provide electricity in the church, the metal roof is not lined so it is too hot to use a lot of the time. Margaret had sent an e-mail to PCC members wondering about a monthly or six monthly raffle. After discussion it was agreed to do some indirect fundraising – a coffee morning, bring and buy perhaps on a Friday. Colin said that the hall is hardly used on a Saturday so suggested a table top sale might be an idea. Charities Committee might consider 2 months devoted to Axim next year. Margaret also wondered about have a Charity Card sale in the hall one Saturday which people thought was a good idea.

Margaret

ACTION

10. **Archdeacon's Visitation**
Thank you to Tony for getting all the papers together for this visit. The purpose of the Archdeacon's visit is to make sure that the Church keeps the basic minimum records. The overriding impression was that we are in good shape, well presented and create a positive impression. The hymn books provided in memory of Bill Hutchings and Ken Bradley need to be recorded somewhere. Tony has complained to the Diocese that Churchwardens do not have a very good induction.

11. **Correspondence**
Christian Aid – Fr Mike said there was a need for a new Christian Aid representative to help Adrienne as Jane had decided to stand down after doing this for the last two years. He asked if there were any volunteers and Margaret said that she would help Adrienne. Jane will hand over all the information to Adrienne.
Christmas Banner – It was agreed that the Christmas nativity banner would be put up before the Schools Concert on 5th December.

Jane

Richard

12. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th November** in the Church following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.