

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Present:** Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Tony Rice-Oxley, Barbie Lloyd, Candy Williams, David Hodgins, Anne Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Sheilah Hall, Dawn Hyett, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1.       **Apologies for absence:**  
Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod),  
Marian Haughton
  
2.       **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
  
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
  
3.       **Matters Arising**  
P2, 5<sup>th</sup> para – Tony still needs the letter from Richard.
  
4.       **Treasurer's Report**  
The following is Dawn's report:  
Although the bank balance states we have £46525.28 we have now paid  
out the first payment to the builders for about £27000.  
  
I have now set up a direct debit to pay the water bill for The Vicarage so  
this will mean there will be a payment going through each month rather  
than one lump payment.  
  
The £50 included in music support was paid to Mark Langtry when he  
covered for Cecil when he went away.  
  
Dick and I attended a meeting for Treasurers and Churchwardens of the  
Diocese to vote on next year's budget and Quota. We were given a  
breakdown of what expenses need to be met each year with our quota  
payments. We were also given 4 options which we had to vote on.  
Briefly the options were:
  - Gives us an increase of 5.52% (£610) which was a basic  
increase.
  - Gives us an increase of 4.62% (£179) which was the increase but  
a reduced increase for the incumbents.
  - Gives a decrease in parish share but would involve losing 6 posts  
by December
  - Also gives us a decrease but would give the reduced increase for  
incumbents but also losing 6 posts.  
The majority of voters opted for option 2 however this is not guaranteed  
as the results of all the dioceses have to be collated and then this goes  
to the Bishops Council and then the Diocesan Synod to vote. The worst  
case scenario for us would be an increase of £610 a year which  
compared to what we have to raise this year is not too bad. I have all the  
paperwork if anyone would like to look at it in further detail.  
  
Discussion took place about the budget and David asked to see a copy

Richard

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of the full budget as he felt this should be reducing not increasing. Tony said that there is no PCC in August so unable to discuss the budget. It was suggested maybe in future a Fabric and Finance meeting could look at the budget beforehand. If the PCC feels it appropriate a note could be written for Lindsay to take to the next Deanery Synod meeting.

We have also been asked to urge you to consider attending the "Giving for Life" workshops to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Unfortunately I am unable to attend and Dick is away, but I have the information if anyone is interested - this information was passed around the meeting.

All

Paypal is now up and running and a donation for £100 has already been received.

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

As Linda is on holiday she had given Jane the following information:

Retiring collections

**July** – Rowans Hospice - £139.52.

**August**

- Elizabeth Foundation (1 week only) - £29.40
- Disasters Emergency Committee – Pakistan Floods Appeal (2 weeks) - £300.92
- Cardiac Risk in the Young (2 weeks) - £127.55

5. a) **Committee Reports**

**Fabric and Finance and Quinquennial**

David said the minutes had been circulated and were very comprehensive. The tower work has now been completed and the scaffolding is being moved around in order that the guttering can be done. £29K has already been paid out. Total of £46,516.37 but some bills still to come in from the Quantity Surveyor and the Architect so will probably be around £48,000. Danger now that the scaffolding is coming down is that the general public will think it is all finished and paid for. Need some sort of indicator outside to let people know how the fundraising is going. At the moment we have no secure box to put donations in outside the church.

Richard said that although the fundraising has been very successful so far there has been little movement in regular giving. Dawn said that out of 67 standing orders only 12 had increased their giving following the letters that were sent out. Dawn said £6,789 has come in from the Gift Days, with donations of £3,681 and we are expecting another £2-3,000 from additional gift days.

Tony said that the clocks have all been repainted but the scaffolding had knocked the front facing clock out by 8 minutes. He is hoping to go up with the builder tomorrow to try and put this right.

In his absence Dick asked Dawn to mention the talent scheme where members of the congregation are given £10 and hopefully at least double it within 6 weeks. Looking at holding this between Christmas and Easter 2011. After discussion the PCC agreed it was worth giving it a try.

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- b) **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Fr Timon said the minutes have already been circulated. Encouraging that we have £200 profit at the moment after paying back the PCC for the mugs. Looking forward to the Barn Dance on Saturday and the next big event which is the Christmas Tree festival.
- c) **Pastoral**  
Richard asked that the minutes which had already been circulated be treated as draft and he will change a few things and resend. A date for the next meeting also needs to be agreed with Fr Mike.
- d) **Hall**  
Minutes have already been circulated. Colin has spoken to the builder about continuing the work on the hall roof. The bell tower has been taken down and he is waiting for John Williams to come back to see if someone he knows would like to do it up as a hobby and it can then be put back as a feature. The first 3 months of the cleaning contractor is nearing an end, although they are more expensive Colin has had no complaints.
- e) **Fundraising**  
Jane RO is working very hard at the moment on the Auction.
- f) **Social**  
Barn Dance is all that is planned at the moment. Fr Mike said that we must thank the Social Committee for the money they raise – over £400 to the church and £40 to the Church Hall twice a year.
- g) **Deanery Synod**  
Not met
6. **Appointment of Churchwardens Assistants**  
Jaye Warren was confirmed at the last meeting. Tony said that after Dick spoke to him he has volunteered to be the second Assistant. The PCC accepted gratefully.
7. **Response from Margaret Symonds re letter from St Mary Axim**  
Fr Mike said nothing has happened on this – he emailed Margaret Symonds and Lynn Winter and has not received a reply.
8. **Partnership Parishes – service with the Bishop – 24.7.11**  
The word Kairos has now been dropped. The Bishop is to visit our partnership on 24<sup>th</sup> July and will hold a service at 4 pm at Denmead, outdoors. Fr Mike asked the PCC's advice on whether we should make this an Episcopal Eucharist. This will be the main service of the day and we would probably need to provide transport. Fr Mike asked the PCC:
- Are you happy to have a Eucharistic service with the Bishop?
  - Shall we keep the 8am service and forego the 10 am service that day?
- Everyone was very happy with the first question but David Hodgens said that in his opinion we should retain the 10am service even if it is only a said service.  
Richard asked about costs involved for this. Fr Mike said he will let the PCC know once it is clearer what is happening.
9. **Correspondence**  
Parish Safeguarding Policy and Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults  
Sandra said that she has adapted these policies from the Diocesan policies and added the various church groups where appropriate. These have already been circulated to everyone and she needs the PCC to accept both these policies so that she can get them sent off. The PCC

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agreed these policies unanimously and thanked Sandra for her work on them.

Processional Lanterns – Fr Mike had purchased 4 new identical bases for the processional lanterns so they will stand on their own and had one at the meeting to show everyone. These have come from the rest of Lilian Marland's money.

Bishop's Installation – there are still tickets available for the Bishop's Installation this Saturday afternoon. If anyone would like to go please see Richard or Fr Mike.

All

12.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** following the Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.