

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2013

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sandra Hewett, Colin Monk, Rachel Palmer, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Geoff Davies, Tony Rice-Oxley, Lynne McNeill

Fr Mike thanked everyone for turning out on such a cold evening.
2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 19th February**
Page 4, Item 12, 3rd bullet point – Linda said the date should read 4th February not 14th.
The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Page 1, Item 3 – The small surplices have now arrived and are being worn.
Page 1, Item 3 – Jane to send a letter to Edwards thanking them for their generous donation.
Page 3, Item 8 – Barbie had forwarded the minutes to all.
Page 4, Item 11 – this meeting will take place on 9th April. Unfortunately Barbie is unable to attend.
4. **Church Finances**
Report by Dawn Trimby on Accounts for the year ended 31.12.12 for the APCM meeting on 21st April
These accounts had been sent to everyone by e-mail before the meeting.

The accounts are at the moment with Paul Read who has very kindly agreed to audit them again for us this year, but I hope that there will be no alterations to them. The accounts have gone to Paul later than I had hoped as we had had a major problem with the software. I would like to thank Dick for all his help and support getting them ready and sorting the problem.

Looking at Page 2 – the Balance Sheet – the first thing to mention is that we ended the year with a deficit of funds of £2050.36. This is after paying for the work on the church wall, which cost £1500. This was unbudgeted for and caused us to go over budget for church maintenance.

Our investment value has increased in value by £2462.21 and was valued at £27249.98 at the end of December.

The main bank account held at HSBC had a balance of £15208.21 at the end of December. We have invested £10000 in a UTB investment account in August and we have already received £48 interest. We have a rolling 60 days notice on the account to ensure easy access to the money when we need it.

Jane

Charities
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The accounts receivable at the bottom of the current assets column of £2392.93 relates to the Gift Aid that is due back to us on the donations made during October to December but this is not received until February this year. Similarly the Accounts payable figure of £372 relates to the Assigned fees that have to be paid to the diocese for the same months, and this was not paid until January 2013.

Pages 3 to 6 show the income and expenditure for the past year and these mainly agree with the figures that I give you each month. Added to these are the transactions made by the individual church groups that hold their own bank accounts.

On Page 4, of the £7761.43 in Donations and Appeals is a figure of just over £155 which relates to QQ fundraising. The donation figure is down on last year by £3181. The remainder comes from Donations made to the church and also collections from baptisms which we receive half of and the other half goes to the charity of the month.

The fundraising figure is very good again this year amounting to £9644.47 and takes into account the money taken by the auction (£1426), and money received from Bonusball (£400), Friday coffee morning (£400) and 100 Club (£568) to mention just a few.

We have received dividends from our investment and these have come out slightly higher this year at £1164.

Moving to Expenditure we managed to pay our full parish share again this year. In general the expenses remained within budget apart from Church maintenance as I have already mentioned.

I have again depreciated the church hall by 2% as in previous years and this came to £2939 leaving a balance of the value of the hall as £144,021.78.

Colin noted that the income from donors is down. This has been discussed at Fabric and Finance who are trying to come up with a plan. Fr Mike said that a huge amount of work goes into generating funds during the year and a huge thank you goes to everyone involved in this. Also for all the regular amounts coming in for things like liturgical gifts, the Paschal candle etc which saves a huge amount from church funds.

Linda Wainwright proposed that the PCC accept these accounts subject to any alterations made by Paul Read. This was seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.

Dawn is hoping that there will not be any alterations but if there are she will e-mail them round to everyone.

Dawn

The PCC offered their thanks to Dawn for the huge amount of work she puts in during the year.

a) **Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- We have received the gift aid for the fourth quarter of 2012 and this came to £2393.88.

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- Included within liturgical donations is £53.07 from the sale of votives
- Fundraising is made up of £200 from bulb sales, £353.05 from Burns Night and £11.82 from the T-plus commission.

Expenditure

- There is £75 in Admin which relates to the Data Developments software support fee for the year.
- £82.80 was spent on the lawn mower service.

b) Charities Treasurer's Report

During the first two weeks of March the retiring collection for the Royal National Institute for the Blind raised £66.53. We are currently collecting for the Bishop's Lent Appeal – this is still ongoing. £115.60 also went to the Rowans Hospice. Linda had received an envelope for the Syria Crisis Appeal. As the Charity Committee is not meeting until 9th April she suggested that we collect for this on the first two Sundays in April. This was agreed by the PCC.

Fr Mike /
Linda

Lynne McNeill will be attending the Charities Committee meeting.

c) Fabric and Finance Committee Report

Not met.

Linda explained what had happened with the Faculty. The application has been referred back to us to see if we need building regulations approval. This was passed on to Daniel, the Architect, who has advised that Havant Borough Council say this is not needed but the DAC require written evidence. Dick is liaising with Daniel over this. There is a query about whether it should be a solid rail rather than wire. This would make it impossible for Fr Mike and Stella to communicate and the choir to see what is going on. Barbie said it would make taking photos from the gallery almost impossible too. Linda said the most important thing is getting the staircase filled in as this is the most dangerous part. The next meeting is in April and if it is approved then we are going to ask if we can go ahead with the gallery work and the decorating before we receive the certificate or we will not get the work done before the Waterlooville Music Festival. Linda said huge thanks should go to Dick for all the time he has spent on this.

Linda said we had problems with the organ again and the man came in last Friday to resolve the problem. Linda had a chat with him and he said we need to start thinking and budgeting for a thorough clean as this problem will keep happening until we get it done. He also said that we need to make sure that the organ is well covered up when we have the gallery work and the decoration done to protect it.

5. Pastoral Committee Report

The report has been circulated already. Thanks to Anne for kindly planning and photocopying the Sunday School material for the first 6 sessions of the new term. We need another meeting with the leaders to get them ready to take over after the first year.

Bereavement support did not meet this month because of the snow. The ramp is a trip hazard during processions so sidespeople need to move them out of the way.

Waterlooville Food Bank – PCC will hear more in due course.

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6. **Hall Committee Report**

Not met.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) & **Social and Fundraising**

b) Not met.

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

Not met.

9. **Pentecost 2013 (update from Sub-Committee)**

Met briefly after the service the Sunday before last. Bandstand booked Saturday 18th May. Committee thought optimum time would be 10.30-12.30 and the PCC agreed. As it's the church's birthday holding a free raffle to win a birthday cake being made by Eve Inwood. Ask the congregation to donate wrapped sweets to put in baskets to hand out. Candy has a contact at Sainsbury's and she has asked if they could do mini hot cross buns with a red cross. They are busy for Easter but will get back to her. Thought about giving out pens with St George's logo but Dick has looked and they are too expensive (£280 for 500). Ask Rosemary about the stickers she orders. Dick has volunteered Lesley to do posters, handouts etc. We will have some red balloons on the bandstand on the day. Geoff is asking Victoria Dance if they could do a couple of slots and Linda will talk to Richard about the music and whether we need a license.

Barbie enquired whether the Diocese will be advertising it in the newspapers etc so people will know what it is all about.

Fr Mike

10. **Leadership Conference 2013**

Renewing our Vision for Mission and putting fire back into the church

This event will bring together PCCs and church leaders across the diocese. The speakers will be Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan with input from Bishop Christopher and the diocesan team. The Havant Deanery event will take place on 15th October from 7.00-9.30 in a venue to be confirmed. Jane will copy the flyer and hand out to all members of the new PCC at the meeting in May.

All

Jane

11. **Correspondence**

Naomi House have again requested they hold their "Light Up a Life" service (as last year) on 11th December. This was agreed by the PCC.

Thanks and Farewell

Fr Mike said as this is the last meeting of this year's PCC he would like to say thank you and farewell to Sheilah, Sandra and Anne at the end of their 3 years on the PCC. We need 3 new people to join the PCC at the APCM on 21st April.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the APCM to be held on **Sunday 21st April 2013** in Church following Parish Eucharist.

All

The first meeting of the new PCC will take place at the Vicarage on **Tuesday 7th May 2013** starting at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.