

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD AT THE VICARAGE
ON WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2007**

Present: Fr Mike, Tony Rice-Oxley (Churchwarden), Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Carol McKells (Treasurer), Colin Monk, David Cavey, Denise Rosser, Mabel Maginn, Adrienne Bridger (Deanery Synod), Wendy Pearce (Deanery Synod), David Palmer, Jane Cook (Secretary) Dick Handy, Richard Spurgeon, Julia Spurgeon (arrived at 8.05 pm)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**

Yvonne Jones, Abi Morgan

Fr Mike expressed his thanks to the Churchwardens, Fr Ray and the PCC for keeping the Church running smoothly over the last 3 months during his Sabbatical.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting (7th November 2007)**

Item 5a, para 2 – Tony said it was not clear in the minutes that Sue Palmer will receive the same payment as Julia for her work with the band and this will be paid in the same way.

Item 5a, para 2 – Julia reported back on some of the questions which were raised at the last meeting. She has spoken to Cecil and he cannot find a copy of his contract as Musical Director, if he ever had one. The Diocese suggest 4 to 6 weeks annual leave when parishes are responsible for arranging and paying deputies but Cecil is not sure what was agreed. He should have really been on a 3 year renewable contract which Fr Mike should have renewed on his arrival. Julia said Cecil is aware that if he has more than this time off he is responsible for paying a deputy.

Julia also spoke to Marcus Wibberley who can find nothing about Andrew's scholarship scheme that we signed up to. The PCC agreed that if Andrew ever plays for a whole service we would pay him the going RSCM rate of £25.

Item 9 – Church Cleaning – amend to read "Tony said that Denmead have a men's night"

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

3. **Matters Arising**

Flowers for Yvonne – Tony had got flowers for Yvonne and delivered them from the PCC and said he would be grateful for contributions from people who had not already paid him.

First Aiders – the list of First Aiders is now up at the back of Church.

War Memorial Plaque – This is still ongoing. David C. had spoken to Sir Geoffrey Dalton, past President of the British Legion, who said it was not under their remit. He has since spoken to Margaret and John about it and wonders whether the Second World War names could be added to the memorial at the Lych gate. It was felt that we should send another letter to the Council suggesting this and see what they say. This should then be the responsibility of the Council to pay for it. Colin suggested contacting the RNA but Margaret said she has already spoken to them and heard nothing back.

Hymn Book Covers – Jean Goddard has now removed all these covers.

Honoraria – Tony still looking at this.

CBF – Carol and Tony will arrange to move the £25,000 from the CBF investment fund to a simple cash deposit account.

Sound System – Tony has moved the sound system to the organ loft.

Jane

Tony
Carol / Tony

ACTION

Piano Frame – Tony awaiting a quote from Steve Venn who is taking over the tuning of our pianos, but expects it to be in the region of £200.

Buddy System – following recent events Tony says this needs to be discussed by Pastoral at the earliest opportunity.

Utilities providers for the Hall – Tony now has all the bills from David C. and is looking into this.

Christmas banner – on agenda

Music Concert – on agenda

Piano player – Adrienne mentioned that the man who comes in to practice most mornings on the piano is very loud and she thinks it is offputting for people coming in to the Church for quiet. Tony said he has been asked to tone it down a bit when he sees anyone coming into the Church.

Tony

Pastoral

Tony

4. **Treasurer's Report**

A relatively quiet month.

On the income side, donations include £205 general donations and £62.50 Eucharistic Gifts. Sales show £355 from bulb sales and £50.71 votive sales. Extraordinary income includes £1,000 transferred from LTSB and interest earned on the two bank account balances. Other funds generated shows proceeds from the sponsored bike ride, unfortunately this has been recorded under the wrong section and I will amend the figures for next month (should this go to fundraising or appeals?). [Tony said this should go under fundraising]

Carol

On the outgoing side, the Quota shows we are behind and this will be settled in September. Church Maintenance includes £145 to J Mitchell for servicing of the boilers/heating in the church and hall and £250 to R Jones for the tree work. Extraordinary outgoing shows the corresponding £1000 out of LTSB to the HSBC account, a further £115 to J Mitchell which has been reimbursed by the Church Hall to cover their part of the boiler/heating servicing. Other funds paid out covers retiring collections sent off to St Lukes Hospital and the Two Saints Centre.

In readiness for next year's Quota, I will need to advise the Finance Office of our intended method of payment for 2008?

5. **Committee Reports:**

a) **Fabric and Finance**

Finance

The report of the meeting held on Monday 10th December had been circulated to everyone before the meeting. Tony pointed out that the quote for additional power points of £1750 should actually read £758. The budget for next year is not a balanced one being £1,000 adrift.

Fabric

With the loss of Fiona and Glynn doing the regular weekly cleaning of the Church from the end of December, Tony explained that it would be necessary to get a team of people to cover this and other work. It is proposed to have two hourly sessions 4 days a month, different times of day and days of the week. There would be a team leader and people would sign up to it. It is proposed that this will be a major part of the Time and Talents Audit in February.

b) **Pastoral**

Not met.

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c) **Deanery Synod**

The report of the meeting held on 21st November was circulated to the PCC before the meeting.

d) **Hall**

The report of the meeting held on 13th December was circulated to the PCC before the meeting. The cleaning issue has now been resolved. The longstanding and reliable cleaner had resigned due to personal problems but had missed the work so has now started back again. The Committee has spent a lot of time looking at charges which have not been raised for some considerable time. The increase will be done in two stages.

Tony mentioned that the fire was left on in the meeting room when he went in. Richard will investigate.

Richard

6. **Correspondence**

Bishop's Foundation Course – will be held at St John's Church Hall, Rowlands Castle on Monday evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 pm with the first session beginning on Monday 14th January 2008. Details at the back of Church if anyone is interested.

Church Cleaning – Jane read out an e-mail from Fiona and Glynn in response to the letter she had sent them on behalf of the PCC.

Deanery Synod Elections – this gives the number of representatives allowed from each Parish on the Deanery Synod. St George's is 2.

IDWAL – a newsletter has been received which is now at the back of Church together with a letter asking parishes for contributions to the central IDWAL funds. Margaret has put IDWAL on the list for consideration by the Charities committee for 2008.

Mr Ludlow, Tunbridge Wells – highly delighted to find his grandfather's gravestone still intact and sent a cheque for £100 for its upkeep.

Letter from Mr Ody with a £50 donation – Fr Mike handed out a copy to everyone.

7. **Christmas nativity banner outside Church**

Congratulations to Richard for this fantastic banner which is from a photograph of a stained glass window at St Jude's Church in Southsea. Adrienne asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to The Administrator at St Jude's. Richard said the cost to Church funds would be £200.

Jane

8. **Organisation of Children's Concert – 29th November**

This was very successful despite Waterlooville Business Association pulling out of the lighting up ceremony. The PCC would certainly like to see this happen again next year whether there is a lighting up ceremony or not and Havant Borough Council are very keen for it to happen. If it is up to St George's to fix the date next year it would be good to have it in Advent.

9. **Christmas Services**

It was reported that 3 other Churches in the Deanery have already had their Carol Services. It was felt that next year it would be good to have an Advent Carol Service again as several people have commented that they have missed it.

10. **Charities Committee for 2008**

This is to look at where our Sunday retiring collections should go during 2008. January is already for Axim. It was felt that the charities we

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Fr Mike /
Wendy/ Tony

support should be Christian based. Margaret said she had received another appeal from Baghdad as they are desperate for money. Tony suggested a collection for a needy church in the Deanery. Wendy and Tony will get together with Fr Mike to arrange a date to meet with him and decide on the charities to support and report back to the next PCC meeting.

11. **Time and Talents Audit**

This will take place in February instead of a stewardship campaign and will include:

Church watch
Sunday refreshments
Friday refreshments
Sidespeople
Pastoral care (visiting)
Choir
Flower arranging
Gardening
Cake making
Needlework
Church Cleaning

Church cleaning has to be a top priority.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th January 2008** in the Choir Vestry following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm followed by wine and mince pies.