

## MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN CHURCH ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008

**Present:** Fr Mike, Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Carol McKells (Treasurer), David Cavey, Denise Rosser, Yvonne Jones, Adrienne Bridger (Deanery Synod), Wendy Pearce (Deanery Synod), Mabel Maginn, Dick Handy, Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**

Tony Rice Oxley (Churchwarden), Colin Monk, David Palmer, Richard Spurgeon, Julia Spurgeon, Abi Morgan

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He introduced Anne McCabe who is training as a reader and is on placement with us for 3 months. She is due to be licensed on 21<sup>st</sup> September and will be preaching next Sunday. As part of her placement she has to attend a PCC meeting.

Fr Mike said that we need to elect 3 people on to the PCC at the APCM to replace Yvonne, Colin and Abi. The Deanery Synod reps are up for renewal this year too. It is hoped that Adrienne and Wendy will go for re-election. We will also need a Churchwarden to replace Tony and Margaret has to be re-elected at the meeting.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

Page 3 – Charities – Wendy said that there was a bit missing from the minutes. It was agreed at the last meeting that the person responsible for recommending a particular charity should put up a display on the grey board at the back of church for that month. As March is for St Nicholas Seminary Ghana, Margaret said she would e-mail the IDWAL Secretary, Carol Bailey from Hayling Island, to see if we can borrow some photos.

Margaret

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

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 1 – Red Noticeboard – Fr Mike was due to meet up with Matt Sturgess on the day after the last PCC but he didn't turn up although he did ring to apologise. Fr Mike will arrange another date as we need him to look at the bulging at the back of the noticeboard and the red which has turned to pink.

Fr Mike

Page 4 – Fees for 2008 – these were adjusted as per last meeting and are on display at the back of church which has to be done by law.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

This is our revised version of the report for 2008. The majority of the report covers the HSBC account and the small section at the bottom covers the LTSB account.

Standing orders are off to a good start and the tax on Gift Aid should hopefully be received very soon (in the region of £2025). No bank interest or dividends received as yet. Dividends are received half-yearly and the next one is due in June. Donations and appeals include a £150 donation and £116 donation from the Youth Club towards a recently paid video licence. Fees received for the PCC funds include those for the recent wedding. Fees to be assigned will mount up and be paid out quarterly.

Advertising has a good initial balance but has a yearly budget of £1000, which may be difficult to achieve, bearing in mind last year's total of £516.

Extraordinary income shows £720 transferred from the LTSB account and £27.30 representing a retiring collection and this also shows on the outgoing side as it was transferred to LTSB (which is to hold the funds collected for charities).

On the outgoing side, we have paid £75 to RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) and £200 paid out for the recent wedding. The LTSB account shows £171.26 income, being £151.39 total retiring collection for St Mary's Axim, and £19.87 collected for the Rowans. Other funds paid in shows credit interest and a few stray standing order payments still going to LTSB. I will again contact those few people and request the details to be changed to the HSBC account.

This section also shows £720 paid out to the HSBC account which was left over from 2007.

The Treasurer's report needs to be displayed on the noticeboard in church and Fr Mike said she could put it in the plastic wallet next to the minutes.

Preliminary accounts sent to accountant.

Fees are collected in and every three months Carol pays them to the Diocese.

5. **Committee Reports:**

a) **Fabric and Finance**

This committee met informally to finalise the Time and Talents audit form which have now all been addressed. Those not collected in the next two weeks will be posted, so can everyone keep an eye on those remaining in the pigeonholes and give them out if they see the recipient in church.

There are no aspects of finance to report other than those within Carol's end of year report and her current update. The sale of magazine advertisements is improving with 14 full pages of adverts now being taken up.

A new mower has been purchased and was on show on Sunday. It has been fully funded by the congregation and a donation from the Wednesday coffee morning. Note this saves us about £70 for the annual service.

Outstanding fabric matters are the sacristy power points and the under gallery lighting. The PCC might like to consider whether there is a need for a further push for people to increase their weekly giving. The quota goes up by 6.46%. Could the congregation be encouraged to up theirs by 5%? The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> March in church for its final meeting before the APCM.

It has been noticed that quite a few 8 o'clock people have not collected their Time and Talents form. Could they be reminded?

Put something in the Bulletin about using pink envelopes for those people who are fairly new and might not know about them. It was thought that it would be a good idea to put a note in the Bulletin to let people know the

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percentage that our quota has risen by this year and encouraging people to up their giving. Although we are not specifically targeting giving this year as we are doing the Time and Talents Audit it would be good for people to still increase their giving.

b) **Pastoral**

Not met but a date will be arranged after the meeting.

c) **Deanery Synod**

Next meeting at the end of this month.

d) **Hall**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January have been circulated to everyone – attached as Appendix 1 in the minute book.

Future of the Hall – in the minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007 there was a suggestion made that as the hall celebrates its centenary in 2013 we need to start thinking about the various options available. It was agreed to leave it until Fr Mike returned from his sabbatical. A group comprising the Hall Committee, the 2 Churchwardens + any other interested people from the PCC will meet at the Vicarage on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 pm to start to consider the options.

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e) **Music Festival**

Fr Mike said the arrangements are going on apace and this afternoon he confirmed a booking for the Friday lunchtime slot 2009 for an organist from Warwickshire who had seen it advertised on the website and would like to do a recital.

Piano frame – discussion took place on this. This is now a health and safety matter as the piano tuner says that the legs are weak and it needs a frame to tie the legs so it can be moved safely. Don Lloyd and Stephen Venn, the tuner are looking at sourcing a frame.

Fr Mike

As this is a health and safety issue it needs addressing urgently. David Cavey proposed that we actively seek ways to source a frame for the piano. This was seconded by Dick and agreed unanimously.

Altar Rails – Fr Mike said there has been a suggestion that we make the front altar rails removable for concerts etc. He made it clear that there is no intention of them being removed permanently. It was agreed that we get some quotes to see how much it would cost before the next meeting.

Fr Mike

6. **Correspondence**

Christian Aid – Jane said that if her and Adrienne carry on coordinating this they would like more help than they received last year. Jane asked for any ideas people might have. She has sent off for the Quizaid pack to see what that entails. Jane will do some flyers to hand out at Church and put a list at the back of church for names of volunteers to help. Fr Mike will also find out what the other churches are doing in Waterlooville.

Jane

Fr Mike

Child Protection Policy – this was last updated in 2002. Jane to complete the new policy and send it off and a copy needs to go on the Youth Club noticeboard and in the minutes.

Jane

Advertisement for Easter Services – Fr Mike asked whether we should advertise the Easter Services in the News and/or Journal. It is £20.60 to go in the News and £41.20 to go in both. It was agreed to just put an

advertisement in the News.

Good Communities Conference - Fr Mike thanked Margaret Symonds and Jennifer Higgenbottom for attending this conference on 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Havant Arts Centre, representing St George's. Margaret gave the following report:

Approximately 100 people attended from churches and schools in the borough, HBC staff, Police, Angel Radio, Asda, a solicitor and a representative of a Good Neighbours Scheme and many more. We were welcomed by the Revd Jonathan Jefferies. He chaired the conference and entertained us with numerous jokes. Canon Nick Ralph, head of Mission and Society in the Diocese entitled his powerpoint presentation 'The Church and Society'. He illustrated it with excerpts from the 'Faithful Cities' Report 2006 (which was a follow up to 'Faith in the City' 1985) and The Joseph Rowntree Foundation Reports in which are used the expressions 'The Third Sector' to describe ways in which church/faith groups can be involved in communities. Nick aimed to show what makes a good community. He was followed by Sister Joanna Elizabeth SSB, who spoke humorously and without notes on 'What makes a good Community'.

Following a break for coffee we divided into geographically situated groups. We joined with Purbrook and Widley to discuss various questions, followed by a plenary session and a pleasant buffet lunch.

The afternoon was given over to a presentation on Havant Borough and its plans for the community by Claire Hughes (Community Regeneration Manager). She made several references to Newlands, the Waterlooville MDA. Joy Okwuadigbo, Head of Regeneration Services followed her and she encouraged churches to consider social enterprise and charge for it. We again worked in our groups where we decided that besides a common purpose we needed good communications between the various organisations. We did not conclude how this was to be achieved! After a plenary, Nick Ralph was called upon to 'Challenge and Charge' us to make good use of the buzz, impetus and networking made available by the conference. The message I came away with was 'Listen to the opinions and needs of the community and seek out those who have the expertise to advise, before attempting to begin any new project' also 'look for solutions rather than problems. The opportunities for networking were good; provided you could remember the names of the people you had met!

7. **Time and Talents Audit**

This has already been mentioned in the Fabric and Finance Committee notes above.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** in the Church following the 7.30 pm Eucharist. This meeting is only for presentation of accounts for the APCM plus any urgent business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.