

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009**

**Present:** Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Curate), Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Dick Handy, Julia Spurgeon, Colin Monk, Tony Rice-Oxley, Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Barbie Lloyd, Candy Williams, John Towns, Dawn Hyett, David Palmer, Carol McKells (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

**ACTION**

1.       **Apologies for absence:**

David Hodgens

2.       **Minutes of last PCC meeting on**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3.       **Matters Arising**

P1 – Carol said the finance report last month was headed up as June figures but should have read May figures.

P2 - Tony and Dick are still to get together re Charity Commission.

P3 - Lay Assistants – Mabel has decided she would like to stay on the lay assistants rota – proposed Richard, seconded Tony.

Tony / Dick

3.   (a)   **Monies at Home**

Since the last PCC Tony's house has been burgled and £142 of church money was taken. Tony was prepared to pay this money back out of his own pocket but as it happens his insurance company have actually paid out this amount. Fr Mike said that this is not on. If people are kind enough to look after church money for various reasons and providing they have taken reasonable precautions to protect it they should not be liable if it goes missing in this way.

4.       **Treasurer's Report**

All very straightforward this month with just a few items to mention:

**Income:**

Planned giving almost £1,000 over budget and Pink envelope donations are £800 over budget.

Gift Aid for quarter 1 Jan – March has at last been received and Q2's claim has been sent off.

Loose plate collections are £400 over budget which is certainly down to the collections bags being passed round.

Fundraising includes £100 from Bonus Ball and £60 from the Passover meal.

Sales include £45 from sale of votives, and income from photocopying is well below budget but we have had some income from Waterlooville Music Festival which will show in July figures.

**Outgoing:**

Apart from the normal outgoings, Maintenance shows £51 to Lyco Direct for bulbs and £287 to Factor 21/Treecare.

Liturgical costs includes £39 for wine.

Looking at the LTSB account, this shows in other funds paid in, the dividend from the CBF investment fund for £686.14. The receipt of these dividends should be transferred to the HSBC account and I would ask for the PCC's confirmation that this be done. Unfortunately I should have already arranged for this to be done, my apologies.

The other £2 included in that LTSB figure is for the Bishop's Retirement collection.

Last year, Mabel Maginn kindly delivered St. George's donation to St. Mary Axim in Ghana. She again offered to do the same this year and, due to the short notice, I referred to the Finance Committee, and she has kindly taken £300 to St. Mary's.

This is made up as follows:

Previously collected	£100
Wednesday Coffee donations	£ 50
Estimated July retiring collection	<u>£150</u>
	£300

5. **Committee Reports**

a) Fabric and Finance

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June had already been circulated along with the Quinquennial Action Plan. Tony said we need to get on with these items. The problem will be money. The Committee have decided to recommend to the PCC that we get going on the mandatory and health and safety items which will cost around £3000. Because church finances are so volatile they recommend that as the church hall has £3000 invested in an account that David Cavey manages we use this money to get started and the church will pay the money back in due course.

The next question is how we access £20-£30,000 for the rest of the work. HCC has approved the re-gilding of the clock subject to scaffolding going up.

Tony said they discussed 5 different ways of getting access to the money and would like all PCC members to think about these different ways and come back to the next meeting prepared to discuss:

1. Borrow from the Diocese – Tony spoke to them and they said yes in principle but not a good time at present – he will raise a proposal and find out how much it would cost.
2. Fundraising within the Church on a long term basis
3. Realise investments
4. Borrow from Bank – Tony will approach the bank and see how much a loan of £25,000 would cost.
5. Borrow from the congregation with a set rate of say 5% interest over an agreed number of years (as we did before).

All

Tony

Tony

PCC will need to discuss what we propose for Phase 2 when they meet in the autumn.

It was proposed by Dick Handy that we realise up to £3,000 of hall funds to be able to get on with the mandatory and health and safety items on the understanding that this is paid back eventually, this was seconded

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Jane -  
Agenda

by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.

This will be put on the agenda for the meeting in September.

b) Quinquennial

Already discussed above.

c) 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

See separate item 6(a)

d) Pastoral

These minutes have already been circulated. There will be a meeting of the Baptism visiting group in the Autumn to try and recruit more helpers.

e) Hall

These minutes have already been circulated. Colin said there was lengthy discussions on:

1. Loaning £3000 for PCC to kick start the work required by the Quinquennial inspection which we have already discussed.
2. Health and safety, environmental health, state of kitchen etc. After discussion it was agreed that Colin would have a word with an environmental officer he knows and get some advice and come back to the PCC. Tony said it would be worth checking with other churches to see how they cope with handling food etc.

Colin

f) Fundraising

Not met.

g) Social

Not met.

h) Deanery Synod

Lindsay will give the report at the meeting in September.

Lindsay

i) Boundaries Commission

Fr Mike went to a meeting with the Archdeacon, incumbent from Denmead, the Diocesan solicitor and Mr Thistlethwayte who owns Southwick estate to sort out boundaries. Mr Thistlethwayte has changed his mind and no longer wants to transfer land to us so apart from the small area of land where probably 100 houses are being built in total along Hambledon Road (with 20 to be finished by the end of the year which belongs to Denmead) the rest of the land belongs to Southwick. The church school would therefore be on Southwick land. As Southwick is a "peculiar" there is nothing the Diocese can do about it. The Archdeacon was not happy as they have just appointed a full time stipendiary priest in Purbrook on the proviso that they will get a lot more people from the MDA. Graingers are not happy and will have to come up with a new set of plans. There could therefore be a 10 to 15 year gap before they start.

6. **Bishop Kenneth's retirement**

Fr Mike to put another note in the Bulletin reminding the congregation that if they wish to donate to the Bishop's retirement gift we need it by 9<sup>th</sup> August. Our parish has been allocated 3 tickets for members of the congregation to attend his final service on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3 pm. Margaret and John would like to go and Margaret will find another person to go. Depending on money collected from the congregation, the PCC decided to make up the amount to be given to the retirement gift to £100. This was proposed by Colin and seconded by Dick.

Fr Mike

Carol

6. (a) **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A small group of people met quite a while ago to discuss arrangements for events for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which will run from Easter 2010 to Easter 2011. Fr Mike and Dick (Chair) have both decided that they have too many other things to do so are coming off the committee and Fr

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Timon has kindly agreed to be the clergy rep on it. Candy, Dawn, John and Jane will be on this committee and Fr Mike will put a note in the Bulletin to open it up to the rest of the congregation.  
[Post Meeting Note: A meeting will take place at Dawn's house on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July].

TS, CW,  
DHy, JT, JC

### 7. **Memorial Gifts (Leon/Ruth/Tom & possibly Joan Beddoe)**

A cheque for £300 has been received from Joan Beddoe's daughter. It was agreed to spend this money on a new Gospel book (as previously agreed) plus two more candles (approx £230 each) to match the two we already have, 2 brackets so 2 can be put on the end of the pews for weddings at the front and 2 in the existing brackets in the pews at the back of church and 4 bases. Fr Mike will talk to Yvonne about whether she would like to have the old gospel book with the dedication to her mother in the front or whether she would like it taken out and put into the new book.

Fr Mike

### 8. **Church Security (Fr Mike)**

Water Man - Fr Mike went to the Police who were very helpful, said the town centre beat bobby would make a point of walking into the church from time to time and advised us to keep a log of when he came into church. He also went to Asda and spoke to the Head of Security but they are not really interested in following this up. Fr Mike has since heard from the Police that the CDs are coming from Matalan, not Asda. They have increased their security and got a camera on the CDs now. Richard said that he was around over the Music Festival and he told him in no uncertain terms that he was not welcome in the Church, the grounds or the hall and as far as we know he hasn't been seen since.

### 9. **Correspondence**

- Swine Flu – a letter has been received from the Bishop saying that the risk of passing this on in church is small. If things get worse and on the Bishop's say so we might have to stop shaking hands at the peace and stop using the chalice.
- Sunday School budget – Dawn Trimby apologises for not doing the budget. She said the books they are using from Scripture Union are really good and all 3 groups work on the same topic. Each book lasts 3 months and to cover a whole year the cost would be £360 + £40 for disposable stock. They don't use the books every week so they would last longer than a year. She therefore requests the sum of £400 for the full year. Tony proposed that a proportional sum be made available this year by way of an extraordinary outgoing and that the full sum be put into next year's budget if the clergy are happy with the course and books. Fr Mike said he was happy with the books so this was seconded by Barbie and agreed unanimously.
- Elsie Slaughter – Elsie's daughter has asked if the PCC would consider letting the family put up a plaque by the Rowan tree in the church grounds in memory of their mother. This was agreed and it was suggested that they look at the plaque by the gates for the size and fix the plaque on the church wall behind the tree.
- Concert – Richard has been approached by Pat Taylor to see if they could organise a concert featuring David Harrington on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. He is away so needs someone from St George's to host it if the church is available. Fr Mike said the church is free and he is available to let them in and show them

Carol

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where everything is but they would need to provide stewarding etc. The concert is being held to raise money to send Amy Sheath to Germany for treatment for Cerebral Palsy ([www.amysappeal.co.uk](http://www.amysappeal.co.uk)). Richard will liaise with Fr Mike. Proposed by Richard and seconded by Tony and agreed unanimously.

Richard / Fr  
Mike

10.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September** following the **7.30 pm** Eucharist.

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