

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2009**

**Present:** Fr Mike, Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), David Hodgens, Colin Monk (Chair, Church Hall Committee), Tony Rice-Oxley, Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), David Cavey, Denise Rosser, Mabel Maginn, David Palmer, Carol McKells (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1.       **Apologies for absence:**  
Fr Timon (Assistant Curate), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Dick Handy, Julia Spurgeon

Very sadly Leon Bartosiak died suddenly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

2.       **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3.       **Matters Arising**  
P1/2 – Licenses - Tony said he is currently going through the licenses to try and understand what exactly we are paying for.  
P2 – Charities Sub Committee – Fr Mike said that the displays for the first two months of 2009 were put on the table at the back of church rather than on the noticeboard.

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P3 – Charity Status Registration – Jane had copied the information which was circulated to everyone. The opinion was that we should register sooner rather than later and get our application in now. It will probably take some time to be dealt with as there are a lot of people registering at the moment. It was agreed to wait until the next church year after the APCM.

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4.       **Treasurer's Report + APCM Year End Accounts for 2008**  
Carol gave the following report:

Income:

Planned Giving is approximately £250 over budget. Quarter 4 2008 Gift Aid has been received at £2454.

Loose plate collections have certainly increased following the re-introduction of the collection bags. We are currently over the February budget figure, but last February we were £160 under budget.

Donations are under budget but Liturgical donations, which were previously recorded under donations, have a separate total, which may account for the reduction.

Ex.ord income shows £128 relating to the Euro Show which is to be paid out again under March figures.

Outgoing:

The first Quota for 2009 has been paid.

The LTSB account is pretty straightforward and £101.40 was raised for Cardiac Risk in the Young.

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### 2008 Year End Accounts

Carol said that with regard to the 2008 Accounts, Gordon Beer is due to return all the paperwork tomorrow and go over the slight amendments which need to be made. Hopefully this won't be too much. So the figures given out tonight should be it for the APCM. These were discussed recently at the Fabric and Finance meeting.

Carol will let everyone know the changes which Gordon Beer has made. David H. proposed that the 2008 Year End Accounts be accepted subject to any major alterations by the auditor. This was seconded by Tony and agreed unanimously.

David H asked whether we could get a more up-to-date programme to do the accounts than Cash Call as it is very out of date. Carol said this is the programme that Gordon Uphill advised and has all the information that the Diocese require and she is very happy with it. There is an upgrade out to this programme.

David C was concerned that if money from fundraising and sales were not there the figures would look very sad indeed. Tony said he thought this was the case in the majority of churches.

Carol said she had a couple of questions on fundraising costs from the APCM last year which she has answered. Tony said that fundraising costs includes purchase of bulbs etc and doesn't give a true picture of the actual fundraising costs. Look at putting in another heading of Sales Costs or a joint heading of Fundraising/Sales Costs.

Margaret asked that Carol send the collection from the Mothering Sunday service which is for the Mothers Union to the "Make a Mothers Day" Campaign. She will provide Carol with the details.

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## 5. **Committee Reports**

### a) Fabric and Finance

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March had already been circulated to the PCC.

The cracks in the church floor appear to be getting bigger. The man came to check for asbestos and said it will be easy to check under the floor through these cracks. Tiles in the gallery and hall will also be tested. The quote is £575 + VAT for the asbestos survey which has to be done so Colin has replied to him.

After inspection of the holly tree it has been decided that professionals are needed to cut it down.

There was discussion about the space in the Garden of Remembrance but Fr Mike said there is plenty of room to put stones between the ones that are already there.

Tony asked if anyone knows what happened to the graves under the extended part of the church as he has had a couple of enquiries. Tony will try to contact Chris Dursley who now lives in Dorset who was Churchwarden and on the PCC at about this time and is the only person left who might know.

### b) Quinquennial

Tony said two contractors have started work on the roof free of charge using his old guttering. Tony has asked other people to do various things by 20<sup>th</sup> April. Tony has written to the Diocese to see if they do

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loans. He also wonders whether it would be worth finding out if there are any churches with cash invested who might be prepared to lend it. The other option is borrowing from the congregation again. As this is David C's last PCC meeting he wanted it noted that he has grave reservations on borrowing money and not realising the assets we have. Tony said they would be more than happy for David C to stay on the Quinquennial Committee and he accepted.

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

Jane will circulate the minutes from this meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to all PCC members.

Jane

d) Pastoral

Not met.

e) Hall

Next meeting next Tuesday.

f) Fundraising

Not met.

g) Social

Not met.

h) Deanery Synod

Linda gave a report on the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints, Denmead.

- There was a presentation from Susan Barry from the Christian Aid SW unit. The talk took the form of a film quiz. For Christian Aid week this year Quizaid pub quizzes to raise funds are being promoted and act as community outreach. Publicity on this and a CD for parish use was distributed. As Synod reps we felt our own Christian Aid representatives would have benefited from attending.
- Audited Deanery accounts 2008 were presented by Tony Rice-Oxley and approved. Havant Deanery were congratulated for paying 100% 2008 parish share (only 2/8 deaneries managed to do so) but concern raised for 2009.
- Koforidua funds stand at £4,424. No more monies to be released until plans evaluated and Denmead clergy to visit in Summer 2009.
- Kairos funding agreed for northern C3 listening project. Show of hands indicated not many parishes had commenced buildings Phase 1 plan. Care over insurance for joint projects advised – one PCC needs to take overall responsibility to ensure cover (Catherington and Youth Café).
- West of Waterlooville Development Committee met and despite delays desire for a church school and funded worker remain.
- Deanery Pastoral Committee – vacancies at St John's Purbrook and various appointments discussed. Chaplaincy to be considered for incorporating into pastoral plans subject to finance and training.
- A questionnaire on training courses available was issued in connection with a Mission and Discipleship Forum on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009. This became much clearer once we had obtained a copy of the relevant booklet which had not filtered down to us as Synod reps and we felt at a disadvantage not having seen the training course booklet. There does seem to be a communication problem.
- A report followed about Diocesan Synod meeting which concentrated mainly on Bishop Kenneth's retirement and strategy for the way ahead as clergy numbers reduce. Options are the vicar as now, aided by NSMS or clusters (40% of stipendary clergy

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retire in the next 5 years and 37% of services are taken by retired clergy).

- Final report of long agenda gave a brief resume of General Synod – full minutes will follow.

PCC decided that a Training Liaison Officer needs to be appointed at the first PCC meeting after the APCM and all information on training courses etc would go to him/her to distribute as appropriate.

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Christian Aid – Fr Mike said that Adrienne Bridger had approached him regarding doing a Quizaid evening but there was no free date. She has now decided to sell Quizaid sheets to members of the congregation to complete over a 2 week period with a prize for the winning entry. It was suggested that Susan Barry from Christian Aid be approached to come and do her presentation at a service next year.

Fr Mike

6. **Lay Assistants**

Fr Mike has not had time to do anything about this yet.

Fr Mike

7. **Parish Contact Person for Disability Issues**

Fr Mike said that this was put in the Bulletin and the only person to come forward and offer to do it was Leon. Ask at the first meeting in May if any of the new PCC members would like to take this on or a personal approach to someone in the congregation.

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8. **Waterlooville Music Festival (TRO)**

Tony said it is necessary for the PCC to approve the full programme for the Waterlooville Music Festival for insurance purposes. This carries a premium of £52. This needs to go on the agenda for the May meeting.

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Discussion took place on how much the church should charge the WMF for use of the church during festival week. Last year they made a very large donation of £2,000 to the church. It was agreed to wait and see how well the WMF does this year rather than charge a set amount for the hire of the church.

For public liability insurance purposes the PCC were asked to approve the 2 Easter processions through the town, one on Palm Sunday and one on Good Friday. This was approved by the PCC.

9. **Correspondence**

- Discussion took place on whether the APCM should be asked to vote that in future churchwardens should be voted in for 6 years to fall in line with everyone else. They can still resign and still have to be re-elected after one year at the APCM.
- Colin suggested that if we are having trouble getting people to stand for the PCC we should drop the local rule that people have to stand down for a year before being re-elected to the PCC. A vote was taken and it was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion at the APCM.

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10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The APCM will be held at 11.15 on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. The next meeting of the PCC will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at the Vicarage.

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

