

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2009**

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

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**
David Palmer, Julia Spurgeon

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 13th October 2009**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 2, 4th para – Green envelopes – Carol has checked the green envelopes received on the plate over a six week period and £63 a week comes from these envelopes.

Page 2, 5th para – Carol said she had made a mistake and Tony was right and it should have read “Planned Giving is over budget by £1300”

Page 2(e) – Shop – with Gift Aid it should have raised just about £4,000. Fr Mike said this was an excellent result and huge thanks should go to Jane R-O, Anna and everyone who helped during the fortnight. Tony handed over a cheque to the PCC for £3,000 and will give the PCC the balance once one or two small bills have been paid.

Page 4, No 7 – Legacy – Fr Mike said that the new BBC hymn books have been ordered – 30 of them at £6.50 each. He showed the PCC the new Gospel book which Dawn said she would take away and cover with sticky back plastic to preserve it. The processional candlesticks are on their way and are in London at present.

Dawn

4. **Treasurer's Report**
Carol gave the following report:

Income

Income for October is very straightforward, with just a few items to note:

- Gift Aid is over budget with Quarter 3's claim due in November
- Bank/Investment interest has been received to the LTSB account at £686.14. Although not showing in the HSBC account at present, this will be transferred across in November.
- Fundraising does not show proceeds from shop sales but will show them next month.

Outgoing

Nothing to note in particular for October's outgoing. It's good to know that we only have November's Quota left to pay and that we have been able to meet our commitment well this year; although we must bear in mind the outstanding 'loan' borrowed in November 2008 from Church Hall funds.

Once again, the cashed £5000 from Investment account is not shown in the main figures but is included in the HSBC bank balance.

Carol said there were a couple of errors on the Monthly Overview sheet to add:

£3.96 Gas

£171.70 Electricity

£777 Assigned Fees (below line from next year)

£195 Extraordinary Outgoings

Takes the bank balance to £9068.30

Linda added the amounts for the month of October for Retiring Collections as follows:

South East Asia Appeal - £232.88

Havant Portage - £64.16

Linda said they have altered the signatories on this account and they are now: Margaret Symonds, Richard Spurgeon, Linda Wainwright, Tony Rice-Oxley, Carol McKells and Jane Cook.

5. **Committee Reports**

a) Fabric and Finance + Quinquennial

Tony apologised that he had not managed to get the minutes out before the meeting. For the first part of the meeting every member of the committee was there. This part concerned the budget and was discussed at some length. Carol had kindly done a proposed budget and several items were discussed at some length. There were not too many problems with income. Sales and fundraising down from this year. Fees to be assigned below the line as this is very dependant on the number of weddings/funeral we do.

Hopefully our quota will only go up by about .9% but there are a couple of churches in the Deanery who are struggling and we may need to make a small sacrifice to help them out.

£300 is a new item as we want the Band to continue and Don needs to purchase some items. This really hasn't changed as Sue was getting paid a £300 honoraria to run the band. £400 has been put in for Sunday School books. £2,000 has been put in for Church maintenance. Tony thinks we ought to consider employing someone part time for a few hours a fortnight to keep the grounds tidy. Some disabled people do come over from the Community Centre and do a bit of weeding. David C. is talking to the Blendworth Centre about coming to give us a quote. June Webster's son Nick is also a gardener and may be another option.

Tony said the Committee had challenged the amount of £500 for the 40th Anniversary celebrations. The Anniversary Committee explained that this was a start up amount to help pay for some of the events but it was hoped that we could make a small profit on some of the events and return this money to the PCC in due course. A long discussion followed. Margaret explained that the Mothers Union were paying for the Clown as part of their 100th Anniversary celebrations. In the end Tony proposed that £250 is given to the 40th Anniversary Committee and this was seconded by Dick. As the celebrations span 2 budget years it was agreed that the Committee could ask for a further amount to be put in the 2011 budget if necessary. The Committee were asked to provide a spreadsheet of proposed costs at the next PCC meeting.

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Tony

Tony said he is investigating a ramp for the Sanctuary. The boiler has been serviced and is working. Boiler at the back of Church is old and will pack up sometime so need to have a contingency plan for this. Benches outside are in the process of being refurbished. Small electrical items have been PAT tested except for the peanut bulbs which they refused to do.

Quinquennial meeting to be held next week with the architect here as there are certain items we wish him to see. Fr Mike to invite the Archdeacon to attend. They will report back after this meeting. Tony said that he is concerned that the original quotation of £5,000 to erect scaffolding may increase considerably once the architect gets his hands on it. Carol asked where the £5,000 should be deposited for the time being and it was agreed that this should be held in the hall deposit account. Colin said that Havant Borough Council will only pay for the reguiling of the clock until 31st March 2010 and then the money will be lost but we could re-apply.

Fr Mike

Carol

b) 40th Anniversary

Minutes have been circulated. Fr Mike to look into the possibility of having a St George's Ale available. Tony queried whether it would be worthwhile holding a film afternoon on a Saturday. Linda would like to see another religious service over the year.

Fr Mike

c) Pastoral

Not met. Next meeting on 23rd November at 7.30 pm at Candy's house.

Pastoral

d) Hall

Not met.

e) Fundraising

Not met.

f) Social

Not met.

g) Deanery Synod – meeting is next Wednesday 25th November at St George's. Rosemary Monk has offered to do the refreshments and the PCC will fund it – £20 was the suggested figure. It was suggested we provide wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

Linda

6. **Lent Programme**

Bishop Godfrey is an expert on the Old Testament and he has offered to organise and oversee a series of texts on the Old Testament. It was suggested that this be held after the Sunday evensong and repeated on a Wednesday or lengthen the sermon each week. After discussion it was thought that people might prefer a weekday evening.

Fr Mike passed round copies of Church House publishing who produced adult and children activity books with activities to be carried out during each week of Lent. They cost £1 each or a box of 100 and Fr Mike will check on this price. Barbie has taken them home to look through the activities in greater detail. Margaret also has a similar booklet produced by the Mothers Union which he will let Fr Mike see.

Fr Mike
Barbie
Margaret

7. **Church decorating**

Tony suggested George's Men and Tweenies should decorate the Church as part of the Lent programme next year. He suggested putting up scaffolding and leaving it up for the 6 weeks and decorating a bay each week while someone professional does the front wall. Tony to do a budget. May need a Schedule A if we want to change the colour of the walls.

Tony

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8. **Correspondence**
Swine Flu – Fr Mike said that an article in the Church Times said that all churches should be following the Archbishop’s recommendations and should not give the communion wine. After discussion it was agreed to keep on as we are doing now at both the 8 am and the 10 am service unless things get significantly worse.
Reader in Training – Richard Brown will be starting in mid January and will be with us until Easter.
Photocopying and Printing Equipment – Jane said she had received an e-mail from Graeme Savage (graeme@sossystems.co.uk) regarding photocopying and printing equipment. Fr Mike said we are locked into our present scheme for the next 3 years.
Advent Journey – Margaret explained again what this is. There are 9 stations with bible readings and a sheet of suggested activities for each. Margaret said she needs tall cuttings without any leaves on to hang things on around 5ft tall.
Charities Commission – Dick is proceeding with this but needs signed forms from everyone.

All

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9. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th December 2009** at the Vicarage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.