

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2009**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Curate), Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), David Hodgens, Tony Rice-Oxley, Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Barbie Lloyd, Candy Williams, John Towns, Dick Handy, Julia Spurgeon, Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Carol McKells (Treasurer), Julia Spurgeon, Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Dawn Hyett, David Palmer, Colin Monk

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 14th September 2009**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 1, No 4 – Child Protection has been completed and signed by Fr Mike and the 2 churchwardens and is held by Sandra Hewett.
Page 3, No 8 – The extra power points in the Sacristy have been ordered and we are just waiting for Jacksons to come and do the work.
Page 4, No 10 – The WMF have met and agreed on a donation of £800 to the church this year which has now been paid.

4. **Treasurer's Report**
Carol was not at the meeting but had circulated the following notes to everyone:

Income

Planned Giving (S/O's and G.Env) are a little short of budget by approximately £1,300. Pink Envelopes are £1,400 over budget and loose plate collections £800 over.

The total for Gift Days has a yearly target of £500 and the year to date in is not likely to change, therefore this is in excess of budget also.

Unfortunately Donations is well below budget by £2,100 but to this can be added Liturgical donations, which for 2009 was split from Donations.

A claim for Tax on Gift Aid has been sent off for 2009 Quarter 3 and just over £2,400 should be received shortly. (It appears to be 4-6 weeks for a claim to be processed)

Outgoing

The quota is up to date, with just 2 payments left for 2009.

There is an amount outstanding to the Church Hall account re. quarterly gas and electricity for £175.66, which will be paid in October

Fundraising & Sales costs is over budget by £500 due to purchase of bulbs. If you compare this to Sales income which is £400 over budget then we are almost on track and with further sales income expected and little further expenditure, Sales is likely to outdo costs. (please bear in mind that whilst the majority of the costs is down to plant & bulb purchase, it does include other items, such as raffle ticket purchases)

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Assigned fees paid out are £800 over budget. £308 relates to the end of 2008, which brings the figure down to £500. Looking at Fees and Assigned fees as a whole – income is approximately £3500 in excess of outgoings.

After having sent the first draft of the Finance Report, it was suggested that the cashed £5000 from Investment account be shown separately from the main figures.

The second amended Report now allows for this adjustment and I hope this is acceptable.

Dick asked how much we get in at regular services through the pink envelopes. Need to try and persuade these people to pay by Standing Order or green envelope.

Carol to answer

Tony thought the first paragraph should read “Planned Giving is over budget by £1300”. Also donations total does not include the £800 donation from WMF yet.

Carol to check

Linda said the retiring collection for Water Aid including money from baptisms was £230.99.

6. **Committee Reports**

a) Fabric and Finance + Quinquennial

This committee has not met. Fr Mike asked if everyone on this committee could get together after this meeting to agree on a date.

b) 40th Anniversary

Minutes have been circulated. Fr Timon said that we will need to ask the PCC for some money to help us with the events next year. Tony said we need to discuss and come up with an amount for the next PCC meeting so that it can be put in the budget for next year. Dick and Barbie have volunteered to take a photo of the whole congregation on Easter Sunday. Dick has a remote control on his camera which means they can both be in it too.

c) Pastoral

Not met. Agree a date after this meeting. [Post Meeting note: Pastoral Committee will now be held on 23rd November at 7.30 pm at Candy's house.]

d) Hall

Minutes have been circulated. Tony said work is going ahead on making the back kitchen into a storeroom.

e) Fundraising

Met yesterday. Tony said that shop will now take place in the old Solent Cleaners shop. This is much smaller than the one we had previously and the back is on a different level which will make it hard to get big items in. Tony said they should get the keys this Friday and will load up next week. He asked that people spread their donations to sell out over the fortnight if possible. He encouraged people to sign up on the sheet at the back of church to help in the shop.

All

Christmas Bazaar on 5th December – raffle tickets available at the back of church to sell.

All

f) Social

Not met.

g) Deanery Synod

In Lindsay's absence Linda had received the minutes from the meeting on 7th July so gave a brief report as follows:

The main item was a presentation by Canon David Isaac on Mission and Discipleship in the Diocese and he gave an explanation of what his group do. Training day leaflets were sent to every Church and Fr Mike said they are on the table at the back of Church. Angela Herring is going to Koforidua today. Strategy for Ministry for Mission was also mentioned and some workshops took place. Diocesan Synod elections took place. Tony RO made a presentation to Paul Moore on his departure.

Linda gave the following report on meeting held on 24th September – St Thomas, Bedhampton

John Risdon retiring vicar, spoke about their faith sharing weeks with Lee Abbey community, participation in the Growing Leaders course and restoration of the Church.

New Area Dean, Revd Jonathan Jeffery, was commissioned by Archdeacon Trevor Reader.

Speaker Revd Anne Lindsay, Hospital Chaplain at QA gave a very interesting talk explaining their mission was to care for patients, families and staff of all faiths and none. Currently team of 6 (plus 40 volunteer chaplaincy assistants and 26 in training) who befriend, listen, administer Holy Communion, anoint and deal with spiritual matters at chapel and bedside as well as sessions with staff and involvement in organising and planning future developments. They are paid by the NHS with whom they have good relations in the Portsmouth area. There is a Chapel and Multi faith room at the new QA, morning prayer every weekday morning and a Sunday service when wheelchair pushers are required. Need to contact team – the small information contact cards are being reissued, and tours of the hospital for clergy are available. A short discussion session in small groups on 2 questions about effect of reduction in the service followed.

Finance – capitation fees paid, £3K sent to Koforidua for stipend scheme. A link with the Body Shop to buy Palm Oil being sought. (Diocesan budget 2010 / West of Waterlooville development report already covered at last PCC meeting).

Ministry for Mission consultation days about deploying and developing ministry, lay and clergy was mentioned.

Kairos not doing well, likely to be last and Deanery plan put back to present next Easter.

Bishop's vacancy – October Pompey Chimes article refers to decision by end of the year and a letter was also read out at the service last Sunday.

Tim Jessiman elected to Diocesan Synod in place of retiring John Risdon.

Timed agenda was a great success. The next meeting will be held at St

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George's on 25th November 2009. Need to make arrangements to welcome people and provide refreshments.

All

7. **Correspondence**

Leaflets – Fr Mike said that John Johnson has produced a very nice leaflet advertising the 3 churches in Waterlooville which will go out in the Estate Agents packs to the 21 houses which have been completed on the West of Waterlooville development.

Advert – Fr Mike said that the News have asked if we wish to place an advert showing services at St George's over Christmas again at a cost of £40. PCC agreed that we should do this.

Christmas Lights – the Waterlooville Business Association have asked if we would like to host 2 Christmas lights in the shape of an "S" which would be placed either side of the round window on the Church hall. They will provide them and there is no cost to us apart from the electricity. PCC agreed that we should accept this offer.

Fr Mike said that the turning on of the Waterlooville Christmas lights will be on Saturday 5th December at 3.30 pm.

Ramps – Fr Mike said that at the Healing Service last Sunday an embarrassing situation arose when the Vicar of Crookhorn who is in a wheelchair had trouble getting into the Sanctuary as there is no ramp. There had also been an incident at the Music Festival when someone in a wheelchair was unable to get to the disabled toilet. We need to explore getting a ramp. Tony said the ramp into the choir vestry does not fit well either and needs to be looked at. Dick said that he and Colin would look at them to see if it is possible for them to make some wooden ones which can be removed when not needed.

Legacy – Fr Mike said he has had a letter from Churchers Solicitors regarding a £2,000 legacy from Lilian Marland's Will. He will acknowledge the letter but thinks we should sit on it until we can think of something specific that is needed in the church. It was suggested that with the rest of Leon's money we should buy 20 or 30 more BBC books and put a note in the front of them with his name on it.

Smart Water – Tony said he was very sorry but he had found the Smart Water pack when he was sorting out some paperwork. He has now passed this to Margaret to look at.

All

Fr Mike

Margaret

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16th November** following the **7.30 pm** Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.