

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Dick Handy, Julia Spurgeon, Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Dawn Hyett, David Palmer

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 15th July**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC on 9th August
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
Page 1, No 3, P2 – Tony and Dick still to get together re Charity Commission.
Page 1, No 3, P3 – Lay Assistants – this list has now gone off
Page 3, No 6 – Bishop Kenneth's retirement – Carol confirmed that this money was sent off.
Page 4, No 7 – Memorial Gifts – Fr Mike confirmed that he has spoken to Yvonne who is very happy for the insert from the old book to go in the new book.

4. **Child Protection (Sandra Hewett)**
Fr Mike welcomed Sandra to the meeting who explained about the new Child Protection Policy received from Mary Daisy at the Diocese which is more specific to our parish than the PPP1 but both need to be filled in. Tony then read it out. It was proposed by David H that the PCC accept the new Diocesan policy and this was seconded by Tony and agreed unanimously. The PCC thanked Sandra for all the work she does on child protection. It will now be signed by Fr Mike and the 2 churchwardens.

5. **Treasurer's Report**
Carol reported to the PCC:

 Income
 Gift aid for Q2 has been received amounting to £2371. Generally, giving is over budget with donations around £2300 over target. S/O's, Pink envelopes and loose plate all doing well. Loose plate is £600 over budget, this time last year it was £360 under budget.

 Income also includes fees from a marriage thanksgiving.

 In answer to David H's question, towards the end of August I sent a letter to Edwards concerning the Bulletin. As yet I have not had a reply.

 Outgoing
 The quota is up to date. Honoraria includes £30 paid to Mark Langtry as organist on 1st August.

 David Hodgens had also previously enquired of the cashed investment

Tony / Dick

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funds. A request to cash £5000 was sent on 11th August. These funds have not yet been received. I e-mailed Margaret Hay at the Finance Office and she tells me (reply received 8th September) that our request is being processed and the funds should be received very shortly. Having been told that this sort of transaction takes about a week, I am quite surprised at the length of time this is taking.

Fundraising and sales costs are £84 over budget and I have invoices for bulb purchase amounting to £454.44. Obviously this will be more than covered by sales but I need the PCC to agree to payment of the invoices. The PCC said they were very happy for Carol to pay these invoices.

Carol

Barnabas Foundation - £24.70 collection
Samaritans - £172.73 (including money from baptisms)
Only £29 was forthcoming from the congregation towards the Bishop's retirement collection.

6. **Committee Reports**

a) Fabric and Finance + Quinquennial (+ Electrical Inspection Report)

Fabric and Finance – not met.

Quinquennial Committee will have to meet and agree a way forward. Schedule A and B to be completed. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a meeting should take place with the Architect to lead us through it and give us an idea of costs. Committee will kick start this and arrange a meeting so that we have a definite plan. Colin to speak to HBC to see if the money for re-gilding the clock can be held until we can get the scaffolding up.

F&F
Colin

Tony gave some advance information with regard to the quota. Clergy pensions to go up next year and as the interest from investments has collapsed and the Diocese relies on its investments the Bishop's Council has devised 3 different budgets:

- a) 7.9% increase for every parish
- b) 4.2% increase for every parish
- c) 3.75% increase for every parish

Tony said although the 3.75% increase looks attractive there is a huge amount of cost cutting – all Kairos employees would go. No increases this year in clergy salary and this option did not receive a single vote.

7.9% was voted for by 4 parishes.

The favoured option was the 4.2% increase and they did not think that priests salaries should be frozen. Would remove transition fund. This would freeze all recruitment for any new Kairos initiative. Treasurers from Havant Deanery sent this option back to the Bishop's Council. Tony explained that Waterlooville do very well and 4.2% would only be .9% increase for us.

Asbestos Inspection and Electrical Inspection.

The asbestos inspection was fine and John Pearce is looking at the electrical inspection. Need an RCD on all sockets. John is looking at pricing this up at the moment.

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- b) 40th Anniversary
Minutes have been circulated. Fr Timon said that the meeting went well and a plan of events drawn up to be held throughout the year. The next meeting is now being held at Dawn's and not Candy's.
- c) Pastoral
Minutes have been circulated.
- d) Hall
Not met. Colin said thank you to Tony who looked after the hall during August. Colin said that the floor in the small kitchen behind the stage needs replacing as it is rotten. There is no real damp course and during WMF it was discovered that a pipe had been leaking. Colin is getting a quote to put in a concrete floor. The hall committee are authorised to spend up to £1,000. If the quote comes in as more he will come back to the PCC or to the Standing Committee.
- PAT testing will take place on 2nd October at £1.60 per item. Could people remove any broken or unwanted items so we don't pay for them.
- e) Fundraising
Not met but Tony said Jane is having difficulty trying to find a shop to use for the two weeks and is getting a bit worried.
- f) Social
Not met.
- g) Deanery Synod
Linda did not attend the last meeting and Lindsay was not at the meeting to give the report. Action Lindsay to give the report at the next meeting.
7. **Quinquennial – how is the money to be raised?**
To be carried forward until we decide what to do.
Thank you to Tony and Margaret who received and answered lots of e-mails during the summer.
8. **Extra Power Points in the Sacristy - estimates**
Fr Mike said the quote from Jacksons previously had come in at £700. He asked them to look at it again and he has now quoted £410.06 for extending the line. It was proposed by Tony that we go ahead and get this work done, seconded by John and agreed unanimously.
9. **St George's Organ – letter from the Diocese**
Fr Mike read out a letter received from the DAC advising that the Diocesan Organs Adviser has stated that the organ in St George's Waterlooville has been listed as Commended. This status is given to organs of merit, worth safeguarding, though not (or not yet) of great historical significance, organs or instruments that are important as part of the 'townscape' of the Diocese's organ stock, thus being considered very worthy above average instruments.
- This means that our organ is considered to be of good quality and worthy of retention and preservation. It is hoped that we will give the organ as high a profile as it deserves in the wider community. The full list of listed organs will be available on the Diocesan website in due course.
10. **'A' Frame**
The WMF bought this 'A' frame sign for £155. The banner over the door was also paid for by them at a cost of £53, making a total of £208. As it

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is a shared item WMF would like the PCC to pay for half. PCC agreed that WMF should take the church's share of £100 into account when they consider the donation to be made to the church from the Festival.

WMF

11. **Raffle and draw promoter**

Tony would like to step down as promoter of the church raffle as he has done it for many years. Fr Mike asked members of the PCC if anyone would like to take over. As there were no volunteers the congregation will be asked if someone will take over.

Fr Mike -
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12. **Correspondence**

Fr Mike read out a letter received from John Dixon at St Mary's Axim thanking St George's for the £300 which was delivered by Mabel on 8th August 2009. He will put it on the noticeboard at the back of church.

13. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th October** following the **7.30 pm** Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.