

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE on Wednesday 3rd February 2016

1. PRESENT:

Rev'd David Hewlett(Chairman)	Linda Hunter(CHurchwarden)	Gilbert Marshall(CHurchwarden)
Cliff Wright (Hon treasurer)	Richard Dixon	Monica Philbrick
Max Phibrick	Liz Robson	Julie Robson
David Welsh	Jennifer Wright	Liz Buckley (temp sec)

Apologies for absence: John Bishop, David Preece, Jane Stephenson

The Vicar welcomed everyone and Julie Robson gave the prayers.

2.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th November were accepted as a true record and so signed.

Matters arising not on the agenda:

A brief explanation of an alcohol licence was given by Linda where the choice was a **Premises Licence** or a **Temporary Events Notice**. After discussion Linda proposed a Premises Licence, seconded by Richard, with all in favour.

3. WORSHIP, MINISTRY AND MISSION:

A, Vicar's Items:

- The Vicar's report having been circulated, David commented on Christmas matters, thanking the choir and all those involved in making the season such a success. The Christmas card format for the services has received a very positive response as had the lay-out of the prayer tree and corner in the sanctuary during the Christmas Tree Festival.
- Bishop Christine on her visit had met with various representatives and parishioners and the visit was felt to be supportive, informative and very positive. Bishop Christine talked about her training, experience and she was felt to be easy to talk with and her love of the church came across strongly. Bishop Christine has been asked to speak at the Flower Festival.
- The Vicar reported that he has funds from the Diocesan Flood Fund, the school and a Newcastle coffee morning. Several families have already been helped and it is hoped to maintain help until people move back and beyond this date. He asked that he is informed of anyone needing funds, help and support. The school money has been used primarily to help children. Any money remaining will be returned to the diocese.
- Some PCC members are to visit a Julian Prayer Group and an example of a Café Church. This latter is aimed at giving space to young Mums and Dads to worship. A start date will be considered for the Pilgrim Course.
- Rachel Lewis, who has been in India will give a presentation to the Parish Communion on 24th April 2016.
- Thanks were given to MonicaPhilbrick for organising the Lent lunches. Among other items and services mentioned were a Holy Land Pilgrimage talk on March 1st, Women's Fellowship service, and Colin is looking at a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion. Julie Robson is to investigate the possibility of the First school helping with an Easter Garden outside the church door.
- The Vicar reminded the PCC that 9.15 is the earliest time for those coming into church other than for quiet reflection and could PCC be aware of extraordinary events such as stray furniture movers!
- Charities: The charities group has met and funds allocated. The situation was clarified in that the 2014 charities, Tear Fund, Church Urban Fund, Corbridge Lunch Club and Natural Ability were allocated funds in 2015; the 2015 charities Tear Fund, Church Urban Fund and Blood Bikes in 2016 and the 2016 charities are Tear Fund, Church Urban Fund and a local charity to be nominated. PCC agreed to funds

being paid in the late December of the appropriate year rather than later and Cliff agreed to this suggestion. The wider community is to be asked to identify a local charity for 2016. The Vicar proposed and Gilbert Marshall seconded the proposal that the £3,600 funds for the 2015 charities be distributed with a three way split. All agreed. Linda Hunter asked if the Blood Bikes could come and give a talk when receiving their allocation.

- Organists Fees: these are set this year at £4,790 and the Vicar proposed that £10 be added to provide an easy division between our two organists and this was agreed.

B, Calendar:

This has been distributed, thanks were given for the help in collation.

C, Children and Youth Work:

A very encouraging report had been distributed.

- Jennifer Wright queried the ongoing provision of Junior Church as most children now seem to attend Messy Church but activities are always easily and readily available should they be required.
- The travelling Crib is to continue to be taken to schools and nursing homes, etc. but is to be given a rest for a short time from travelling around the rest of the congregation.
- Messy church is in the report but comment was made on the encouraging turnout to the planning meetings even resulting in an impromptu bible study!
- Two Rangers are also helping with Messy Church which in turn helps them towards service badges.
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D, Choir Report:

The report raised one or two issues which needed clarifying and the Vicar is to have a meeting with Colin. Choir support for evensong on the 2nd Sunday of the month would clash with Messy Church, the 4th Sunday was suggested.

Julie Robson mentioned how positive the choir support to evensong is and how it enhances worship.

E, Events and Bookings:

A list of the above was circulated. Highlights include a Poet Laureate event on June 29th and a Charlie's Choir concert. We are losing the Embroidery group as a Cottage booking but Antiphon hope to use the church for rehearsals.

The Flower Festival planned for September has the planning well under way.

Please note that there is a new booking form for both church and cottage.

F, Corbridge First School:

A very encouraging report with the Ofsted inspection rating the school as "good".

Monica Philbrick is now the PCC representative on the governing body.

G, Catering Report:

PCC are very grateful for the positive and helpful way this is organised by Carol Maskell.

H, Deanery Development Group:

Richard Dixon reported on a lively meeting with concerns over the many vacancies. A paper – on Strategic Planning for the Deanery - "Imagining the Future" was handed out and the PCC requested to read it and be prepared to discuss it.

4. SAFEGUARDING:

A report was presented and PCC were informed that Rosemary Baker is retiring as leader of the Church Guides in June with Joan Welsh taking over. A presentation will be made to Rosemary at the APCM.

5. FINANCE, FABRIC AND ADMINISTRATION:

(i) Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer had nothing to add to his circulated report except to stress the fact that the Parish Share being well up on last year the offered £5,000 may not be required.

The 2015 accounts are well underway with no holdups and a summary position was presented and talked

through. Really good efforts have been made with fund raising and this is much appreciated. The treasurer offered PCC a presentation of the accounts before the 9th March (note change of date) PCC meeting. Restricted income is to be allocated by the beginning of the financial year. The Vicar thanked Cliff Wright for all his work and also pointed out following the financial statement that St. Andrew's is a very fortunate church as regards assets which other churches do not hold.

(ii) Fundraising:

Covered earlier in the minutes.

(iii) Churchwardens Report:

Completed tasks having been itemised in the report, several tasks in progress were highlighted.

- The security system problem with the vestry door has been sorted and the Churchwardens do not recommend further security for the cottage.
- Work on roof leaks will commence in February and work required for repairs to the Organ Loft will also be investigated.
- A meeting has been arranged with the CPC chairman to discuss the church grounds and PCC suggested that a proposal be put to him that if a sum of money could be forthcoming then PCC would be happy to themselves organise tidiness and grass cutting.
- A paper on the requirements for the organ itself was presented and PCC agreed the formation of a sub-committee of Churchwardens, the Vicar, Cliff Wright and a business representative to look into the possibility of a project on the organ including lottery funding and consultation with other churches in this position. Normal maintenance on the organ is to continue.

Jennifer Wright queried the state of the Baptistry window arch and was informed that the Archdeacon is to be approached for guidance.

(iv) Cottage:

PCC gave thorough consideration to a presented paper on secondary glazing, also considering safety aspects and condensation problems. Elizabeth Robson, seconded by Richard Dixon proposed that PCC do nothing as regards the secondary glazing but ask the architect to consider the dampness problem. This proposal was carried with one against.

The Vicar thanked the Churchwardens for all their work.

6. St OSWALD'S HALTON:

As mentioned in the Churchwardens report roof damage repairs are being undertaken.

7. St JAMES CHURCHYARD NEWTON:

Nothing to report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Dates of next meetings, PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Standing Committee 23rd February 2.00pm

PCC Wednesday 9th March

APCM Sunday 24th April after the 9.30 service.