

Minutes of PCC meeting, 15th January 2009

Present: Rev Lu Gale, Paul Shaw, Betty Lillie, Eric Seers, Ray Viney, Michelle Gregory, Rev Sharon Greenwood, Pam Davies, Joyce Genikis, Christopher Bailey, Gavin Jackman.

The meeting began with Mass at 8.10 pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from Mike Dykes, Teresa McCarthy.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed and signed. Eric pointed out that 'Building Committee' should have been mentioned.

3. **Matters Arising.**

a. On chairing of future meetings, it was agreed that in March, Mike would Chair, and in April, Gavin.

b. With regard to item '3c' of the previous minutes: Pam had arranged for recycling bins from the Council, thanks to Chris, starting immediately.

c. Under '4a', a new water heater was still being sought for the kitchen. This was being pursued by Betty and Gavin.

d. Under '7b', it was agreed that Doreen needed to be informed over wedding receptions.

e. The finance committee is looking at various possibilities with regard to projects, and repair of windows.

f. Under '9', it was agreed by Nick Isom that the separate social account would be closed, as it dated back to the time when there was a separate St Mary's Social club no longer extant. The carol service went well.

g. Under '17d' it was agreed that the issue of trusteeship be added to the agenda of the next meeting, and Paul would prepare a briefing note for the PCC on the relevant issues.

4. **Correspondence:** It was **agreed** at the suggestion of Lu that no charitable funds from St Mary's would go to the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, on the grounds that we support them through attendance at their courses.

5. **Churches Together in Welling.** Not met.

6. **Deanery Synod.** Not met.

7. **Buildings.** Has met. Boiler now serviced. Mike has investigated a firm called Cousins for church windows. A work day was needed for various jobs to be done. Gavin put forward quotes for the church guttering, cleaning and replacing downpipes. Quotes had been sought from Paul Gibbon and Gary Butcher. The latter quoted £40 for windows exterior; £40 for windows interior; £300 for guttering; £430 for downpipes. This was the cheaper quote. Prop. Gavin, sec. Ray, **agreed** unanimously that the cheaper quote be accepted.

8. **Hall.** Not met
9. **Finance.** It was suggested that a budget meeting was required.
10. **Social.** Meeting to be arranged shortly.
11. **Giving.** Not met, situation to be reviewed in the New Year.
12. **Worship.** Not met.
13. **Ministry.** Not met. Lu stated that as an 'NSM' priest did not require a ministry team, then Rev Sharon needed to formally wind it up.
14. **Welcare.** Pam reported that they had received almost £10,000 for Greenwich Welcare, and had been many positive developments. Various projects are under discussion, including open days.
15. **Bazaar.** Met three times since the previous bazaar. Mark Hopkins and Barbara Ritchie had resigned. Events for fundraising were being arranged, and all dates were on the website.
16. **Healing.** Not met.
17. **Funday.** Had met, and was to meet again shortly to make arrangements for June 20th. This was to go on the notice sheet.
18. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. Rev Lu raised the issue of *prayers for and remembrance of the dead at St Mary's*, and a lengthy discussion was had over the issue. Betty had been helping Rev Lu explore the issue. Currently, the names of the deceased are entered into the Book of Remembrance, the names of members of the congregation are read out at weekly masses, and the names of others whose funerals have been carried out from St Mary's are read out for three years, in addition to references in the magazine and weekly sheet. Also, remembrance cards are posted out, for three years for those 'external' and could be indefinite if there was a connection with the congregation; it was done in a very 'ad hoc' fashion. Rev Lu was of the opinion that where people had moved away, they needed to take responsibility themselves in their own parishes for remembrance of their relatives. The monthly Requiem Masses fulfilled a particular theological intent, and were also a very effective form of 'outreach' to grieving relatives, but often the number of names read out, rev Lu suggested, detracted from the spiritual and devotional function of the service.

Rev Lu therefore suggested that separate lists be compiled of names to be read at Sunday/weekly Masses, and a separate list for those to be prayed for at Requiem Masses; the congregation were to be asked to indicate on a sheet which people they would like to be prayed for on an annual basis and at Requiem masses, with the proviso on the latter that they make a commitment to attend; all those who have had a funeral service will be prayed for for three years, after which the next of kin will be sent a letter asking if they wish this to continue, and if they are willing to make a commitment; the normal Sunday list for members of St Mary's would be reviewed every five years; Lu agreed to review the liturgy.

This was Prop. Betty, sec. Eric, **agreed** unanimously.

b. The matter of *solar panels*, potentially for church and hall, was then thoroughly discussed. Ray had explored the issue, and was concerned that there might be difficulties project-managing this issue, and also that of the windows. Chris argued that most of this would probably be done by the relevant firm. The key issues were whether more electricity would be produced than St Mary's would consume; what was the life-expectancy of the panels; would St Mary's need to erect the panels within 5 months' to get the grant, and would it benefit from subsequent government schemes; what was the position with regard to the obtaining of a faculty (church only) and would it be possible to obtain one retrospectively. Rev Lu argued that it may be possible to obtain £100 saving on electricity bills. The PCC should, however, be in a position to present the fully developed scheme to the APCM. Paul agreed to pursue the matter of the procedure for obtaining a faculty. It was Prop. Chris, sec. Joyce **agreed** unanimously that the scheme would be pursued; that Ray would obtain a second quote for the work; that the life-expectancy of the panels would be established; that Chris, Teresa and Ray would work together to take the matter forward.

c. The time for the bishop's visitation had been altered to 1.00.

d. A trophy cabinet had been manufactured by Cliff for the hall. It was agreed that Gavin would explore the proper location for it. Prop. Gavin, sec. Michelle, **agreed** unanimously.

The meeting concluded.

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St Mary the Virgin, Welling, Parochial Church Council

Agenda for meeting 19th March 2009

The meeting will take place in the Vicarage, Sandringham Drive, and will begin with a prayer at 8.10pm

1. Apologies for absence

Mass

2. Minutes of the last meeting

3. Items for any other urgent business

4. Matters arising

5. Correspondence

6. Reports: Deanery Synod
 Churches Together in Welling
 Buildings
 Hall
 Finance
 Social
 Giving
 Worship
 Welcare
 Bazaar
 Healing
 Funday

7. Trusteeship

8. Solar Panels

9. Feibusch painting

10. APCM business

11. Review Procedure for PCC business (Arising from Bishop's visitation)

12. Any other urgent business