

# Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, St. Peter's Draycott

*Held on 06/07/2016 at 7:45 p.m. at Kundasan, Draycott.*

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## **1. Opening prayers**

Stuart opened the meeting with a prayer.

## **2. Attendance, apologies and welcome**

### *Present*

Stuart Burns	SB	Janet Jeffries	JJ
David Cheetham	DC	Pat Mullay	PM
Richard Dingley	RD	Thea Oliver	TO
Chris Green	CG	Barry Rose	BR
Tricia Heckbert	TH		
Colette Jeff	CJ	<i>Apologies</i>	
Alison Jeffries	AJ	Tricia Lumley	TL

## **3. Minutes from PCC of 01/06/2016**

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record apart from one correction (8f iv should read 'Saturday' not 'Sunday').

## **4. Matters arising, actions**

7d (advertisements in the local paper) Submitted but have not yet been published.

8c (iii) Expenses- have now been paid for Q1 of this year.

8d (iii) Contribution of school to church magazine- it has proved difficult for Stuart to make contact with Mike Jory on his days in school- next time he will e-mail in advance (carry over)

(All other actions had been completed or were on the current agenda)

## **5. Any other business**

(none submitted)

## **6. Items for Decision**

(none)

## **7. Items for discussion**

### **7a. Worship**

(NB. referring to the minutes of the last ministry team, circulated as a PCC paper)

- i. New arrangements for 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. After discussion in the three parishes, it has been decided that 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays joint benefice services will cease (NB. see next item). Instead, each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there will be a breakfast followed by a cafe-church style service in Cheddar village hall (formerly church house). Draycott has agreed to participate and help (Rodney Stoke would participate once a year and otherwise put on family worship in St. Leonard's). The Cheddar service would include families that may participate in some types of church activity (e.g. holiday club, messy church) but who do not generally attend Sunday worship. Details of the breakfast and the service have yet to be worked out. All churches could issue specific invitations to families we thought might be interested.
- ii. United Benefice services. There will be one at each church during the year, with the date to be suggested by the churches themselves (e.g. for patronal festivals- although the St Leonard's and St Andrew's ones are too close for both to be held the same year).
- iii. Keeping of Saints Days when they fall on a Sunday. Stuart suggested that he puts these into the 3 month rota as a note against the Sunday. The St Peter's day service produced by Draycott could easily be made more generic to be suitable for other saints (*ACTION*: Stuart on the rota, Chris on the service book). Other festivals that should be fixed were the Sunday after Ascension, and All Saints.
- iv. Home Communion. Could anyone help Richard at The Laurels next week? Tricia Heckbert agreed (2.pm). Stuart would try but might not make it.
- v. Discussion group. This was introduced to the Ministry Team, which was in favour. It would need to start in early October. Stuart and Chris had still to meet to decide on the book (*ACTION*: Stuart and Chris, in the next two weeks- NB. we would need to get something into the next magazine).

### **7b. Fabric**

Thea and Richard (Oliver) had looked at the guttering during a downpour of rain, and spotted a downpipe with a hole against the south transept. This might account for the persistent damp in this part of the church. *ACTION*: David will take a look.

### **7c. Finance**

We have £7,949 in the fabric fund (plus the amount that will come to the organ fund when Peterstide is finished). There is £11,538 in the general fund (but there are various cheques pending- the amount we have at any one time is in a state of flux).

### **7d. School**

- i. Leaver's assembly will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Stuart would attend.
- ii. Governors- the rector does not have an automatic place; it would be either Tim Hawkings or Stuart. *ACTION*: Stuart would discuss this with Tim.

## 7e. Deanery Synod

The next meeting would be hosted by Cross Farm in Wedmore, and would incorporate a tour of the dairy and calf unit, a service of worship, and some food. It was to be on the 19<sup>th</sup> July (Lammas Tide). As always, all are welcome.

## 7f. Supporters of St Peters (SoSP)

- i. The Teddy Bear's Picnic event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July had been well prepared but few children attended, in spite of extensive publicity to the school. Perhaps this is the wrong age group? Next year might try to involve the toddler group.
- ii. Coffee and cake is going very well and made £90 with the extra cake sale on Saturday.
- iii. The Coton family concert was excellent and made £168 for the organ fund. Sue Walker had promised to write report on the Petertide events for the next magazine, after the Friday organ concert (the editor was holding the space after the copy date).

### *Future events-*

- iv. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August: Coffee & Cake, join the Holy Rollers at the Strawberry Special on the afternoon of Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> for the Summer Skittles prize giving! (NB. Also on August 6<sup>th</sup>- participant on the Mendip Way run have asked to use the car park. This would be an opportunity to serve refreshments as additional fundraising).
- v. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Coffee & Cake will finish a little early (Wedding at 1.30 pm in St Peter's Church)
- vi. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Michaelmas Fayre and Ploughman's lunch, this year's Harvest Supper will be another Curry Night at the Strawberry Special, date to be confirmed
- vii. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November: Coffee & Cake including cake stall, also we are planning another music quiz, see October magazine for details
- viii. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Coffee & Cake & Soup Lunch including Christmas Tree Festival. Christmas Tree Festival in St Peter's Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Theme "Christmas Carols" - all entries are welcome, please get your thinking caps on & see October magazine for more details.
- ix. We will be leading the Carol Singing again this year at The Laurels, The Strawberry Special on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> and the Cider Barn on a date to be confirmed.
- x. Work was going ahead to reburish the kitchen financed by first Saturday funds. Money would also go to a proper coffee machine.

## 7f. Magazine

- i. Accuracy with the diary is sometimes an issue. *ACTION*- Stuart would work with Samm on the rota before it goes to the magazine, which should improve things.
- ii. Has anyone noticed that the rotas are getting too small to read? *ACTION*: Chris to ask Rob to make them bigger.

## 7e. Local Ministry Group

(nothing new reported)

## 8. Items for Information

- a. Baptism policy. This had been circulated and was discussed.

- b. Church secretary (Samm)- her hourly rate had been reviewed and increased, and her hours regularised. She will now get £10 per hour for a 6h week. Cheddar decided on this but forgot to clear this with Draycott and Rodney Stoke. This PCC agreed retrospectively (Stuart said he would try and forestall such unilateral action in future). *This item not for the website.*

## **9. Dates**

- a. PCC meetings: 24<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> November (7:45 at Kundasan).

*The meeting closed with the Grace, which we said together.*