

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

Held on 24/08/2016 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	Tricia Lumley	TL
Richard Dingley	RD	Pat Mullan	PM
Chris Green	CG	Thea Oliver	TO
Tricia Heckbert	TH		
Colette Jeff	CJ	<i>Apologies</i>	
Alison Jeffries	AJ	Barry Rose	BR

3. Minutes from PCC of 06/07/2016

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record, apart from the omission of the 'owl talk' from the list of SoSP events (September 23rd at 7 pm).

4. Matters arising, actions

7a (iii) (keeping Sunday saint's days) In hand- will be implemented where applicable in new rotas (SB).

7b (i) (guttering) DC had inspected, TO had instructed Rob Millard to carry out repair.

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

5. Any other business

(CJ would like us to add 'publicity' to Remembrance Sunday planning- in 6a)

6. Items for Decision

(NB. This section was rearranged to allow Stuart to deal with selected business and then to leave early)

6a. Service planning

- i. Harvest- Draycott to be 2nd October, normal time 9:30
- ii. Remembrance- on 13th November, 10:45 am in Memorial Hall. Includes Rodney Stoke (Cheddar has theirs in the afternoon). It is usual for the rector to take this service- Stuart agreed.
ACTIONS:
 - Stuart will ask Rodney Stoke if they still want their 8 a.m. service
 - One of us will find and pass on the order of service next time Stuart is in Draycott- NB. Sue Rose prepared this but it has no slot for the collection (the collection goes to the British Legion but David needs to know the total)
 - Publicity- was raised by CJ but not discussed further- perhaps she could organise and to co-opt others as required?)
- iii. Advent Sunday (27th November). We would like to hold an Advent service in the afternoon, using a Taizé- style format. Thea had explored this with Ian and Ruth Ames-White who would be willing to play the music, and we have previously done this for Advent and (most recently) for Good Friday. It is a candle-lit service which intersperses readings and chants from the Taizé community, generally led by Thea or Chris. We would have this in addition to the 9:30 morning service. Stuart approved.
ACTION: Thea to lead, and to send the proposed plan to Stuart.
- iv. Christmas services- these are what we are planning in Draycott, based on previous years- for comment/approval by Stuart:
 - On 11th Dec, carols in The Laurels residential home at 4 pm, followed by carols at 6:30 pm in the Strawberry Special pub (followed by quiz)
 - On 18th Dec, Carol service at 4 p.m., comprising readings interspersed with carols. Could be led by non-clergy person (but it would be nice if the rector could lead).
 - On 24th Dec, midnight Eucharist at 11:30 pm, led by rector
 - On the 25th Dec, Family service at 10:00 am, led by Thea*ACTIONS:* Stuart would try to be available for the 11th and lead on the 18th; he would lead our midnight Eucharist. He approved the other plans and was happy for Chris to choose readings for the carol service but would like to see them first.
(NB. For information: Rodney Stoke services usually comprise 'carols by candle-light' at 6:30 on 24th December and a morning Eucharist at 9:30 on the 25th December; the Cheddar carol service will also be on the 18th, at 6 pm).

6b. Draycott (Card) charity

Helen Dance had already approached Stuart so he was aware of this charity. He had agreed to be on the board of trustees. Helen had indicated that they would also like another member of Draycott church to be a trustee too. *ACTION:* Richard Dingley said he would do this (NB. agreed after Stuart had left).

6c. School

- i. Governorship- Tim Hawkings already has a Diocesan Board of Education role on the governing body- Mike Brownbill occupied the rector's place. Stuart will take over from Mike, but Mike will be co-opted to stay for specific expertise which he brings.
- ii. Stuart asked Mike Jory if school could provide regular articles for the magazine, and Mike agreed- the first should be in time for October (Mike is in touch with the editor).
- iii. Participation of St Peters in school activities- Mike needs volunteers to listen to reading. He will get back to Stuart regarding days and times. NB. There are child protection issues but at least the DBS checks would be free of charge.
- iv. School services in church. The school had been invited by Rodney Stoke to their Remembrance Day service on Friday 11th November. They were also invited to the Rodney Stoke Mothering Sunday service next year (although we had previously raised the idea of 'Mothering Friday' at Draycott, at least at the Ministry Team). After discussion we decided not to interfere (school do after all attend Draycott for weekly assemblies), but instead invite the school to Harvest and Christmas services at Draycott. *ACTION*: CG/TO to draft letter to school- run past Stuart first

6d. Dates

- i. PCC- Stuart requested that we rearrange the October meeting date, as he could not do the 12th. We changed it to the following Monday, 17th October (Richard kindly said we could come to Kundasan). NB. Dates for next year would be fixed at the following meeting, 23rd November.
- ii. Stuart is on leave from 5th – 19th September.

(Stuart left the meeting at this point)

6e. Discussion group

CG updated the meeting on plans. We would be using a book entitled *How then shall we live: Christian engagement with contemporary issues* by Samuel Wells, published this year by the Canterbury Press. Stuart had prepared a piece for the magazines, and this was circulated at the meeting. It would be held in Cheddar. *ACTION*: CG would put out a flier in Draycott and Rodney Stoke plus a sign-up list at the start of September, as our next magazine issue is in October which is rather late (the first date is 28th September).

(The book is rather expensive at £14:30 on Amazon- Richard offered to try and source them for less)

6f. Breakfast service at Cheddar

Thea had attended the first planning meeting on Monday and summarised the main points (minutes from the meeting had also been circulated). It would be held on Sunday 30th October in Cheddar village hall (Church House), to start at 9 am and finish by 10. There was enthusiasm for it from the organisers but it is impossible to say how many of the regular congregation would attend- the catering would need to be very flexible. There would be a further meeting of the committee in Cheddar (The Den) on Tue 27th September at 8 pm. *ACTION*: Our most important task: to invite families from our villages.

6g. Loudspeaker purchase

David had previously suggested that we purchase loudspeakers for the occasional 'spill-over' congregations at particularly well-attended funerals, to allow those outside the church (e.g.

the porch) to follow the service. There was a separate need to relay prayers from the graveside to those still in church (the wireless microphone has the range to work from the graveyard). Wireless speakers would be most convenient but probably too expensive. James Michaelson thought he could source wired ones for about £200. If this proves possible, does the PCC approve the expense? *Purchase proposed by DC, seconded by TH. All agreed.*

7. Items for discussion

7a. Worship

Our next Second Sunday Service will be led by Alistair Glanville, with CG on hand to advise and help as needed. (Other items covered above).

7b. Fabric

The blown light bulbs in the sanctuary spotlights have been replaced with halogen ones for the moment- eventually they will be swapped for LED ones (6 bulbs at £6 each).

ACTION: Wait until one of the current batch fails, then get them all replaced at once.

7c. Finance

We have £8,715 in the fabric fund and £12,693 in the general fund.

7d. School

(covered above)

7e. Deanery Synod

The meeting at Cross Farm in Wedmore was very interesting with a good talk from Sue Wilkinson from the Farming Community Network, the 'Samaritans for farmers'. Might we invite her to address our harvest service? Some discussion round this- farmers are not the only or even main group to suffer in rural communities! *ACTION:* Thea will investigate.

The rural dean Sharron Crossman's sponsored walk had attracted a pledge of over £70 from us (which will exceed our allocated quota of 0.5% of our parish share). NB. Sponsorship monies to go through church funds although they are from individual members.

7f. Supporters of St Peters (SoSP)

- i. Thea's report on the Petertide events (Coton concert, Teddy Bear's Picnic etc.) was not printed in the magazine although it was submitted in time and had taken a lot of work. The editor pleaded lack of space. Are the magazine priorities right? It is a church magazine, and this was after all our church anniversary, to which many had contributed. Also it is too topical to be held over (unlike some other items).
- ii. Holly Rollers skittle team- there will be a barbecue and presentation at 3 pm this Sunday. Unfortunately Thea cannot attend. *ACTION:* Pat Mullay volunteered.
- iii. Curry night date change- this will now be 11th November (NB. it is our harvest supper)

7f. Magazine

- i. CG reported back on the editor's response (small size of rota table in magazine). It would make it easier for Rob if it were in Excel format. The copy goes from the Jeffs to Alan Newman, who tabulates it and passes it on. *ACTION:* we have registered our view. If it were worth doing anything, perhaps Rob should take it up with Alan?

- ii. The editor had raised the idea again about having a joint benefice publication, possibly a free one issued to all households, funded by advertising. This raised all sorts of issues. The magazine works for us... "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", perhaps.

7e. Local Ministry Group

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. No comments were offered.

8. Other business

- a. Alison had come across men working in the Rodney Stoke churchyard at about 9 pm one evening. They had an unmarked van and were working by motorcycle headlamp, and she was suspicious. Church warden Megan did not know about them either, but on summoning reinforcements to make further enquiries it turned out they were grave diggers. She had been on the point of calling the police, as thefts from rural churches are an ever present worry. Could funeral directors be asked that their workers identify themselves by appropriate signage (e.g. a board or marked van)? *ACTION*: those arranging funerals would pass on the suggestion.
- b. Karen Percival had expressed her appreciation of our card and good wishes for her recovery (message passed on to us by Stuart).

9. Dates

PCC meetings: 24th August, 17th October (NB. change), 23rd November (all 7:45 pm at Kundasan).

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