

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

Held on 23/11/2016 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	Barry Rose	BR
Chris Green	CG		
Tricia Heckbert	TH	<i>Apologies</i>	
Colette Jeff	CJ	Pat Mullay	PM
Alison Jeffries	AJ	Thea Oliver	TO

3. Minutes from PCC of 24/08/2016

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record

4. Matters arising, actions

6c (iv) (Letter to school) Not done- but taken up by Stuart (reported under 7d).

6e (Discussion group) CG reported back to the meeting. The group had taken place as planned and had been well-attended. We are planning to restart on 17th January.

7e Please note that requests to address the churches should always come from Stuart.

8a. (Unidentified works in churchyards) The desirability of adequate identification of authorised works in the churchyard has been noted.

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

5. Any other business

(Additional items 6d, e and f, 7 i and j)

6. Items for Decision

6a. Ratification of decision to send money to house for refugees

David informed us that a cheque had been sent for the amount agreed

6b. Advent/ Christmas services

No significant change of plan- all are as in the magazine.

- i. Advent Sunday (27th November). The Taizé service was in hand (Thea and Chris organising). NB. the baptism originally planned has been cancelled.
- ii. The joint breakfast service planned for the 29th January has been moved to the 22nd (see below), which means that we are having a service at Draycott on the 29th after all.
- iii. The 29th Jan is in the service list for Draycott but not on the rotas- to be remedied.
ACTION: CJ to contact people directly for duties.

6c. Other Ministry Group matters for decision

Joint Breakfast Service at Cheddar

- i. The breakfast service had gone well. A comment was raised that it was well under way by 9 am, the time given out for the start. This was because the organisers took care to get their breakfasts out of the way first so that they were ready for their duties. There were a lot of organisers- but there was plenty of breakfast available for the next sitting!
- ii. Could we have more china mugs? (none were left by the time the participants arrived).
- iii. For the next service, the hall was not available on the 29th January as planned, as it had unfortunately been double-booked. The service has been moved to the 22nd Jan. We will still take part so we would not have a service at Draycott on that day.

6d. Organ rejuvenation (inserted)

(raised by Barry and David).

- i. The time had come for the organ to be given proper attention- it was originally built in 1909 and had then been rebuilt in 1960. The organ builder has been approached provisionally- he would need about 2-3 months to complete the works. During this time the choir would be closed off. The cost would be up to £7,000, although a firm estimate was not yet available. David gave figures to show that rebuilding the pipe organ would be more cost-effective than replacing it with an electric one.
- ii. Sufficient funds are available (see 7c below)- there is even £1,083 in the new organ fund.
- iii. There were not thought to be any major competing items from our quinquennial survey. We would need to plan the works around weddings (or vice versa?). Also some restrictions to access would be needed during the day.

- iv. Proposed: we should go ahead with this next year (Richard). The motion was seconded by David. All were in favour.

ACTION: David would formally approach the organ builder to get the works in hand.

6e. Christmas cards (inserted)

- i. There would be a Christmas card produced by the benefice, which would have details of all Christmas services. NB. All the churches had contributed to the costs. The same number of cards would be made available to Draycott and Rodney Stoke as last year.

ACTION: Gordon would arrange them in suitable lots for posting by street if our quota was left in the church.

- ii. Barry asked if the Christmas concert (29th December at 7pm) could be included in the card, as it had not yet been printed (NB. it was not in the magazine either). Stuart thought that there might not be room, but would enquire. An alternative could be for us to include a flyer in the cards we distribute.

6f. Organ fees (inserted)

- i. Stuart raised the matter of organists fees. Should the standard wedding fee for an organist (£150) be charged when the bridal couple bring their own organist to play?
- ii. Several alternatives were put forward. There were arguments for it remaining the same at £150, reducing it for the use of the organ only, and also to reducing it for both (Stuart was in favour of this, and was going to discuss with other PCCs).
- iii. None of the present organists at Draycott seeks any sort of fee when they are not playing, whereas Cheddar pay their organist a stipend (and fees for wedding and funerals add to that stipend), so the organist at Cheddar may expect to receive his full wedding fee when someone else is brought into play.
- iv. We still need some consistency in what we charge to couples that are married in churches in the benefice, whoever the money goes to.
- v. Chris proposed that we would let Stuart put his proposal to the other PCCs. In the meantime we would keep fees at £150 per session, both with and without the church organist. Richard seconded this. All were in favour.

ACTION: Stuart would report back on the decisions of the other PCCs and we would adopt a unified standard.

7. Items for discussion

7a. Worship

(Covered)

7b. Fabric

- i. The sanctuary spotlights have now been replaced by LED ones. They are not quite so bright as the previous ones but should last a long time and be economical.
- ii. We hope that the report on the quinquennial survey will be with us by the end of the year.

7c. Finance

- i. We have £10,873 in the fabric fund and £16,513 in the general fund. NB. the parish share will be paid on 17th Jan 2017, and will be £9584.68. There will also be fees to pay for the quinquennial survey.
- ii. We have a reduction next year because although the proportion per capita has increased, we have a smaller congregation than some churches. We are in the middle of the income range (D) and we get a reduction for payment in advance.

7d. School

- i. Stuart is trying to pursue more school involvement in the church, and although the head-teacher is willing in principle he is a busy head of two schools and does not always respond quickly. Currently we are awaiting his response to the request for a regular contribution from school to the church magazine, and also specifics on the help he would like for listening to children reading. Stuart will continue to ask.
- ii. Forthcoming school events in school are the school play on 7th Dec, and the carol service on 16th Dec (at 1 pm). The former is on the same day as a funeral. Although the times do not clash (the funeral is at noon), the stage cannot be left in place following the rehearsal on the 6th so we have asked them to clear it away between times.

7e. Deanery Synod

TH and TO had attended the last Deanery Synod which was on 6th October at St Peter's. The Rt.Rev Ruth Worsley Bishop of Taunton addressed the synod on "Shaping our Future".

7f. Supporters of St Peters (SoSP)

- i. The curry night had raised nearly £500 for church funds.
- ii. The wedding fair was very interesting. It was possible for people planning weddings to ask informal questions. There will be another on the first Saturday in December (3rd). NB. this will be coffee and cake morning with a soup lunch, and there will be a few stalls.
- iii. There will be carols at The Laurels on 4 pm on Sunday 11th December, then at The Strawberry Special at 6.30 pm on 11th December, then at The Cider & Ale Barn on Friday 16th Dec at 7 pm (Ruth & Ian Ames-White are bringing a key board & playing).

7g. Magazine

(no business raised)

7h. Local Ministry Group

Stuart reported on its regular activities. There had been a talk by Michael Perham (retired bishop of Gloucester) on the creative use of liturgy.

7i. Christmas posters (inserted)

Barry passed around the posters that Thea had prepared.

7j. Service starting times (inserted)

Barry said that our services sometimes started rather late, and he did not always have sufficient time to get to Rodney Stoke. We will try and avoid this.

8. Other business

9. Dates

- 11th January 2017 (Richard away- we are invited to 9 Barnet's Well). 7:45 pm.
- 22nd February (Richard and Alison – apologies). 7:45 pm.
- (16th April- Easter)
- 23rd April APCM. To start at 6:30 pm, preceded by evening prayer at 6 pm.

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