

The United Benefice of St. Mary's, Goudhurst With Christ Church, Kilndown.

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2014, 7.30.p.m.
in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

Present: Rev. H. Nelson Mrs R Southon
 Mr B Mayhew Mrs S Donkin
 Mrs A. Pakenham-Walsh Mrs J Dunstall
 Mr A Farnfield Mr K. Draper
 Mr R Vinton

Mrs B Addis

1. **Prayers**

Rev. Hugh Nelson opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from James Wickham, Simon Taurins, Tim Wormington, Don Sargeant and Patrice Springett.

3. **Minutes of meetings held on 21.5.14. and 18.6.14.**

These Minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Matters Arising**

Minutes of 21.5.14. - **Church Community.** Instead of a tear-off slip on the Weekly Sheet, Hugh reported a post-card would be available for newcomers to print their email contact address.

Communion for children – this will be discussed with the children at the Tuesday Club.

Parish Magazine – 30 extra subscriptions have been received as a result of magazines being delivered to every house in the parish. Anthony Farnfield reported that the Parish Council were pleased with this operation.

Richard Vinton reported that it was difficult to obtain information for the What's On pages. Please let Richard have relevant information for the September magazine before 15th August.

Marriage Course – Becky and Simon are meeting on 4th Aug. to discuss a potential Marriage Course, to be run after Easter 2015.

Minutes of 18.6.14.

St. Mary's Community Support Fund – Hugh reported that an update for this fund is being set up.

5. Mission and Outreach

a) Park Run

A report from Kevan Draper had been previously circulated to P.C.C. members.

After discussing this report the P.C.C. agreed they were happy to support the idea of a Junior Park Run round the Glebe fields on a Sunday morning before our 10.45.a.m. service. Refreshments could be available in church on the first Sunday of the Month (Family Service) but on other Sundays it was felt inappropriate for this to happen in church, but refreshments could be available either on the Glebe field or the Church Room.

Insurance was questioned but Kev ascertained that this would be covered by the Club. Kev asked whether the P.C.C. would be happy to contribute to the £1,500 that was needed in order to join this scheme. The P.C.C. agreed to donate £300. It was hoped to start this event in October.

6. Service to the Community

a) School report.

There was no report, and our school was now on holiday.

7. Teaching and Worship

a) Monthly prayer themes

Hugh reported that the email prayer link had proved helpful.

It was suggested that a date be identified in November for a corporate prayer meeting.

b) Music and the school

Jeffrey is to start working with the school choir next term, 30 sessions across 3 terms, with a review in term 3. Hugh is investigating funding for this venture and the P.C.C. agreed to cover any shortfall in this funding.

c) Tuesday Club.

As Hugh's report, he and Kev will be running a 5 week Tuesday Club for 8 – 10 year olds.

8. The Church Community

Past social events were discussed, and it was thought that the best time for social gatherings was following the 10.45.a.m. service, rather than Sunday evenings.

Child Protection

A report from Andrea Kirkby has been previously circulated to members. The P.C.C. formally approved the Child Protection Policy Statement and a copy of this will be fixed to the notice board in the church porch.

Hugh mentioned the need for safety regarding Facebook, and it was agreed that he and Kev would copy each other in when sending messages. It was felt that training was needed for e-safety.

9. Fabric and Finance

a) Finance Report – Anthony distributed a Statement of Expenditure against Budget sheet, which he explained to us.

Our balance with the bank at present is £79,000.

b) Fundraising Team Report

Richard drew our attention to the Quiz on 20th September, at which there will also be a raffle.

Barn Dance on 4th October.

A village calendar is to be printed with photos of village events. If anyone has a relevant photo please pass to Richard.

c) Kitchen

Due to the amount of use the kitchen now has, it has been decided to purchase a dishwasher; also some new mugs are needed.

d) Storeroom

The shelving in the storeroom is to be re-ordered to make better use of the space, at a cost of £300.

e) Heating update

The heaters need servicing and the thermostats adjusted.

Advice will be sought from a consulting heating engineer, as to whether to replace the boiler or not. There are various forms of heating, such as a heat transfer system, or photovoltaic panels, which are expensive.

f) AVsystem update

Hugh reported that the radio mike is to be adjusted, and also it has been agreed to purchase another small screen and stand for the south side aisle, at a cost of £1,600.

10 Communication

A number of events have been planned, as listed in Hugh's report for this meeting.

11 Deanery

Hugh reported that it was the aim of the Deanery Synod to make the synod more interesting.

The Parish Share Meeting will take place on 16th October 2014.

12. Any Other Business

Anthony Farnfield reported that he still had the box that recorded christenings, which had been repaired. He was trying to locate the roll of paper to fit.

Anthony also reported that there was to be a half-day course for treasurers in Canterbury.

The meeting room at John Stacey Heights was found to be un- suitable for a meeting place for us to use, so the key will be returned.

13. **Future Dates 2014**

P.C.C. Meetings Thursdays commencing at 7.30.p.m.

25th September

23rd October (strategy)

27th November

20th September – Quiz

4th Oct. – Barn Dance