

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 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 T Wormington	Mr D Sargeant
	Mrs B Addis	Mr J Wickham
	Mrs P Springett	Mr S Taurins

<p>1. <u>Prayers</u> Rev. Hugh Nelson opened the meeting with prayer.</p> <p>2. <u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Emma Sibree and Richard Vinton.</p> <p>3. <u>Minutes of meeting held on 25.9.14.</u> These Minutes were approved and signed.</p> <p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Heating update – Tim reported that the radiators had been cleaned and were now much more efficient. It was agreed that this operation should be carried out more regularly.</p> <p>b) Nativity Service – Hugh reported that it had been agreed to hold just the one nativity service, at 4.30.p.m. The format to be as before, but better.</p> <p>c) Music – it had been suggested at our last meeting that Jeffrey Gray be invited to attend this meeting, but he was otherwise engaged. Hopefully he will attend our January meeting to further discuss music at St. Mary's. Hugh commented that the 4th Sunday of the month would be a traditional service, with augmented choir, and the band would play for the Family Service, and perhaps an afternoon service in January. Jeffrey is doing well with the school choir.</p> <p>5. <u>Mission and Outreach</u></p> <p>a) Parkrun – Kev reported that 2 sessions have been held so far, 31 participating the first time and then 21. Kev is pleased by the response, as so far it has not been advertised. The car parking</p>	<p>ACTION BY</p>
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<p>needs careful consideration and clearly defined to those taking part. The school car park could be used, although the Goudhurst Football Club use part of it, also the car parking by the doctor's surgery.</p> <p>b) Alpha Update – Hugh reported that arrangements for this event are on track.</p> <p>6. <u>Service to the Community</u></p> <p>a) School report – there was no report but Hugh commented that the school were doing fine.</p> <p>7. <u>Teaching and Worship</u></p> <p>At this point Hugh gave a brief summary of the meeting held on 22nd Nov with Kerry Thorpe. He is in the process of writing a report, which will be circulated shortly.</p> <p>Kerry had described the sizes of churches as, cell church – 20 members, congregation church – 20 – 120 members and celebration size – 120 +. As we fall into the last category Kerry suggested that smaller units are required. Our priorities are Sunday Club, Pastoral Care, Discipleship and Structure and Decision Making.</p> <p>Sunday Club – Barney said the Sunday Club team would meet and report back at our January meeting.</p> <p>Pastoral Care – Hugh undertook to arrange a team.</p> <p>Keve wondered if we needed a Vision Statement?</p> <p>It was suggested that a separate P.C.C. meeting was arranged to discuss these items.</p> <p>A group from the Sunday Club uses the Village Hall on a Sunday morning, and to date this facility has been free to us. Angela and Tim met with Tony Richards, Chairman of the Parish Hall, and suggested that we should pay for the use of the Hall. Tony is happy that we continue to meet there and it was agreed that St. Mary's pay a donation of just £10 per morning.</p> <p>8. <u>The Church Community</u></p> <p>a) Authorisation of people assisting in the distribution of the Holy Sacrament – Authorisation is needed by 1st January 2015 for a period of 3 years, and the P.C.C. need to accept the names by a formal resolution.</p> <p>Those assisting are Jill Dunstall, Joe Meyer, Angela Pakenham-Walsh, Patrice Springett, Sue Donkin, Emma Sibree, Rosemary Southon, Tim Wormington, James Cooke, Bryan Mason, Anthony Farnfield, David Nichol, Gill Wallis-Hoskins, John McCaig, Doreen Warner and James Wickham.</p> <p>The P.C.C. accepted the proposal that these members assist in</p>	<p>H.N.</p> <p>B.M.</p> <p>H.N.</p>
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<p>the Holy Sacrament. The Sec. will complete and copy the necessary forms, one copy given to the person authorized and the other kept among the parish records.</p>	<p>Sec.</p>
<p>b) Plans for January – April A draft plan had been previously circulated to members with Hugh’s Vicar’s Report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Fabric and Finance</u></p>	
<p>a) Benefice Administrator Hugh had previously circulated to members, a Proposal and Job Description for the appointment of a new Benefice Administrator. The P.C.C. strongly supported this proposal and the post will be advertised locally, with a closing date of 10th January 2015.</p>	<p>H.N.</p>
<p>b) Accounts Anthony circulated a statement of Expenditure against Budget. The Parish Share meeting had been held and it emerged that our benefice is better off than others in our deanery. We therefore donated £2,500 above that required of us. We were reminded that Anthony had expressed the wish to stand down as treasurer at the next A.P.C.M. It was felt that the job could be split, and he will give this some thought before our next meeting.</p>	<p>A.F.</p>
<p>Anthony also gave members a copy of a letter received from The Sri Lanka Link, thanking us for the donation of £1,500.</p>	
<p>c) Broadband aerials Hugh reported that he and the churchwardens attended a Hearing with the Commissary General on Tues 25th Nov., and it looks likely that we will be granted a Faculty for this work. The cost of this Hearing will be £600 or £700, which the Archdeacon felt should be borne by the DAC. Hugh thanked Tim for his unbelievable support in this matter.</p>	
<p>Don asked if the project was worthwhile, due to the upheaval to the tower. This will be tidied up by Callflow,</p>	
<p>d) Work to the Roof A ridge tile to the south of the roof fell, breaking some tiles. These have been replaced, but while carrying out this repair work, Hurstways examined the rafters below this area. Nothing major was discovered and a report from Hurstways is awaited.</p>	
<p>e) Clock The mechanism to wind the clock has failed. Ian Dodd is in touch with the Diocesan clock man, and in the meantime Tom Crookall is winding it up.</p>	
<p>f) Kitchen upgrades The dishwasher has been installed, paid for by a generous donation.</p>	

<p>10. Church Room A report from Brian Ferdinando had been previously circulated to members. In it he stated that the pre-school wished to extend their opening hours to 3.30.p.m. every weekday, except Wednesday. Hugh is in the process of preparing a written agreement.</p> <p>Rosemary reported that the rail in the disabled toilet had come away from the wall; also the glass plate in the microwave had been broken. Brian will be informed.</p> <p>11. Any Other Business Floodlighting – Jill questioned when the floodlighting was to be upgraded. Anthony will progress this.</p> <p>Beach in Bedgebury Chapel – Jill asked when this was going to be removed, to which Hugh replied, soon.</p> <p>11 <u>Future Dates 2015</u></p> <p><u>P.C.C. Meetings Thursdays commencing at 7.30.p.m.</u></p> <p>22nd January</p> <p>19th April – Sunday – A.P.C.M.</p> <p>I will let you have the year’s dates when they are confirmed</p>	<p>H.N.</p> <p>A.F.</p>
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