

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2014,
7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

Present: Rev. H. Nelson Mr B Mayhew
 Mr S Taurins Mr T Wormington
 Mrs A. Pakenham-Walsh Mrs J Dunstall
 Mrs P Springett Mr A Farnfield
 Mr R Vinton Mr J Wickham
 Mr D Sargeant Mrs B Addis
 Mrs S Donkin

1. **Prayers**

Rev. Hugh Nelson opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Emma Sibree and Rosemary Southon.

3. This was a **Strategy** meeting and a paper from Hugh had been previously circulated to members.

There was one item of business, which was to consider the proposal, "That we establish a restricted fund to be used to support those in urgent financial need from the church and local community."

Hugh reported that £1,000 had been donated and suggested that the P.C.C. match this sum.

This was discussed and it was agreed this fund could be called St Mary's Community Support Fund, and will be a restricted fund in St. Mary's Accounts.

The congregation will be made aware of this fund, and further donations will be welcome. Hugh will record any transactions and report them annually to the P.C.C.

The P.C.C. were unanimous in their approval of this fund, and agreed that Barney Mayhew would help Hugh to administer this fund.

Barney commented that help and support would follow any gift of money.

4. **Music and Worship**

Jeffrey Gray very kindly attended this meeting and the paper distributed for our P.C.C. meeting on the 21st May was discussed. (Jeffrey was prevented from attending on 21st May due to traffic)

Jeffrey reported that he acknowledged that different music was required for different age groups. We should enhance our capacity to do things well. He was attending our primary school, singing with the children and he hoped that a small group of children would be singing at the Family Service in September, and on a regular basis from then.

Suggestions arising from our discussions were:-

- a) Hold a music audit in the congregation, to find hidden talent.
- b) Hold a Community Concert annually
- c) Practice a little known hymn with congregation before service
- d) Use Taize style chant occasionally
- e) Ask members of the congregation for a Testament on music
- f) The problem of commitment was recognized.

Thanks were given to Jeffrey for being so generous with his time. We will review this topic in 6 – 8 months time.

5. **Welcoming people into the church community**

There was no time for discussion on this subject.