

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

MINUTES of St. Mary's P.C.C. meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2014, 7.30.p.m. in the Children's Chapel, St. Mary's.

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

1. **Prayers**

Rev. Hugh Nelson opened the meeting with prayer.

2. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies, a full house.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 24.7.14.**

These Minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Matters Arising**

Village Calendar

Angela reported that a village calendar would not now be printed for next year.

5. **Fabric and Finance**

a) Accounts

Anthony distributed a Statement of Expenditure against Budget sheet, with notes, which he went through with us.

b) Parish Share

Richard gave a brief outline as to how the Parish Share is reached for each parish.

It was agreed that the Treasurer would write a brief resume of St. Mary's financial position, which is to be submitted to the Deanery Treasurer by 26th September. Hugh and James will be given a copy.

The principle that we should be supportive of other Parishes who have difficulty in meeting their quota, was agreed, providing an enhanced share for Goudhurst is not the base for negotiations in future years. Barney commented that we should perhaps look for other ways in helping these parishes, not only financially.

Proposed Giving 2014 – It was agreed that £96,000 is the estimated total of receipts for the year. The PCC Charitable Giving Sub-Committee has proposed that the PCC give to 12 charities this year in equal amounts, and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the giving would be 10% of receipts this year. Thus, giving will be £9,600 for the year (excluding the Sri Lanka Link) and so each charity will receive £800.00.

c) Broadband aerials faculty update.

Hugh reported that there had been an element of misunderstanding regarding the applying for a Faculty for this work, but that a Faculty for 8 items of equipment had now been applied for, and we await the result.

d) Kitchen and Storeroom

Angela reported that the shelving in the storeroom was to be redesigned, one reason being to enable the drum kit to be kept there. The cost would be £312.

A dishwasher was now needed for the kitchen, due to its greater use. A machine with a 2-minute cycle would cost £1191. Plus VAT, and this was accepted by the P.C.C.

e) Heating update

Tim reported that the wiring to the blowers had been repaired and on 13th October the radiators are to be serviced and the blower by the altar checked. This work should enable the church to be warm enough for the coming winter.

f) Administration

In Hugh's report he states that as St. Mary's has grown, we are now in need of someone with more time as Church Administrator. Rosemary is happy to retire after a suitable handover. Hugh proposed that he draft a job description for the P.C.C. to approve at the next meeting, and then he would hope to have someone in the post by the New Year. The P.C.C. agreed to this proposal. Ideally a new Parish Administrator would be someone with a knowledge of St. Mary's.

g) Baptismal Record

Anthony is in possession of this record, and he questioned where it should be displayed in church. The Church Wardens will arrange with the carpenter, who is visiting to re-arrange the storeroom, to design and construct a suitable stand for this box. The Church Wardens and Hugh will then decide where best to display it.

6. Mission and Outreach

Hugh had previously sent a Vicar's Report and an Update on Priorities for 2014/15 to members.

a) Alpha, Parish Hall

Hugh reported that planning is well underway. It has been suggested that we knock on every door in the village, with an invitation to Alpha, with perhaps a card listing all Christmas arrangements.

b) Park Run

Kev had hoped that this would have been started at the beginning of October, but we are still waiting for a letter from the Diocese, giving their agreement for us to use the top Glebe field. The necessary money is in place and it was suggested that Kev contact Archdeacon Stephen, to try and progress this matter.

7. Service to the Community

a) School report

there was no report, but Hugh commented that Jeffrey Gray had started his weekly sessions at the school with a small choir.

8. Teaching and Worship

a) 3rd Sundays – please see Hugh's report,

b) Forthcoming events

Barn Dance 4.9.14.

Angela reported that there were a few tickets left. Nos. would be 120 plus helpers, making 150.

22nd November 10.00.a.m. – 2.00.p.m. – Kerry Thorpe leading a meeting to discuss plans for the future. Hugh urged us all to attend if possible.

Nativity Service – Hugh suggested holding 2 nativity services instead of one because of the great number of people wishing to attend. Members were divided in their opinions, Barney commented that we need a risk assessment, and it was suggested that we should stick to one, with perhaps something aimed at the very young in the morning. Hugh will discuss this matter further with the churchwardens.

c) Sunday Club update – please see Hugh's report.

9. **Any Other Business**

Quiz

Anthony reported that this event raised £2,500 and gave thanks to Richard for his organization of it.

Hugh reported that Sunday 12th October was Finance Sunday and he would be giving an appropriate sermon.

Anthony informed us that, due to the extra equipment we now have in St. Mary's, we need 6 licenses from the Christian Copyright Licensing International, at a cost of £700 per annum. This would include Kilndown.

Simon commented that the church choir still needs more members and asked if Jeffrey Gray could perhaps attend our meeting in November.

10 **Future Dates 2014**

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

23rd October (strategy)

27th November

Saturday 22nd November, 10.00.a.m. – 2.00.p.m. Kerry Thorpe