

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STALYBRIDGE**  
**Deanery of Ashton-under-Lyne, Diocese of Manchester**  
**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Present**

Brierley Philip Revd	Smith Alan
Catlow Joan	Smith Margaret (Secretary)
Davies Julia	Stubbs Ian Revd (Chairman)
Hayward Rose	Vidler Janet (Warden)
Hurst Valma	Ollerenshaw Jean
Nield Nancy (Warden)	Walker Elanor

**1. Opening Prayers**

Prayers led by Ian Stubbs.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Anderson Christopher, Broadbent Doreen Revd (Assoc), Jackson Simon, Lees Scott, Reynolds Brian, Stewart Juliana, Stewart Keith Revd, Vernon George (Vice Chair)

**3. Minutes of the last meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2010**

These were accepted and signed as a true account of the proceedings of that meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

**a) Diary dates**

**February**

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday 8.00pm Imposition of Ashes & Communion
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.45pm Lent Group
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am Lent Group

**March**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.45pm Lent Group
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.15am Lent Group
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.15p.m. Woman's World Day of Prayer at Methodist Church S/B
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Tea – Fair Trade & possible sale of Candles
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sale of Fair Trade products after the 10.45am Service
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm Lent Group
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am Lent Group
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.45pm Lent Group
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am Lent Group 8.00pm PCC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.45pm Lent Group
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am Lent Group
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Week 3.00pm Ecumenical Service – venue to be confirmed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Paschal Meal
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Cont. 4. Matters Arising. a) Diary dates**

**April - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday**

8.00pm Sung Communion of the Last Supper followed by Vigil

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday**

10.45am The Service of the Cross

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Time T.B.C. Vigil at St. John's Hurst & at Manchester Cathedral**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**

6.00am Dawn Service top of Ridge Hill at Arlies field – to be confirmed

**ACTION - VICAR**

8.30am Eucharist with Hymns

10.45am A Service for Easter Day could be followed with a shared lunch depending on the response.

**ACTION – MARGARET TO PUT IN PEW SHEET**

**WARDENS TO ORGANISE NAMES & ITEMS OF FOOD**

6.00pm Holy Communion B.C.P.

**May - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am to 2.00pm Spring Fair & Plants**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation at St. Michael's A-u-Lyne.**

**June -Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30p.m. Confirmation with Bishop Mark**

**b) Funding applications** – A meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March on applying for repair grants from English Heritage. Two positions have been booked. Nancy & Ian said they would like to attend.

**ACTION – NANCY & VICAR**

**c) Spring Fair** – A planning meeting was arranged for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm the Vicar to Chair the meeting.

**d) Telecommunications Equipment** – no report from them. Alan asked If they are going ahead could some one enquire if they will be laying a new electric cable to Church as we don't want them digging up a new laid path.

**ACTION – VICAR OR BRIAN**

**e) Garden of Remembrance Casket** – Vicars visit to Wiltshire is expected soon. We now have an auger to take out a core of earth so interment of ashes can go ahead.

**ACTION – VICAR**

**f) The Annual Portable Appliance Testing** – this has taken place and with us clearing out quite a few old electrical items it has lowered the expected cost.

**g) Arrangements for 2010 APCM** - the APCM will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00pm Copies of the report for 2009 and minutes of 2009 meeting was circulated for all to read and bring any amendments to next PCC for approval.

Retiring members are: Pam & Graham Clifford, Julia Davies, George Vernon also Andrew Morris as he is unable to attend the meetings this makes five retiring members. We can have five new members this year. All new members must be on the Electoral Roll.

Wardens: Janet Vidler having served 1 of her permitted 2 terms of 2 years in office will re-stand for her second term.

Nancy Nield will remain in office till next year when she will have served 2 of her permitted 2 terms of 2 years in office will retire.

The Secretary requested all year end Reports from Groups etc. to be in ASAP please.

## **Cont) Arrangements for 2010 APCM -**

The APCM will be a short meeting and end informally with Cheese & Wine as last year.

All Electoral Roll applications to be completed and returned to Julia Davies by March 16th.

**h) Room Rents** – these rates have not been increased since 1996.

**Proposed to increase:** one off parties etc. using the Lounge, Kitchen Toilets & Crèche from £15 to £25 per session.

The upstairs room from £30 to £50 per session as they also use the downstairs facilities.

### **ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **The following will continue**

If Bouncy castles etc. are used a Electricity surcharge will be made.

When The Guild was meeting they paid a donation to church funds as do the Uniformed organisations.

Thursday morning Tots pay a third of their income in rent.

#### **To be addressed:**

Friday night youth arrangement was to pay a third of their income in rent but now that it is a Church organisation perhaps their contribution should be a donation rather than a formal rent.

### **TO BE FINALISED - ACTION WARDENS**

The Dancing Class which meet Monday & Saturday pay annually.

As we don't know how much they pay enquiries will be made with John Ollerenshaw.

### **ACTION - WARDENS**

All booking & payments are made with John Ollerenshaw.

The Chair enquired whether John wishes to carry on with this duty.

### **ACTION – JEAN OLLERENSHAW WILL ASK JOHN**

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **a) Health & Safety Policy**

**6. Deanery Synod Report** – Alan Smith had circulated written copies. He highlighted the guest speaker Susie Mapledoram, Diocesan Youth Officer, who described her work with enthusiasm and suggested possible actions to involve Youth in our Parish activities, finally reminding of the Re:lent evening on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at St. Peter's at 6pm.

Anyone considering projects involving youth groups and needing advice can contact her on 0161 828 1435.

### **ACTION – VICAR TO SEE IF FRIDAYS GROUP AND OTHERS WOULD BE INTERESTED TO ATTEND THE RE:LENT AS A GROUP FROM THIS CHURCH**

He also reminded us of the Archdeacons Visitation 7.30pm 12th May at St. Michael's, A-u-Lyne

**7. Treasurer's Report** – the Treasurer is unable to continue due to the pressures of work and family life. We need to appoint a person to prepare all necessary papers for the Accountant and for the Annual Report to send to the Diocese.

**b) Current Accounts** – Were circulated

		<b>Commitments</b>			
Current Account	100.00	Cheques	6,647.26		
Reserve Account	15,216.48				
Building Account	<u>8,750.62</u>	Organ Fund	1,359	}	
	<b>24,067.10</b>	Restoration/Paving Fund	8,477		restricted Funds I.E. cannot be spent for any other purpose
		Youth Group	149		
		Graveyard/Garden of R	843		
		Youth Leader	3,730		
		Owed to Charity	<u>650</u>		
			<b>21,857</b>		
		<b>Payments due</b>			
		<b>Essential Electrical rep.</b>	<u>500</u>		
			<b>500</b>		

**Current financial position**

Bank	£24,067
Commitments	-£21,857
	<u>-£500</u>
	<b>£1,710</b>

£1,710 can be carried forward or paid to diocese or some of both.

**c) Quota Payment for 2010** - £25,344 ( £2,112 per month to pay).

**Proposed to send £1500 to the Diocese**

**All in favour**

**d) Fair Trade** – Rose Hayward informed us that we receive 10% of all Fair Trade sales.

**e) The Haiti appeal** - raised £500 following the previous £500 sent to UNICEF.

**8. a) Eucharist in Ordinary Time**

February 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Questionnaires went out –

February 14<sup>th</sup> A Church discussion was held at which people expressed their concerns for noise in Church both before and during the services.

**I) Noisy children:**

**Responses:** as a Family Church we expect Children in the services and most parents know when to take their child into the lounge etc.

It was stated that any new people or visitors with children should be politely informed of our facilities for the restless young child.

That the children are our next generation and should be encouraged to come into church not rejected.

**II) Some quiet at start of service and during the Communion:** It was said that a lot of talking goes on at the back of Church before the start of the service also during the Communion. These times are when quiet is needed for reflection and prayer.

**III) Lay Assistants offering the collection:**

No objections to them assisting it's all part of shared ministry.

**Questionnaires** -There had been a good response. The Vicar had put them together and handed the results out to PCC members. As there were a lot of points to study it was proposed to print out more copies to hand out to Church members, collect their and our thoughts and discuss at a future PCC meeting. The new draft will be ready for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## **9. Maintenance and Planning**

### **a) Fund Raising & Social Plans 2010**

I) The Craft group have been knitting Easter Chicks to insert small eggs and to sell at £1 each for the Roof funding. Elanor has also made a chart of Squares to sell at £2 per square for the roof which will go on the notice board the first Sunday of March.

II) Our thanks are extended to Philip Noonan who is painting the walls in the toilets.

III) It must be remembered that all groups must be informed of any work (especially painting) that is being carried out, which might interfere with the supervision of Children.

**ACTION - LIAISON BETWEEN FABRIC GROUP WARDENS & USER GROUPS  
IN ALL THESE MATTERS & ALWAYS TO PUT NOTICES UP ADVISING OF  
THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT**

**b) Garden of Remembrance – see 4e**

**c) Church Lighting / Roof Insulation –** Faculty has now come through for the Church lighting so we can start work as soon as we have the lights and wiring etc.

**d) Entrance path –** still waiting for Faculty also see 4d.

**e) Heating -** nothing to report

## **10. Correspondence –**

### **a) Street Pastors and Appeal from Holy Trinity S/B**

Requesting help personally or financially to provide Stalybridge with Street Pastors who will offer guidance and assistance to individuals with problems. It costs £250 to train one person.

Also they are asking for financial help with a project in Romania – pro-life and a house they are providing there.

The PCC felt that we could not ask the congregation for contributions after just raising £1000 to send to UNICEF and the Church finances are not sparing.

The Church has not given its Annual percentage of Charity Giving for 2009.

### **ACTION – ALL PCC MEMBERS AND CHURCH MEMBERS**

**A Charities meeting was arranged for 7.00pm in the Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

This will be followed by the PCC Meeting in the lounge.

We have invited Gary Etchells to be our guest speaker at the PCC Meeting.

## **11. Any other Business (from item 5)**

### **a) Health and Safety Policy Statement**

This was reviewed and with no changes it was adopted.

## **12. Report 200 Club draw –**

**January's Winners were:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 107 Ann Winstanley; 2<sup>nd</sup> 27 Mrs Clegg; 3<sup>rd</sup> 117 Shaun Billington**

**February's draw to take place at Church on Sunday**

**The meeting closed at 9. 50 pm**

**Prayer & The Grace – Ian Stubbs.**

**Next PCC Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 8.00p.m. at Church**

## THIS MONTHS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

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| 4a) Dawn Service TBC   | - Vicar                  |
| 4a) Shared Lunch to put in pew sheet                               | - Margaret               |
| 4a) Shared Lunch to organise names and items of food               | - Wardens                |
| 4b) Funding English Heritage applications meeting                  | - Nancy & Vicar          |
| 4d) possibility of laying a new electric cable                     | - Vicar or Brian         |
| 4e) Garden of Remembrance Casket                                   | - Vicar                  |
| 4h) Friday night youth donation/rent                               | - Wardens                |
| 4h) Dancing Class rents how much                                   | - Wardens                |
| 4h) Does John Ollerenshaw want to carry on with the rents/bookings | - Jean Ollerenshaw       |
| 6) Arrange a group to attend the Re: Lent                          | - Vicar                  |
| 9a) Liaise when work is being carried out etc.                     | - Wardens, Fabric Group. |
| 10) Charity Giving Meeting   | - PCC & Church Members   |