

PARISH CHURCH OF ST GEORGE STALYBRIDGE

Deanery of Ashton-u-Lyne, Diocese of Manchester

Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 16th March 2010

Present

Brierley Revd. P Catlow J Davies J.B. Hayward R. Nield N. Ollerenshaw J. Smith A. Smith M
Stewart J. Stewart Revd. K. Stubbs Revd. I. Vernon G. Vidler J.

1. Opening Prayers

Led by Revd. Keith Stewart

2. Apologies for absence

Anderson C, Broadbent D, Hurst V, Jackson S, Lees S, Reynolds B, Walker E.

3. Guest Speaker-Mr. Gary Etchells, Police Community Support Officer.

Gary spoke on his current work, priorities, initiatives and his liaison with the community in which our church is situated. He gave an informative and interesting insight into his role and how he and his colleagues are dealing with their very onerous commitments. He advised on crime figures which are relatively low at this time and quite serious public disorder by young persons in Stalybridge town centre- along with the measures taken to combat same. Initiatives on cold-calling, use of personal cctv (code named " Dalek !") police surgeries in Stalybridge Library and involvement with the introduction soon of a new youth centre at Copley, were described. After answering several questions, Gary left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.

4. Minutes of meeting held 16th. February 2010

These were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate account of that meeting.

5. Matters arising

a) Diary dates

March

Monday 22nd. 7.45pm. Lent group

Tuesday 23rd. 11.15 am. Lent group

Sunday 28th. Holy Week

Cont. 5.Matters arising

a)Diary dates..

Ecumenical Service now cancelled-replaced by Senior Citizens Service at 3pm.(hot-X buns please from PCC members)

Monday 29th. Passover-Meal

Tuesday 30th. 10.30am. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 31st. 8pm. Stations of the Cross

April

Thursday 1st. Maundy Thursday-8pm Sung Communion followed by vigil

Friday 2nd. Good Friday- 10.45am The Service of the Cross

Saturday 3rd. Time TBC vigil at St. John's Hurst and Manchester Cathedral

Sunday 4th. Easter Sunday-Dawn service now confirmed as 6.30am at top of ridge Hill at Arlies Field.

8.30am Eucharist with Hymns

10.45am Service for Easter Sunday could be followed by shared lunch dependant on response. ACTION- WARDENS TO ORGANISE NAMES & ITEMS OF FOOD.

6pm. Holy Communion B.C.P.

Saturday 10th. Fair Trade stall . 11am – 2pm.

May – Saturday 8th. 11am—2pm. Spring Fair & Plants

Wednesday 12th. 7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation at St. Michael's A-U-L

Saturday 15th. Quiz Night.

June Wednesday 23rd. 7.30pm. Confirmation with Bishop Mark.

5b) Funding applications- Application for two positions for our church on grant-seeking course, was unsuccessful. There may be more courses available in near future.

- Fundraising initiatives now launched. Sign for lighting and insulation (square grids) to be updated with "one of three" to indicate one sheet is only third of our requirements. **ACTION-VICAR TO HIGHLIGHT IN SERVICE THIS INITIATIVE.- Elanor to add note to sign, please.**

-Agreed some of profits from plant sales to go towards above initiative

-Information on a petition to Downing Street on reclamation of VAT applied to church repairs, is to be circulated appropriately. **ACTION by Margaret Smith.**

Cont. 5. Matters arising

5 c) Spring Fair- report on meeting of 9th. March-Lots of potential. Table allocation was a problem last year with users ignoring organizers arrangements which should not recur.

Cont. Funding applications

5d) Telecomms equipment- Nothing further to report.

5 e) Garden of Remembrance casket-The Vicar demonstrated the means by which cremated ashes will be placed discreetly into the ground contained within a bio-degradable container. There is some work to be continued by the Fabric committee in acquiring the appropriate wooden casket via which the remains will be transferred into the Garden of Remembrance.

ACTION- Alan Smith & George Vernon.

5f) Approval of Report & Minutes for APCM. Any outstanding year-end reports to be submitted to Secretary a.s.a.p.

5g) Easter Dawn Service- The timing was confirmed as 6.30am.

5h) Electric cable- Nothing further to report.

5i) Room rents and Booking Officer- It was reported that the Dancing class pays £726.50 per annum rent. Jean Ollerenshaw said John (Ollerenshaw) has indicated he is to resign the position of Booking Officer. However he will continue until someone else can take over from him. The Vicar said John had performed the duty for many years for which the church was most grateful. (Rents had been agreed at February meeting) **a) ACTION- VICAR TO ADVERTISE POST. B) ACTION-The position of rental contributions from Friday Junior Youth to be clarified by Wardens for subsequent approval of PCC.**

5 j) Re-lent- This has not been taken up.

5 k)Results of Charities meeting of 16th. March 2010 –

a) Christian School of Joy, Bethlehem (children/international)

b) Street Pastors in Stalybridge (local) c) Alzheimer Society local group (Elderly)

Amounts to be set once they can be calculated in accordance with our percentage policy.

6. Any other business

a. Eucharist in Ordinary Time

b. Electoral Roll

c. Director of Music- recruitment

d. Vicarage- water burst

7. Treasurer's Report.

Owing to resignation of Treasurer, details were not available for the meeting. Accounts are currently being handed over to Mrs. Juliana Stewart (former treasurer) who has most kindly volunteered to resume the post of Treasurer for the time being.

8. Maintenance and Planning

With regards social and fund-raising, the Vicar said a friend has offered to run a quiz night at our church. This would require our support in the region of ten teams of four. PCC agreed to accept kind offer and the Vicar will pursue arrangements (provisional date 15.5.10) --- **ACTION - VICAR**

George Vernon advised on routine maintenance issues for information only.

9. Correspondence

a) The Greater Manchester Churches Preservation Society.

Margaret Smith outlined details of a Ride and Stride event. It was suggested this be arranged along with our Fair Trade scheme as the church will be occupied then. **ACTION-MARGARET.**

10. Any Other Business

a) **Eucharist in Ordinary Time.** Questionnaire results were discussed. Three main areas of particular repetition had been 1. Words of Confession. 2. Standing during Eucharist.

3. Blessing said at end of service. Views were exchanged and the meeting agreed all matters would be considered further and decided on in due course.

b) **Electoral Roll.** A recent welcome addition to the Roll was Chris Crabtree, a regular member of our congregation .

c) **Director of Music.** The Vicar said there is a Job Description in being and this must be re-examined in line with what our church would want. Janet Vidler said she would pursue issues re rates paid. An appropriate advert can be placed once our needs are decided. The Vicar said full discussion will take place on recruitment of a replacement for Chris who has given years of committed, professional music direction at our church.**ACTION- VICAR, JANET.**

d) **Vicarage- water burst** The Vicar outlined the extensive repairs underway following a water burst in the loft space. This caused damage to ceilings, many fittings, appliances, decoration and floor coverings. The insurance company had questioned the position of occupancy and this delayed repairs being progressed at the speed we would have wished. This however was resolved and we now look forward to full repair being made speedily via the insurance company. **ACTION-THE VICAR WILL MONITOR PROGRESS.**

11. 200 Club Winners

February – 1st: 23, Paul Roberts; 2nd: 72, Joan & Brian Reynolds; 3rd: 53, Gladys Spencer.

March – 1st: 37, Edith Brayshaw; 2nd: 114, Dianne Hohmann; 3rd: 5, Nellie Allcock.

April – 1st: 32, Collette Morrow; 2nd: 70, Kath Gough; 3rd: 5, Nellie Alcock.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm with Compline – Keith Stewart

Next PCC Meeting – Tuesday 18th May 2010

THIS MONTHS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

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| 5a) Easter Sunday arrangements re dawn service; names/food. | WARDENS |
| 5b) Fundraising. Sign amendment | E. Walker |
| Draw attention to initiative during service. | VICAR |
| Petition re VAT-information to be circulated. | M.Smith |
| 5e) Garden of Remembrance- casket. | G. Vernon/A.Smith |
| 5i) Room rents – filling of Booking Officer post | VICAR |
| Junior youth club matters | WARDENS |
| 8) Quiz Night. To be arranged | VICAR |
| 9a) G.M.C.P.Society- information to be circulated. | M.Smith |
| 10.c.) Director of Music. Recruitment/fees etc. | VICAR/J.VIDLER |
| 10.d) Vicarage water burst-To monitor work progress | VICAR |