

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE STALYBRIDGE

Deanery of A-U-L, Diocese of Manchester

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on

Tuesday 18th. May 2010

Present

Revd. I. Stubbs (Chairman)—Revd. K. Stewart-J. Catlow-J. B. Davies-V. Hurst-S. Lees-J. McManus-N. Nield-J. Ollerenshaw-B. Reynolds-M. Shaw-A. Smith-M. Smith-J. Stewart-E. Walker-K. Wright-G. Vernon

1. Opening Prayers- Led by Revd. Stubbs.

2. Welcome to new members.-The vicar welcomed new members elected at the APCM, adding his thanks to all past and present members for their excellent contribution to St. Georges.

3. Apologies for absence

Revd. D. Broadbent—Revd. P. Brierley—V. Fallows—R. Hayward—S. Jackson—J. Vidler

4. Minutes of last meeting of 16th. March 2010.

After examination, the minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Vicar. Thanks were extended to George Vernon for taking the minutes.

5. Election of PCC: Secretary; Treasurer; Vice Chair; Standing Committee.

Secretary-Margaret Smith--Nominated by J. Ollerenshaw Seconded by N. Nield. **AGREED**

Treasurer-Juliana Stewart--Nominated by J. McManus seconded by N. Nield. **AGREED**

Vice-Chair-Jean McManus-Nominated by J. Catlow Seconded by S. Lees. **AGREED**

Standing Committee-Two PCC members required. Scott Lees-nominated by J. Ollerenshaw Seconded by J. Davies. Elanor Walker-nominated by J. Stewart seconded by K. Wright. **AGREED**

6. Co-option of J. Davies and G. Vernon

The meeting agreed that J. Davies and G. Vernon be co-opted onto the PCC.

7. Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting on 16th. March 2010

a)-Diary Dates

June 23rd. 7.30pm. Confirmation with Bishop Mark

July 10th—Willowood Singers concert at Church (proceeds to W.W. and St. Georges)

September 11th. Church Open Day and fair-trade coffee morning.

26th. Harvest festival

November 27th. Christmas Fair and Grotto.

7.b) Funding applications.

The Vicar said a further application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to be commenced very soon, deadline 30 September. The lighting fund is progressing reasonably well. A request was made of the Treasurer to show adjacent to the graph, the total amount raised so far so that all could more easily see where we are to-date. This could be included in the magazine & pew sheet from time to time.

ACTION TREASURER.

7.c) Spring Fair-report

Members felt there was a poor attendance. Plant sales had been better in the past. Comments included that it was insufficiently advertised. The Fair does better when RASH is involved and this was not the case this year. Consideration was given as to the worth of having the Fair. It was pointed out that it does make money, which would obviously not be the case if it were not held-it is just that the amount of effort put in does not get the return it deserves. Further consideration can be given in future planning of church events.

Christmas Fair- Grotto. The Vicar said action needs to be taken quickly to start-up an organising group for the Fair next Christmas. Whilst the former group had 'retired' Juliana and Jean McManus said they would advise a new group if they were asked. They did not want too much involvement but could help guide etc. Janet Vidler and Rose Hayward would be asked to be part of a new group. Mary Shaw and Karen Wright offered their involvement. The Vicar thanked all for their co-operation. The Fair is a valued and popular event and asked that the new organising group move with speed to secure the Grotto aspect in particular.(the minute-taker said he would personally advise Father Christmas of all developments !)

Action Vicar to convene first meeting

7.d) Telecommunications equipment

The Vicar & Brian Reynolds reported there had not been any further developments and consequently, would contact the company for an update.

Action—Brian Reynolds

7.e) Appointment of Organist/Choir leader

The Vicar outlined the process by which we had now engaged Samantha Hawkins (Sammi). The Staff Team and other appropriate key members in this area were all agreed on this appointment. As part of the new arrangements, The Vicar now chooses the hymns. It was hoped there would be good continuity in the post Sammi now holds. The Vicar said the pay rates (£2040) were at the lower end of the RSCM scale as Sammi has less experience, but was more than had been paid to the previous post holder (£1200 pa). The contract for the post will be circulated with these minutes.

ACTION- Vicar re contract.

7.f) Room Rents Booking Officer.

Following the resignation of John Ollerenshaw after over 20 years in the post, the Vicar advised that Norman Quest had volunteered to take on these responsibilities. It would be helpful if he could be supplied with the diary dates contained in the minutes.

ACTION..Secretary to supply detail/information to Norman.

7.g) GMCP Ride and Stride/English Heritage Open Day.

The Vicar advised that the church would be open on the 11th. September 2010 as part of the above events. Additionally, there would be a Fair-Trade stall available to visitors and volunteers were required to help.

ACTION Margaret Smith & Volunteers please

7.h) Eucharist in Ordinary Time

The Vicar led a discussion on the desired Forms of Confession. The meeting debated 7 options drawn up on a document (see Appendix) After voting, there were two options- E and F- which were easily the most desired above the others. The Vicar said that in view of the close vote, he felt both should be available for use. This was agreed by the meeting. **See Appendix.**

8. Any other business-items for item 13- Heating-Deanery Synod-Confirmation Service-Gift-aid audit.

9. Our Vision.

The Vicar led a full discussion on our early views as to where we at St. Georges see ourselves. It will be necessary to regularly come back to discuss the topic. The following areas were touched upon and will require further consideration along with other issues as they arise...Who are we? - What is nature of our church? Do we want to remain the same? What is our wider vision? This is coupled with the planned reduction in the diocese and deanery of paid clergy numbers up to 2025 due, in the main, to fewer recruits into the calling. The Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee is required to produce a plan this summer and the Vicar who will advise PCC on any developments. This will be on the agenda of the next PCC. Comments by members included the question of whether staffing levels on Archdeacons and Bishops would be considered; what staff do St. Georges want/need and how do we make a case for it?. Can we manage without paid clergy?. Possibility of sharing clergy with another parish and the fact that if we do not have an incumbent, we are still required to pay a Quota contribution. Ian said parish clergy have many community/pastoral duties and each church will have to make it's best case to secure clergy in the future. The meeting concluded it would be a massive loss if there were not to be a Vicar at St. Georges in fact it was inconceivable. The Vicar asked members to reflect further on these issues for discussion n next time and in order to make our submission to the deanery consultations.

10. Treasurers Report

Accounts were still not available from the Auditor. Consequently The Vicar will make appropriate arrangements via the Auditor to ensure the accounts are forwarded to the Diocese. **ACTION. Vicar to arrange.**

11. Maintenance and Planning

a) **Fund raising and Social plans** –The recent quiz-night at church proved very enjoyable. Another one is eagerly awaited. We need ideas of other fundraising events.

b) **Garden of Remembrance.**- All is now in place except the form of bio-degradable container for ashes. This will be acquired soon, making the Garden ready for use.

c) **Church lighting/roof insulation project-** Alan Smith said a likely light fitting had been identified and efforts are being made to acquire and fit one for a trial at church.

d) **Entrance paths at church-** Alan said the local Victorian Society and Tameside Conservation Officer have been consulted re our plans and they do not have any objections. We now wait for the Chancellor to complete the faculty then work can begin.

12. **Correspondence** - Julia Davies advised the meeting that Marian Quarmbly had applied for inclusion on the Roll. All Agreed.

13. Any Other business

a) **Heating-** The Vicar told the meeting he and Brian Reynolds were to meet a consultant to discuss alternative green forms of heating systems for the church.

b) **Deanery Synod-** Members noted a written report from Alan Smith regarding the last meeting at St. George, Mossley on the 5th of May.

c) **Confirmations 23rd. June 2010-** The Vicar said four adults and four children were candidates for the forthcoming confirmations at our church. He requested that refreshments were arranged for the occasion.

ACTION - Wardens to co-ordinate, please.

d) **Audit re gift aid** - Nancy reported that after an examination, our systems were found to be correct. Auditors examined our cash-handling procedures and we await their views on our practices. **ACTION- Nancy to update future meeting.**

14. 200 Club-

May Winners

1st number - 54 Alicia Harris; 2nd number 113 – Nicola McCleese; 3rd number 1 – Sylvia & Lewis Gudger.

15. **Date of next meeting-** 15th. June 2010. The meeting closed with Compline at 10pm.

