

Minutes of MEETING OF BARCOMBE PCC ON 18th NOVEMBER AT 7.45 PM IN THE
CONKER ROOM, ST MARY'S CHURCH

PRESENT: Dr P Frost (Vice chair), Rev'd J Hollingsworth, Mrs H Shephard, Mr A Lamont, Mr G Tomsett, Mr N Hill, Mr E Cottingham, Mr O Petersen, Mrs G Warren, ,

1. Opening Prayer: 278 I will sing the wondrous, Luke 15.1-10, 857 I will wait
2. Apologies: received from: Mr A Smith (Treasurer), Mrs C Culme-Seymour, Mrs C Mitchell, Mr M Richards, Mrs A Fry (Secretary), Mr A Cannings, Mr I Pounce.
 - a. Mr R Anscombe has resigned from the PCC. He offers his best wishes and prayers to the Church and PCC.
3. Minutes of 160910, Mins of 120910. Agreed.
4. Matter arising
 - a. Cup Bearers: On 28th November all the trained Chalice assistants will be invited to declare their commitment to this ministry and to be blessed. Also Mrs Di East and Mr John Simpson have agreed to be put forward as chalice assistants if the PCC so agree. Rector proposed. PCC agreed.
 - b. Tree work will happen. He will be in contact with Mrs Shephard.
 - c. Mr Hole, re his tending of the Church field, has been put down for an inspection in May 2011. Mr Hole has offered the PCC a further £20 per year in rent from 2011. Strutt and Parker had billed the PCC for their work in this but offered to cancel their bill after Mr Lamont complained.
 - d. Theft in other Churches: Olaf Petersen drafted some words to be published in the magazine encouraging dog walkers etc to keep an open eye on St Mary's.
 - e. Nothing to report on Electricity bill for St Francis, slow progress. Nor on the toilet for St Francis (Mums and Toddlers).
5. Building Committee report
 - a. Health and Safety: Olaf reminded the PCC that we each have a duty to keep a safe environment for all. Eg if you see frayed or damaged wire, anything unsafe, please tell a Churchwarden. When a ladder is used, a second person should be present. Should an accident occur it should be entered in the accident book (in the vestry) which should be done with a Churchwarden or the Rector. In the event of calling emergency services the address and postcode is shown in the porch. (BN8 5TS). This applies equally to St Francis (postcode: BN8 5DN)
 - b. John Simpson is no longer Health and Safety Advisor. If you know of anyone who would like to take that role on. This is an annual check and keeping a weather eye.
 - c. 23rd September Building Committee met.
 - i. Alan Cannings is to provide a cover for the exposed pipe work adjacent to the tank.
 - ii. Container Unit – the warning signs are in place.
 - iii. Lime trees – quote has been accepted and work should start in December.
 - iv. Contents – additional items have been marked with smart water.
 - v. Electricity consumption in St Mary's is being monitored, particularly the domestic storage heater in the tower.
 - vi. Grundy oil boiler broke down but is sorted. Kyle Harnden is going to give us a price for servicing our boilers.
 - vii. Oil storage tank: It's not easy to apply a lock to this. Olaf asked the Insurers who say there's no specific requirement for locking. So it will remain unlocked.
 - viii. Hairline crack in the toilet. Andy Steadman is to look into this.
 - ix. Michael Olliff-Lee has removed flies from the Bell Tower. This is an operation that should be done every two years.

- d. Peter Frost thanked the Building Committee and asked if sub committees could submit summary minutes to the PCC before hand so that we only need discuss issues beyond the budget of that sub committee.
6. Finance Committee report
 - a. Met last Wednesday. Andrew Lamont handed out some minutes. This year we hope for £1400 excess of income over expenditure, next year £1520 deficit.
 - b. Parish Contribution. The deanery have asked for 3% rise to £54120. Andrew Lamont proposed we pay £54120. Seconded by Peter Frost. Unanimous.
 - c. Mission Giving: the new formula (10% of) is to include all income other than 'donations' (Planned giving, collections, tax refund, grants, legacies, fund raising, dividends and interest, Church Hall lettings, parish magazine, PCC fees, Sundry). Peter Frost proposed this, Heather Shephard seconded. Unanimous.
 - d. Andrew Lamont proposed that Eb Cottingham be reimbursed for his petrol re lettings of St Francis and the Conker Room. A tank of petrol per month so long as he manages the lettings. Peter Frost seconded this. Unanimous.
 - e. Maisey (and Jack) Sellens have left St Mary's Church £3000 in their will. It has no restrictions. It would be good to mark this gift somehow.
 - f. It would be good for us to work out our priorities and then to work out the budget around that.
 - g. The Rector proposed charging £20 at weddings and funerals where an additional technical person needs to be called in for Sound and/ or Screens. Mr Petersen seconded. Unanimous.
 - h. Mr Cottingham reported how Wednesday evening is now free to hire in St Francis.
 7. Mission Committee report
 - a. Would like to use the excess of their budget to Haiti. And to support Myrtle (Bevern View worker) who works in Peru with disabled children.
 - b. Christingle Charity is to be Toybox for 2010. The children have been given benecol bottles to fill with change.
 - c. The Cttee would like to involve people to engage more in our charities.
 - d. Chloe Tiffin would like to work for ToyBox for a month in August 2011. She wonders if we might be able to contribute to her plan. The Cttee would like to help.
 8. Youth Work report
 - a. All's well.
 9. Deanery Synod Report
 - a. St Mary's hosted the Deanery Synod. Stipends have been frozen. Could Barcombe pay £10 each for our two reps. The Deanery Synod on the whole is not happy with the Categorisation of Churches (1-4). St Mary's is 2. Rev Will Pratt showed a short nativity film from www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk
 10. Items from members
 - a. None.
 11. Correspondence
 - a. Bishop Wallace will be doing one last Lent Course on Tuesdays in Uckfield 8-9.15pm March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12.
 - b. Lorica St Patrick's have written to thank the Church for the Harvest Foods. The PCC would like to thank Amps & Sue Cross for delivering it.
 - c. Mike & Caz Austin have offered the Church the pub bench that they were given in memory of Barbara Ridley who worked at The Royal Oak. Graham Tomsett proposed that we receive it. Eb Cottingham seconded. Unanimous. Mr Lamont will take the next step.
 - d. Women Bishops. The Rector handed out a working paper on this subject. The PCC are asked to vote on this at 17th January 2011.
 - e. 2011 will be 400 years since the King James Bible was translated.

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PCC Consideration of the Vision and Mission for the Next Five Years

Peter Frost asked the PCC to agree to this style of PCC meetings (having an hour of business then an hour of Vision and Mission discussion). Agreed.

Social Group: the PCC felt that this would be a useful group. The Church will be asked if anyone would like to take this further.

Sharing Our Faith

Peter Frost set us two questions (i) What would help me to be more effective in sharing my faith? (ii) What do I think would help the Church to share the gospel. After some quiet thought each person shared one answer to each question. Here's a summary:

(1) Seminar / training, pray ahead for openings, be strong, need to be boosted and challenged, how to take my faith out of church, confidence, good teaching, tools to use, enabling involvement, courage to speak, be naturally spiritual and spiritually natural, develop relationships, being, how to reach the community.

(2) Share answers to prayer, peak service – take opportunity to share the gospel, key services, recognising reliance on releasing the Holy Spirit, outward-looking, recognise skills and strengths, make disciples, Alpha, nurture groups.

Closing Prayer

DATE OF NEXT MEETING JANUARY 17TH 2011