

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in Church Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 7.30 pm

The meeting was opened with a reading from Jeremiah 29 and an Epiphany prayer.

Present:

Revd Richard Reade (Chair), Bob Ball, Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, Mary Eatherden, Pauline Goult (Secretary), June Greatorex, John Rigarlsford, Valerie Rigarlsford, Hazel Slack, Jean Turner

14/1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Russell Lane and Chris Windle and also from the secretary for omitting to forward the meeting agenda to the Methodist representative.

14/1.2 SABBATICAL

Revd Reade thanked church wardens June and Russell, their deputy Hazel Slack, Valerie Rigarlsford as Lay chair and everyone who had contributed towards the smooth running of the church during his sabbatical.

14/1.3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2013 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

14/1.4 MATTERS ARISING

13/3.4 Appointment of Officers

- ≡ **Village Hall Representative** - Marion Ball had expressed her willingness to be the Holy Trinity's Village Hall Representative. This was proposed by June Greatorex, seconded by Pat Brewster and unanimously agreed. Revd Reade expressed his thanks to Mrs Ball for taking on this role.

14/1.5 CORRESPONDENCE

- ≡ **Ashes Burial Ground** - a letter had been received from a parishioner with regard to stone damage to a memorial in the Ashes Burial ground. This was being investigated with the undertakers and could be a matter of quality. June Greatorex to keep the parishioner informed on what is happening. Another parishioner had said she was shocked at the state of this area.
- ≡ A circular letter for Epiphany 2014 highlighting six priorities had been received from Bishop Alastair. A letter of support to be sent, proposed by John Rigarlsford.

14/1.6 QUINQUENNIAL REPAIRS, ETC

- ≡ **Removal of Pews from the Organ Loft** - Revd Reade confirmed that the faculty had now been received and work to clear the area could go ahead.
- ≡ **Quinquennial Repairs** - Dave Toplis had confirmed that he would go ahead next week with the work to the toilet roof, or internal work if the weather was inclement. The Quinquennial faculty ran out in July but it could be extended. [Extension subsequently received]
- ≡ **Tower Clock Faculty** - forms had now been received to set the installation of automatic winding in motion. The secretary sent an email to Smiths of Derby thanking them for their interest but informing them the contract had been placed elsewhere.

13/1.7 FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

The Treasurer went through the Holy Trinity year end accounts as at 31 December 2013. The FOTC balance as at 31 December 2013 is recorded at £4,222.37. Acceptance of the Holy Trinity accounts was proposed by Hazel Slack, seconded by Mary Eatherden and unanimously agreed.

- ≡ Revd Reade informed the PCC that the Parish Share for 2014 will increase by £301 to £13,339. Acceptance was proposed by June Greatorex, seconded by Bob Ball and unanimously agreed.

14/1.8 MISSION ACTION PLAN

Revd Reade advised about the process of drawing up Mission Action Plan 2, i.e. planning the next stage including Messy Church, Family Services and Baptisms.

- ≡ It was suggested that parishioners be invited to a consultation meeting on 'The Church in the Community - Ideas'. It was put forward that this meeting could be held in The Gate at 7.00 pm on Monday 24 March but James Neville would have to be consulted whether this was acceptable.

14/1.9 ECUMENICAL

- ≡ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2014** - the service for Christian Unity is to be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 January at Holy Trinity. Richard thanked Mary Eatherden, Valerie Rigarlsford and Pat Brewster for putting together the service, which has a Canadian theme, and also Denys Gaskell for printing the programme.
- ≡ **Ash Wednesday Service** - to be held on 5 March at 7.30 pm.
- ≡ **One hour of prayer** - to be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday 22 March 2014.
- ≡ **Harvest Festival** - Revd Reade to look into holding the Harvest Festival at Neville's farm on 28 September 2014.
- ≡ **Holy Trinity Church Open Day and "Ride and Stride"** - went well.
- ≡ **'Messy Church'** - the first session attracted 28 children and the second session in December attracted 16. The Deanery Synod gave £100 as promised.
- ≡ **United Holy Trinity Harvest Service** - went well.
- ≡ **Holy Trinity Gift Day** - raised £836.97.
- ≡ **Christmas Tree Festival** - this event raised £220.17 for church funds and it was agreed it had a lovely feel in the period leading up to Christmas. It was suggested that the next Festival could be enhanced with a CD of Christmas carols telling the Christmas story.
- ≡ **Flower Festival and Christmas Tree Festival Banners** - Revd Reade thanked Mrs Jean Turner for her kind offer to pay for the advertising banners to be placed outside on the church railings for these events.
- ≡ **Lent Course** - already organised.
- ≡ **WW1 Commemoration** - to be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

14/1.10 EVENTS

- ≡ **Pancake and Coffee Morning** - to be held on Shrove Tuesday 4 March from 10.00am to 12 noon at Marion and Bob Ball's home on Alders Lane.
- ≡ **All Day Breakfast** - Revd Reade thanked Teanie and Richard Dornan for their generosity over the years in holding the All Day Breakfast at their home and raising a great deal of money for church funds. The amount raised this year at their very last All Day Breakfast was £1,200.

14/1.11 HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Ecclesiastical Insurance** - after providing a long list of items that should be done, the insurance renewal cost £957.78. However the insurance company representative has informed the church that they expect the premium to increase by 60% to £1,634 over the next three years. A review has been requested by the PCC as it is agreed this is an excessive increase.
- ≡ **Asbestos Survey** - Chris Windle dealing with this.
- ≡ **Lightning Protection** - next test due March 2016. W E Harrison recommended as a minimum that additional earthing be installed to reduce the earth resistance, but also that serious consideration be given to upgrading the Tower to the current EIO/English Heritage standard.

14/1.12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ≡ **Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)** - a letter from Denys Gaskell was circulated to the PCC. The PCC agreed that this should be taken on board and that everything possible should be done to maximise collections and donations.

- ≡ **Disabled Access** - Valerie Rigarlsford raised the issue of disabled access and outside lighting for the pathway. The PCC agreed that these items should go on the agenda for the March PCC meeting.

The next PCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.00pm.

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