

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Thursday, 10th November, 2011.

The meeting, held on the eve of the Feast Day of St Martin, Bishop of Tours, was preceded by a reading from Matthew 25 and appropriate prayers.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Revd David Battison (Curate), Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford, Jean Turner, Chris Windle, Bob Ball (Secretary). The meeting welcomed Revd Adrian Smith as Ecumenical Observer.

1. **Apologies:** All present.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Thursday, 15th September, 2011 were **APPROVED**.

3. **Matters arising:**

a) Miles Gregory will soon provide a design and quotation for cupboards at the West end of church. No quotation has as yet been received from Mr Hazle.

b) The new service sheet for Morning Prayer on the first Sunday in the month has been generally well-received.

c) Information about alternative sources of new lightweight, portable tables has been obtained by the Churchwardens and Richard. They are to liaise with each other and present proposals to a meeting of the Standing Committee. **[Subsequent to the PCC meeting a date was arranged for this meeting to take place on Wednesday, 30th November at 7.30pm]** Arising out of the discussion reference was made to a heavy slate chalkboard stored in the boiler room and presumed to be from the old village school (now the Village Hall). The Churchwardens are to check the condition of the board. It was thought that, if in reasonable condition, the board might be offered to the Village Hall for suitably displaying in the Hall.

d) Charitable Giving is to be reviewed at the January, 2012, meeting of the PCC.

e) The PCC **AGREED** to purchase the licence from PPL (a not-for-profit company representing artists and recording companies) and a Performing Rights Licence (PRL) at a cost of £27.02. This will cover the PCC for the playing of any recorded music in church (other than at weddings, funerals and worship services) until May 2012. It is renewable on an annual basis.

f) Some concern was expressed that an annual clock-maintenance agreement was not to be made with Smith of Derby. After explaining the reasoning behind the decision the PCC **CONFIRMED** that the original decision should stand.

g) The District Council's 'Cemetery Regulations' are to be discussed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee. The PCC agreed that work on the wall in the new cemetery to be done on behalf of the Parish Council could, if necessary, be carried out on Sundays.

h) The Christmas Tree Festival is to go ahead as planned, including the Cromford Community Band concert. To avoid any possible clash of dates and days with the Tansley Ladies Group Carol Evening in the future, the band has been provisionally booked to perform on a different day if a Christmas Tree Festival is held again in 2012.

4. **Correspondence:**

a) A letter from Bishop Alastair offering thanks for the co-operation between churches during the arrangements for appointing Revd David Battison to the Curacy with All Saints and Holy Trinity, was circulated round the members. It was noted that the Bishop will sustain his support and encouragement of the greater potential for progress made possible by the arrangement.

b) Richard read out in full a letter from Denys Gaskell which asked the PCC to consider deferring the proposed piecemeal improvement to the West end of the church until it can be considered in the wider context of what other future developments might be possible as part of our Mission Action Plan (MAP). It also called for a wider consultation process to establish what parishioners would like to see happen to and in the church over, say, the next five years.

The PCC felt that the West end development was not piecemeal but a step-change similar to the installation of the new sound system, the lighting, etc. which were in line with MAP proposals. The West end development was not envisaged as a major change but rather a tidying-up process and would not prejudice any subsequent changes. The PCC did **AGREE** to organise wider consultation outside the PCC and immediate congregation, including Friends of Tansley Church, for example. The consultation might be preceded by or include a form of questionnaire. A provisional date of Saturday, 10th March 2012 was set for a meeting to allow expression and discussion of views. The Secretary was asked to reply to Denys's letter accordingly.

c) A circular letter had been received from the Diocesan Missionary Officer advising on two campaigns that were scheduled for 2012. One scheme entitled 'The Big Lunch' was to encourage local churches ecumenically to become involved with their communities some form of lunch to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday, 3rd June. The second scheme entitled 'More than Gold' was designed to consider ways in which local communities might become involved in some way with events surrounding the Olympic Games. It was considered that there ought perhaps to be liaison with the Parish Council and the School if they were to be whole community events.

Val Rigarlsford agreed to be the "campaign contact" for the dissemination of progress reports.

5. Financial matters: The Treasurer presented the accounts to date [**Copy attached**] and they were duly **APPROVED**. There was now a deficit in the current year of £3968 which was a cause for concern and called for restraint in decisions which involved financial expenditure.

Church fees for 2012 are to be considered by the Standing Committee with a recommendation that local fees be held at 2011 levels.

6. Quinquennial report: Estimates had been received for carrying out all the work recommended by the architect to a total of £3476.00. Decisions as to which work should be carried out were **REFERRED TO** the Standing Committee with a direction to give priority to work that stopped the ingress of water and rectified the damage already done. The PCC also **AGREED** that in the interim any necessary Faculty Forms should be obtained from the Diocesan Advisory Council.

7. Mission Action Plan: Revd David Battison reported that he is already talking to the schools in the parish with a view to making the churches more visible and accessible to young people. A sort of Christmas Fayre with a difference has been arranged to take place in All Saints' church hall on 11th December, 2011. Dave has also agreed to be a second representative on Tansley Village Hall Committee.

8. Ecumenical matters: Richard announced future arrangements agreed by the Inter-Church Committee [**Full details on Minutes attached to internal Notice Board**]. In particular it was noted that Holy Trinity was to be responsible for arranging the united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 19th January, 2012. It was also hoped that there might be more representation from Holy Trinity congregation to attend the Prayer Walk at 2.30pm on Sunday, 22nd April, 2012. Revd Adrian Smith reported on the recent Methodist Council meeting and invited Holy Trinity congregation members to attend their Christmas Lunch on Sunday, 11th December.

The meeting ended with The Grace at approximately 9.20pm.