

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in Church Wednesday 14 January 2015 at 7.30 pm

The meeting opened with a reading and a prayer.

Present:

Reverend Richard Reade (Chair), Bob Ball, Pat Brewster, Kath Cummings, Mary Eatherden, Pauline Goult (Secretary), June Greatorex, Russell Lane, Hazel Slack, Chris Windle

15/1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jean Turner, Geoff Crapper, Valerie and John Rigarlsford and Sue Smith (Tansley Methodist Church).

15/1.2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

15/1.3 MATTERS ARISING

14/5.4 Chancel spotlight not fitted yet - Bob Ball to follow up.

14/6.10 Additional copies of "Complete Mission Praise" have arrived and are in use.

14/7.5 Advent/Christmas 2014 - all activities over this period proceeded as planned and were most enjoyable.

14/7.8 Joint Leaflet showing the Profile of both Tansley Churches - still needs updating by Revd Reade.

15/1.4 CORRESPONDENCE

≡ A letter had been received from Rt. Revd Dr. Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby informing the PCC that everyone was welcome at the Farewell Eucharist for Bishop Humphrey in Derby Cathedral at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17 February. It was proposed by Revd Reade that a £30 donation should be given towards the Bishop's leaving presentation. This was seconded by Pat Brewster and agreed all in favour.

≡ There has been a request from a parishioner for softer kneeling pads for communicants at the altar. It was suggested that hassocks be placed there initially and Revd Reade would obtain contact details to pass on to Mary Eatherden for a more permanent solution.

≡ Over the last few months a working group has been reviewing the approach to the Common Fund. To ensure as many people as possible have an opportunity to give their views four meetings are being held around the Diocese. At each session the proposed ideas will be presented and there will be an opportunity for discussion and feedback. The meetings are open to all and positive ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Meetings start at 6.30pm with refreshments available from 6pm:

Thursday 19 February - All Saints, Marlpool

Tuesday 24 February - St John the Baptist, Tideswell

Tuesday 3rd March - St George and St Mary, Gresley

Morning meeting:

Wednesday 25 February- St John, Tupton - 9.30am start, refreshments available from 9am

15/1.5 CHURCH ACCESS ISSUES

An email has been received from Denys Gaskell regarding the following issues:

- **Uneven state of the path from the gate towards the church** - it would need to be clarified whether a faculty was required for work to be carried out on the path. Chris Windle said he could provide some information on an anti-slip surface.
- **A request for a handhold to be placed near the church door to assist older people to step up into the porch.** Bob said he would obtain photos of some appropriate handles that would blend in with the church and Revd Reade would present these to the Acting Archdeacon to see if a faculty would be required.

15/1.6 DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

Revd Reade went through the Briefing Notes for the Wirksworth Deanery Synod meeting held at Christchurch Belper on 19 November 2014. He asked the secretary to forward a copy to all PCC members.

14/1.7 FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

- ≡ As the Treasurer was not at the meeting the Chairman went through the finances as at 31 December 2014. There was a loss from the start of the year of £5,536.50. The FOTC balance as at 31 October was £3,108.12.
- ≡ **Church Fees** - a copy of the updated Church Fees document was circulated to the PCC.
- ≡ The Secretary was asked to follow up on the application for the 2013 Christmas lights grant from the Parish Council as nothing had been received. She was also requested to apply for a grant for the 2014 Christmas lights and inform the Parish Council that no church clock maintenance was carried out 2014.
- ≡ The Common Fund payment for 2015 is £12,844, a reduction of £495 on 2014.
- ≡ Internet Café payments were terminated in November 2014 as per "Tansley Churches Together".

It was proposed by Mary Eatherden and seconded by Pat Brewster that the Year End Accounts for 2014 be passed subject to audit. All agreed in favour.

14/1.8 MISSION ACTION PLAN

- **"Messy Church"** - coming together well and usually attended by about 40 children, parents and helpers. Revd Reade proposed a £100 be committed to Messy Church, seconded by Hazel Slack and all agreed in favour. Next "Messy Church" arranged for Wednesday 18 February at 3.30pm with the theme "The Good Shepherd".
- **Flower Festival - Holy Trinity 175th Anniversary Celebration** - 12 July 2015. It was agreed to ask Judith Orchard to provisionally book the Youlgreave band for 2.00pm. Bob Ball would ask the Tansley Parish Council to consider giving a donation of £150 towards the cost of the event. All help on the day gratefully received.
- **"The Church in the Community Ideas"** - a meeting to be arranged to share points of view on the church. A Monday evening at The Gate was suggested and Mary Eatherden has agreed to work out available dates.

14/1.9 ECUMENICAL MATTERS

- ≡ **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - a united service to be held on Thursday 22 January at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church.
- ≡ **Imposition of Ashes** - United Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm
- ≡ **Mothering Sunday** - 15 March 2015. This will be a joint service. Plants to be given to all ladies attending and refreshments arranged for after the service. An invitation to be sent out on Hotwire

14/1.10 EVENTS

- **Pancake and Coffee Morning** - to be held on Tuesday 17 February at 10am to 12 noon at Bob and Marion Ball's House, Westbourne, Alders Lane.

14/1.11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed with prayers at 8.45pm.