

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 November 2017 in the Church

Present: Revd Richard Reade, (Chairman), Revd Dr Anne Phillips, Geoff Crapper (Treasurer), Pauline Goult (Secretary), June Greatorex, Kath Cummings, Mary Eatherden, Roger Flint, Valerie Rigarlsford, Hazel Slack, Revd Adrian Smith (Ecumenical Representative). In Attendance: Robert Raynes.

Richard opened the meeting with a reading from Scripture followed by prayers.

1. 22/11/123 **Apologies and Resignation**

Apologies for absence were received from Bob Ball, John Rigarlsford and Alan Wilson. Resignations from the PCC were received from Jean Turner and Pat Brewster. Richard requested a letter be prepared thanking them both for their many years of commitment to the work of the PCC.

2. 22/11/124 **Minutes of Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 were unanimously approved by the PCC and signed by the Chairman.

3. 22/11/125 **Matters Arising**

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- [Richard commented that the priesting service held for Anne Phillips held on 20 September was most enjoyable.
- [Richard has now heard from the Bishop's office that Roger Flint is licenced as PTO (Permission to Officiate) for Matlock Bank and Tansley as from 27 November 2017.

13/9/116

- [The chairman reported that one of the unsafe gravestones is being attended to by the family. Work is still in hand regarding the other seven.

13/9/118

- [An asbestos check of the church is required. It was noted that care is required when working at height.

13/9/119

- [The new carpet for the church has been purchased and laid. Mary reported that the vestry outer door has a large gap between the floor and bottom of the door and a weather strip is required to keep out the draft. The Chairman commented that the gates and railings outside the church would also require painting in the Spring.
- [No figures available yet for Gift Day giving.

4. 22/11/126 **Area Dean Meeting**

The minutes from the joint Parochial Church Council meeting with Duncan Ballard, the Area Dean which was held on Saturday 7 October were circulated to the PCC members. A discussion was held around the main points and especially the fact that the numbers of clergy retiring compared to the numbers of ordinands would raise the problem that it would not be until 2035 that the numbers of clergy nationally would regain its present level. The average age of congregation over the Deanery and the declining number of people attending church was discussed. The proposal to bring the owners of the proposed new housing on the Chesterfield Road into the local church should be followed through. The importance of the churches working together was emphasised and the PCC members were invited to contact the Area Dean if they had any further thoughts on the matters discussed at the meeting.

5. 22/11/127 Safeguarding Update

The Chairman said he would try to get some more safeguarding training laid on as he was sure all the PCC members would benefit. Job descriptions were also required and templates were being emailed to Richard to help with this.

6. 22/11/128 Finance and Stewardship

- [A statement of the income and expenditure as at 22 November 2017 was circulated to the PCC and each item was explained in detail and Geoff was thanked for his work. Geoff informed the PCC that there was a loss of £5,357.04 to date on the yearly accounts although the investments remained in a healthy state. The FOTC balance was £3,071 to end of October. The Common Fund request for 2018 was £10,505.
- [The Chairman went through the Church Fees proposed for 2018. Roger Flint recommended the fees should be accepted, this was seconded by Kath Cummings and all agreed in favour.

7. 22/11/129 Mission Action Plan

- [Richard said the next Messy Church would be held on Tuesday 28 November. Reduced numbers were being experienced due to football practice held on a Tuesday so it has been decided that in the New Year the Messy Church meetings would be back on Wednesday.
- [Richard enquired if any PCC member would like to train to administer the Chalice. June and Roger agreed they would. This was proposed by Mary Eatherden and seconded by Hazel Slack and all agreed in favour.

8. 22/11/130 Advent and Christmas Plans

- [The Christingles would be prepared on Saturday 2 December ready for the Christingle service on Sunday 3 December. Marion Ball had submitted the order of the service to Richard.
- [The Christmas tree was being delivered on Wednesday 29 November and the lights would be prepared ready for the decoration of the tree by the Brownies in the evening.
- [The Crib Service would be held at Holy Trinity at 6pm on 24 December and there would be a 9.15am Communion Service on Christmas day.

9. 22/11/131 Correspondence

- [Bishop Alistair has announced that he will be retiring in 2018. Consideration would need to be given to a gift from Holy Trinity.
- [Richard announced dates for "Thy Kingdom Come 2018" Diocesan Launch Events to encourage Christians to pray for others to respond to the Good News of Jesus. These events are being held on 3 February 218 at St Alkmund's Derby and St Barnabas Centre on 10 February 2018.
- [On 20 January 2018 a village quiz event is being held in the Village Hall.

10. 22/11/132 Ecumenical Matters

- [Revd Smith said Lenten house groups had already been arranged and he would encourage Holy Trinity church members to be involved.
- [There are seven Commonwealth War Graves in Tansley church yard and Roger Flint thought that this would be of interest to members of the public. It was agreed by the PCC that a War Grave sign should be displayed. Roger agreed to investigate and provide details for acquisition of a sign.

11. 22/11/133 Any Other Business

- [Robert Raynes raised the matter of the Yew trees in the church yard. He said that the DDDC had informed him that the Yew trees were now too tall to trim in the usual manner as they did not have the platform equipment to do it. Therefore for 2017 the DDDC arranged for Derwent Treescapes to trim the Yews and said that this was the last time that they would arrange and pay for it to be done. However, Derwent Treescapes did not curve the Yews sufficiently for the Christmas lights which have lit up the church yard at Christmas for many years. They were asked to come out again but still did not sufficiently reshape the top. It was suggested that the PCC should look into the legality of the DDDC refusing to continue with their commitment by saying that it will be the responsibility of the church to pay for the trimming of the Yews in future.

- [The PCC thanked Robert for all his work on the Christmas lights over many years and it was agreed that Geoff and Robert should put the lights up this year but in future the task should be allocated to someone else.
- [Valerie Rigarlsford informed the PCC that after administering the Christian Aid collection in the village for several years, she had decided that 2017 was the last year that she would be involved.

12. 22/11/134 Next Meeting

The next PCC meeting will be held in the church on 10 January 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended with prayers at 9pm

PCC Meeting Dates for 2018

10 January 2018

14 March 2018

11 April 2018 (APCM)

9 May 2018

11 July 2018

12 September 2018

14 November 2018