

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in Church on Wednesday 28 November 2012 at 7.30 pm. The meeting was preceded by a reading for St Andrews Day and prayers.

Present:

Revd Richard Reade (Chair), Revd Dave Battison, Bob Ball, Geoff Crapper, Pat Brewster, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford, Hazel Slack, Jean Turner, Chris Windle.

Visitors - Robert Raynes, FOTC and Sue Smith, Ecumenical Observer (Tansley Methodists)

Thanks were expressed to Chris Johnson for sorting out the heating in the church.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2012 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3c) Matters Arising

It was reported that the Church clock now appeared to be working correctly. Ken Burrows Ltd was ready to submit a quotation for an outside light as soon as the PCC decides to go ahead.

4 (8) Burial Ground

The cable in the burial ground has been dealt with efficiently by Western Power. It was recommended that Vicki Raynes of the Parish Council should be contacted to see if there was any further information regarding the location of the cable.

Action Robert Raynes

4(9) Ecumenical Matters

The Harvest Supper went well. John Rigarlsford reported that he had received a positive reaction to the idea of a harvest farm service next year at the Neville farm on White Lea Lane, to be followed by a village service.

5a) Wedding Flower Service

Details of the wedding flower service have now been removed from the church web site.

5b) Use of the Church Organ

Advertising has been carried out and two people have responded.

6b) Repair of Chalice

The chalice repair is now complete thanks to Russell Lane and Sellors of Ashbourne.

8a & c) Entrance and Exit Signs

The exit signs have been provided free of charge by the fire extinguisher company. The sign required for 'uneven services' is in progress.

8e) Paperwork

The Rural Dean, Revd David Truby will inspect the paperwork with the Vicar and church wardens on 28 February 2013 at 1.30pm.

9a) Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day service was well supported.

9b) Church Gift Day

Thanks were expressed to everyone involved in the Gift Day and £910 was raised for church funds.

9c) Sung Matins

There was a positive reaction to the sung Matins and another date has been arranged for Sunday 3 February 2013.

A copy of the document handed out at the meeting was circulated to the PCC.

4. **FRIENDS OF TANSLEY CHURCH**

The FOTC committee consists of John Rigarsford (PCC member), Mary Eatherden, Chris Maycock and Wendy McNee (Treasurer). At the unanimous request of the PCC, Robert Raynes agreed to act as Chairman. Mr Raynes circulated to the PCC a document which he had compiled outlining the aims and objectives of the FOTC. Points to note are as follows:

- The objective of the FOTC is to raise funds to maintain/improve the fabric of Holy Trinity Church and to manage the distribution of those funds. To fulfill this objective the PCC should promote FOTC at every opportunity, e.g. weddings, funerals, church events, etc. to attract more donors.
- The FOTC committee should meet at least once a year and send an annual letter to all donors giving details of projects supported and a statement of accounts (or this can be done by the PCC on behalf of the FOTC committee).
- It is essential that the FOTC accounts are independent and audited separately from the church accounts. It was suggested that more detail should be provided in the FOTC accounts regarding donations being received and how the funds are being used.
- **Request for Funds by the PCC** - it was unanimously agreed that if funds were required for a project, an email should be sent to the PCC Chairman for approval, copied to the Treasurer and circulated to all PCC members. The Secretary was designated as the PCC member to pass on the approved request for funds to the Treasurer of the FOTC, Wendy McNee. A cheque for the approved expenditure would then be forwarded to the PCC treasurer.
- It was agreed that a report on FOTC activities would be presented to the PCC annually.

The Chairman thanked Robert Raynes for pulling together the information on the FOTC and presenting it to the PCC and said he was welcome to attend meetings as required to help keep the PCC up to date with the work of FOTC. He also expressed his thanks to Wendy McNee for all her accountancy work on behalf of Holy Trinity Church and asked that a thank you gift be organised.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **The Gates and the Order of the Black Sheep**

A circular letter was received from Revd Canon Andy Broom requesting financial support for a project in Chesterfield. As work of a similar nature was being done in Matlock by Revd Dave Battison it was preferred to support the local project.

b) **Christmas Tree**

A letter to be sent to Mrs Gosney at Matlock Garden Centre with thanks for the Christmas tree they donated to the Church. Also, thanks go to the Brownies for decorating the tree in readiness for the Christingle Service.

c) **Ernest Bailey Charity**

The Ernest Bailey Charity has agreed to donate £100 towards a beamer to be used in the church and the money must be claimed before the end of September 2013. However, this is only a small way towards the actual cost of £1,500. There is some similar equipment available at a much lower price which is better than the equipment being used at present and the question is whether this money could be put towards this. It was agreed to leave the Finance Standing Committee to decide the way forward.

6. **FINANCE**

a) **Church Fees 2013**

Revd Reade circulated a list of proposed Church Fees 2012 to 2014 and went through the changes with the PCC. The PCC unanimously agreed to accept these fees for Holy Trinity Church.

b) **Parish Share**

A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the Parish Share for the Diocese, at present this stands at £13,038.

Action Revd Richard Reade

c) **Accounts to date 28 November 2012**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the current year to date. It was noted there was a £2,354.76 loss from the start of the year. The FOTC account currently stands at £3,301. A claim has been submitted for repair of the chalice and a cheque for £80 is awaited from the insurance company. So far £940 has been raised from the late Thomas Grahame Neville's funeral collection and all proceeds are to be divided equally between the village hall and Holy Trinity church.

Some useful information given at the Diocesan Stewardship Road Show will be shared with the PCC at a meeting in the New Year, date to be arranged.

Action Revd Richard Reade

7. **MISSION ACTION PLAN**

a) **Holy Trinity Church Website**

Denys Gaskell feels that the time has come for the church to take on responsibility for the private Holy Trinity Church website that he has built up over many years. Denys is also concerned that a larger capacity is required to develop the site further and he has found a company to host the site so there will be no restrictions on size or traffic. The company is called "Fast Forward" and is based at Staunton Harold (near to Melbourne in Derbyshire) and they are happy to do this for free as they have some spare capacity on their server. However, a person is still required to take over the development of the website from Denys on behalf of the Church.

Revd Reade said the website has become an important gateway to Holy Trinity Church and thanked Denys for all the time and work he has put into its creation over the years.

b) **"Messy Church"**

The "Messy Church" workshop was attended by Revd Dave Battison, Revd Richard Reade and three representatives from the Chapel. Christine Reece will be invited attend a PCC meeting in the New Year to talk about "Messy" Church - date to be arranged.

Action Revd Richard Reade

c) **"Open the Book"**

The "Open the Book" project introduces Primary School children to the Bible stores using small teams of church people. This item is to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action Revd Richard Reade

d) **Update from Revd Dave Battison**

Revd Battison confirmed that the Diocese and Synod have been able to support him in a 5 year post to continue with his pioneer work in Matlock.

8. **INTERCHURCH REPORT**

Summer Event 2013

A date around mid-June 2013 has been suggested for the event. It could possibly be based at Tansley Primary school. It should be checked that there was nothing else on in the village at that time. A meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4 December at 11am to discuss event ideas and make plans. Sue Smith has also been invited to attend.

9. **ECUMENICAL**

Deanery Synod Meeting

A talk by the Dean of Derby Cathedral on The Role and Vision of the Cathedral to be held at St Giles School on Tuesday 4 December 2012.

10. **DATES FOR PCC MEETINGS IN 2013**

Wednesday 23 January 2013
Wednesday 13 March 2013
Wednesday 24 April 2013 (APCM)
Wednesday 29 May 2013
Wednesday 24 July 2013
Wednesday 11 September 2013
Wednesday 13 November 2013

The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.10pm.