

The Benefice of East Winchester

St. John's PCC, Monday 17th September, 2012

Minutes

Opening Prayers

1. Present:

Rev. Paul Kennedy (Chairman), Grahame Ford, Jonquil Hinds, David Stirrup, Christine Smith, David Smith, Len Tatham, Elizabeth Proudman.

Apologies:

Felicity Harding

2. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed

3. Matters arising:

4a) Response from the City Council is awaited about matched funding for the mentoring scheme

4b) There is no further news of the City church

7) The new service booklet will be on trial for 6 months. 50 copies will be produced.

9) A card about the memorials will be put in a plastic holder beside the book. The cost will be £20

4. Rector's notes:

The Rector reported that he was hopeful that the problem of the wall might be settled. We had agreed to pay £5,000 and that will avoid the possibility of further costs.

It was agreed that Harvest Festival should be held on 14th October.

Sabine and Richard Burningham will help with the services. Sabine is a reader, and Richard or John will take the service on second Sunday in the month when the Rector goes to Chilcomb.

On 18th November there will be a joint service with All Saints at St. John's for the Commemoration of the Departed. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. before the 5.00 p.m. service.

Grahame suggested that there should be a prayer walk round Winnall on 14th October. It was agreed that Grahame would lead one walk, and Richard another. The walk should be advertised on the board.

5. Fabric Report:

David Stirrup reported that the quinquennial inspection report had been received and recommending 9 urgent problems, involving work on the gullies on the roof, weed, tiles, etc. It was agreed that he should discuss with John G.C. about the action necessary.

The proposed new porch was discussed. It was agreed that we needed to decide exactly what was needed. An advent course was suggested which would discuss our future ministry and what space would be necessary.

6. Finance

Treasurer's report attached. Len said that now the problem of the wall seemed to be solved, we should look into our giving programme.

7. Covert Sale

As several people would be away it was agreed to cancel the sale on 1st weekend of October. It was agreed that we should in future have only one sale, and that in the Spring. Perhaps we should have a car boot sale.

8. Deanery Synod

Christine and Grahame had attended a meeting to draw up plans which had been very positive. We should consider our purpose. The Rector said that there would be a cut in stipendiary clergy. This would mean more involvement from the congregation: stewardship and gifts and talents.

Christine suggested that St. John's should be used for literary and spiritual events, and it was agreed that Mark Oakley should give a reading of his poetry. The deanery could promote it. A date in November was proposed.

9. Any Other Business

Jane Newcomb had asked that the PCC minutes should be made available to the public together with a list of the committee members. The congregation should be able to propose items for discussion. This was agreed.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd October at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Blue Boar (warmer than the church!)

