

The Benefice of East Winchester

St. John's PCC, Monday 26th November, 2012

Minutes

Opening Prayers

1. Present:

Rev. Paul Kennedy (Chairman) David Stirrup, Christine Smith, Felicity Harding, David Smith, Len Tatham, Elizabeth Proudman.

Apologies: Jonquil Hinds, Grahame Ford

2. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

3. Matters arising:

The PCC minutes will be put on the website, and a copy will be put in the folder with the rota, so that people without email can see them if they wish.

4. Rector's Notes

1) The steering group meeting had been held with Church wardens and treasurers. Finances should be sustainable, and outreach initiatives had been discussed.

2) The New Church - Level Ten - is planned to begin in the new year on the Winnall Industrial Estate opposite the post office.

This is an amalgamation of the City Church and the Harvest Church from the Osborne School. The City church site is being sold.

It was agreed that a meeting should be held with them so that we know what their plans are.

The Rector will discuss with them their plans for 'Messy Church' for children and their families. We should visit Portsmouth where this is already working and consider the 'Book One' which they use.

3) The Rector had just received an email from the City Council agreeing to the mentoring scheme which would use some of our charity funds. Councillor Chris Pines, the Rector, and John Harding will meet to decide who should benefit from this scheme. They will draw up a short list of suitable candidates. It is hoped the scheme will begin in February 2013. We will not be involved in the actual mentoring.

The treasurer pointed out that it may take time for the Charity Commissioners to give permission for the use of the money. The PCC will need a brief letter from WCC for Charity commissioners to release the money.

The PCC agreed that we needed Grahame Ford's input.

More information is needed on the aims and objectives, and the time

involved.

The Rector will discuss with John Harding.

5. Service booklet.

Good reports had been received. Final decision will be made after six months. It will have a coloured cover.

It was suggested that the General Thanksgiving should be printed at the back.

6. Christmas.

300 leaflets, A5 folded, will be produced with details of the Christmas services in the benefice.

A rain-proof banner will be tied to the railings of the church with details of services.

Compline and tea afterwards will be held at 5.00 p.m. on 9th December.

7. Fabric Report

David Stirrup had bought Algon for the drive which he will apply when it stops raining. He and J.G.C. are working on the Quinquennial report. Valley gutter on east is overflowing. A suggestion that we buy a ladder to clear it ourselves was rejected as too dangerous, and it was agreed that professional help should be sought.

Graham Wood will be consulted about the problems with the audio system. English Heritage have to be consulted about the position of the microphones. Perhaps Whitwams might be asked to advise.

Several lights need checking.

It was agreed that we only need two dustbins. Felicity offered to find out how we get rid of the two we do not need.

8. Financial Report

The financial statement is attached.

After a discussion about Winifred's bequest it was decided that £10,000 should be put on deposit. The treasurer said that some of the money was needed for Church running costs, but other members felt that it should be ring-fenced for a specific purpose.

9. Deanery Synod

A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity with Bishop Tim on 30th November to explain his views about a personal mission. There will be fewer stipendiary priests in future which will lead to change.

10. A.O.B.

A suggestion that we have a printed welcome note to give to newcomers was rejected. A personal welcome is better.

The Rector agreed to print copies of the sermon on 'Christ the King' which he delivered on 25th November, 2012.

We need another person to take the Chalice while Jonquil is unable to do it.

The Rector reported that there is a man in the neighbourhood who is going round to churches asking for money. The police are aware of him.

Christine handed out publicity for 'Wellsprings at St. John's' on Thursdays 17th January, 14th February, 18th April, 2013, at 7.30 p.m.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st January, 2013 at 7.30 p.m. at the Old Blue Boar