

**Minutes of a PCC meeting held in St Michaels Church on Thursday 24th June 2010 at
8 pm**

Present:

A. Griffiths

S. Bevan

A. Gardener

S. Kitson

R. Lister

S. Mack

J. Sigournay

V. Wilson

1. Apologies, minutes of last meeting, matters arising

Apologies – Beryl Moss, Roy Bishop, John Fowler, Stephanie Gillingham

Minutes – already agreed

Matters arising – Rosemary had looked into hearing loops, those suitable for a home group situation would not have enough range for using at CATS. The cost for one with a field of 1.2 square metres would be £90 - £100. For a field of 100 square metres the cost would be around £600. Andy has talked to the governing body for St Michael's school who are not willing to have a loop fitted. It was agreed to try turning the speakers at the back to maximise the hearing potential of the equipment we already have. Andy will talk to the school again once the new head teacher is in post.

Anne read a letter from Stephanie thanking the PCC for meeting her expenses for the retreat.

2. Finance

Steve gave out his report. The bill for using the school is more than usual as they have not billed us for the caretaker's time for the last few years. We have received a £10000 legacy for maintenance of the church.

3. Building Update

The buildings team met with an architect 2 weeks ago. He knew what was required and understood churches as he is a committed Baptist. He has been the architect for Holy Trinity Springfield and other churches in the area. He is preparing an initial report.

Our phase 1 will be temporary changes that do not involve him.

His phase 1 will be a proposal to create 4 rooms within the body of the church for use by children's groups. He will also ensure the heating system is fit for the purpose, design a visual system fit for the building and incorporate 1 or 2 easy access disabled toilets.

His phase 2 will be an extension.

Anne said that this architect wants an asbestos report. Steve said he will look for the invoice for the asbestos removal from the organ to see if it covered other areas. He did not think this would suffice. Our fire safety assessment also needs updating.

Temporary changes

We have already purchased chairs. Thanks to Sue Kitson for masterminding this. The remaining central pews are being taken out this weekend.

At our last meeting we agreed we did not need a wholesale redecoration of the vicar's vestry. We do need some touches to brighten it up. The building team will liaise with the children's team over this.

Andy has found a company "Jubilee" who supply acoustic screens, they were recommended by Richard Naylor. We agreed we need 6 x 1 m wide x 2.125m high screens. They are heavy so it was thought better to be on wheels. We also need the linking strips to join them. We agreed on a beige colour.

Andy proposed we spend up to £2000 on 6 Jubilee acoustic screens, Sally seconded and all were in favour. Andy will order them in conversation with Roger Gillingham tomorrow.

4. Main business : Fundraising

The following is a list of ideas which were thought to be fun, cover the whole community, get off the ground quickly, raise enough money

Songs of Praise – vote and give donations for favourite hymns

Food – Ploughman’s lunch for sponsored cycle/walk

Ride and Stride

Antique Road Show / Auction

Sponsored litter pick

Family Fun Day

Calendar of photos

Barn Dance / Ceilidh

Carnival

Abseiling on church tower

Sponsored something for kids

Spelling Bee

Open gardens/ Garden party

Quiz

Proms

Teddy Bears Picnic

Auction of services

Write to local businesses/households

Fun run

Boot sale

Old time musical events

Buying chairs in memory of

The Proms is already underway

Ride and Stride takes place in September, Steve will try to recruit people to join him

Veryan will ask people to send in photos of Galleywood, the best ones will be used for a calendar which we can sell

5. Prayer for Fundraising

6. Youth leader update

The post has been advertised. There have been several expressions of interest, 1 candidate seems to be what we are looking for. The deadline for applications is 22/7/10

7. Presence Update

Over the summer we will pitch a tent somewhere on Barnard Road estate. There will be some football and craft activities for people to join in with. We can also give advice to people seeking it eg help to complete forms. The Parish Council think that the church should be there to help people to access services.

Upwards had an idea for truth or prayer – we can offer to help or pray

8. Leprosy Mission

The PCC would like the missionary committee to review the societies we support. There may be an imbalance between those that offer spiritual help and those that offer practical help.

9. Deanery Update

The deanery had 13.5 paid clergy last summer, this has already been reduced by 1, it needs to be reduced down to 10.5 by 2016. The bishop has delegated the way we deploy the 10.5 paid clergy to the deanery. He is asking each parish to decide if it is a pastoral community, this means it pays at least £70,000 parish share, has regular worship groups for young people and adults and has an active membership of around 180. If a parish is not a pastoral community it must choose who it would like to join with to form one. It may be that 3 parishes join together and share 2 paid clergy. The deanery is currently thinking about this reorganisation. It may give opportunities for people who are not paid clergy but with God given gifts to use them in new ways.

10. AOB

Anne and Steve attended the cathedral service to receive the platinum parish award and said it was very uplifting.

Our next meeting will be on 22/7/10 – we will discuss how we can help people to volunteer