

## **MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 IN THE LOWER PARISH HALL**

### **PRESENT:**

Rev'd David Nichol (Chair), Rev'd Emma Goldby, David Burley, Bob Green, Janet Burley, Edna Wardle, Janet Dudley, Louise Smith, Mary Christie, Linde Alexander, Mary Valpy, Alistair Howie and Ginny Pavey.

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayers and a reading from Psalm 47.

**31/14 Apologies for absence** were received from Richard Garth who was attending a meeting on behalf of the PCC and Charles Pavey.

**32/14 Minutes of the last meeting** were signed as a true record with two small alterations: In 25/14 it should read Christmas hampers are organised by Mary Christie and Pat Cutler and in 26/14 it should read Poetry Please tickets are available from Heather Catton.

### **33/14 Matters Arising**

#### **War Memorial**

The project is now complete and thanks are recorded to Rex Thomas for all his hard work.

#### **Trinity Teams**

The first team meetings will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November after the 10.30am service.

#### **Making Churches Open and Accessible**

Holy Trinity is now open for five days each week. CCTV is now in situ and operational. The CCTV camera is on loan and we need to consider whether we should buy one. Louise Smith will investigate costs. Janet Dudley commented on the lighting levels and suggested leaving a note in the lighting cabinet to leave certain lights on, especially in the porch and chancel.

**Harvest Festival** was very successful and Mary Christie reported that the Food Bank were very appreciative of the food donations.

**Christmas Leaflets** have been printed and will be in church on Sunday to be taken for distribution.

#### **Christmas Giving**

Envelopes for donations have been received and will be placed in the pews.

**October fundraising events** were all very well received.

**Cards depicting the East Window** are now for sale at the back of church.

**34/14 Correspondence** – there was no correspondence.

**35/14 Matters to be discussed**

**Lent services and Year of the Church**

David Nichol distributed a paper entitled “Under the roof – building the body from the foundations upwards”. The proposal is that we look at what we should be doing as a church community. David Nichol will launch this at the beginning of January by producing a card with the title as above plus “the purpose of the Church is....” followed by the relevant topic. Louise Smith suggested that the relevant sub-committees could be asked to promote/lead on specific topics.

The complete services during Lent will take place on Wednesday evenings as in previous years.

**Roof Work**

We have enough money (either received or promised) to begin the repair work. David Nichol will hold a meeting with the architect and contractors to arrange a start date (hopefully the beginning of January) and to discuss access to church whilst the work is in progress. Linde Alexander asked if the church would need to be closed at all. During previous repair work, plastic sheeting was used to cover the pews and Sunday services went ahead as normal. Midweek events may have to be more flexible. The work should take approximately 16 weeks.

David Nichol proposed and David Burley seconded that we go ahead with the necessary roof repairs. Carried unanimously.

David Nichol said that we should make an opportunity to celebrate the achievement in raising such a large sum of money.

**Sub-Committees – updated paper**

The implementation plan/timetable had already been distributed to the Committee. David Nichol felt that ideally each sub-committee (SC) should have one PCC member on it. It was hoped that each SC would meet before the January PCC meeting. It was noted that the Standing Committee and PCC would meet 4 weeks apart instead of 2 although this may need further investigation. Sub-Committees need to raise any concerns via the PCC. Their reports will automatically form part of the PCC agenda and the PCC member of the relevant SC will act as spokesperson. A list was circulated so that PCC members could add their names to the SC which they are already on or would like to join. The SC's will elect their own chairpersons and their existing chairpersons will call the initial meetings.

**36/14 Forthcoming Events**

Murder/mystery Evening 22/11/14. Tickets have sold out.

Christmas Fayre – 29/11/14. More items are needed, particularly bric-a-brac.

Advertising to continue.

Bake sale – 6/12/14. In hand.

Coffee morning – 13/12/14. In hand.

Christmas Lunch – 7/12/14. Richard Garth has tickets available. Linde Alexander stressed that we should make newcomers and people on their own feel welcome.

Grand Draw – 21/12/14. Un-named prizes will be re-allocated.

Burger, Buns and Bingo – 7/12/14. In hand.

Barnards Green House Open Day – 21/5/15. Money raised from the sale of tea will be donated to Holy Trinity.  
Safari Supper – 4/7/15

**37/14 Sub-Committee Reports**

Deanery Synod report for October – read and received.  
Churches Together 17/11/14 – read and received. David Burley drew attention to the new event on 14/5/15, the United Ascension Day Sunset Service at 8.30pm on Worcestershire Beacon.

**38/14 Treasurer's Report**

Sally Colbourne distributed and discussed the finance report for November. The PCC unanimously accepted the budget and fees proposal for 2015 (proposed by Janet Dudley, seconded by David Burley).

**39/14 Date of the next meeting – 28/01/15**

**40/14 Any other business**

Janet Burley has the Christingle envelopes for donations to the Children's Society.

There being no further business the meeting closed with prayers at 9.35pm.