

ST. MARY'S RIVERHEAD w DUNTON GREEN

**MINUTES
Of meeting of the Parochial Church Council
On the 5th May 2009
In the Church**

PRESENT:

The Reverend Paul Francis – in the Chair.

Norma Bridgland, Diane Williams, Ursula Warner, Jeannette Francis, Martyn Berry, Lynn Wilson, Jean Woods, Miranda Cormack, Robin Tonge, Doris Gosnold, Lee Kings, Jane Edwards, Audrey Bernardi, Joanna Emery, Anne Straight, Tim Johnston, Barry Sharp, Mark Merson and Sheila Mace.

1. There was a Eucharist prior to the meeting.

2. Apologies received from Anne Bourne, Yemisi Howitt (with prayers for her recovery) and Sarah Stott

3. Election/Appointment of PCC Officers:-

- i) Vice Chair – Norma Bridgland was elected**
- ii) Honorary Treasurer – Mark Merson**
- iii) Honorary Secretary – Sheila Mace.**

4. Election of Standing Committee:-

- i) Reverend Paul Francis**
- ii) Jane Edwards**
- iii) Diane Williams**
- iv) Norma Bridgland**
- v) Sheila Mace**
- vi) Lee Kings**
- vii) Doris Gosnold**
- viii) Lynn Wilson**

4. Minutes of the meeting of the 14th February 2009 were approved with one amendment and signed.

5. Matters arising:-

- i) Hopefest – The Vicar spoke about the Hopefest in November and December at The Stag in Sevenoaks. We have been asked as a Church to contribute the sum of £15.00. per head towards the costs of staging Hopefest (£1500 hopefully in total) . The Vicar stated that he is unable to go to all the meetings, but Audrey Bernardi went to a meeting which she found to be inspiring and is happy to be the conduit of news. Nick Cuthbert who has published his own book will liaise with Audrey Bernardi on this**
- ii) Quinquennial - Diane Williams reported that all works on the Quinquennial have now been completed and signed off. We have had the forecourt tarmacadamed and discussion took place as to whether we should have a barrier put up to save people coming round the front of the Church or whether to have a post and key. The Churchwardens are looking into various options and will report back later. With**

regard to the fence at the back of the Church we have taken on board what members of the PCC said at the last meeting, and have decided to have a wire fencing but this can be costly. Diane Williams will report back once she has quotes. We have also had a quote from Harveys for £125 to have a stop cock put on the side of the Church. Diane was given permission to go ahead and get this work done.

7. Events:

i) The Vicar stated that he was delighted with the excellent Easter that we had at Church and thanked all who gave their time to making it such a happy event.

ii) Faithworks Café. The Vicar stated that this will be dealt with later in our meeting, but wished to state that we had said that we will contribute £600 towards Faithworks at our meeting in January and Faithworks have now asked whether we can pay £160.00. for insurance for the Fun Day. It was agreed that we would deduct this from our outreach giving.

iii) Sevenoaks Kenya Education Trust: Mr..... will be at our 9.30. service on the 19th July where he will explain about the Trust and we will have a plate collection on that day. Anyone can sponsor individual pupils on this Trust.

8. Dates for PCC meeting 2009-2010:

14th July
22nd September
24th November
12th January
9th March

with APCM on the 25th April after the 9.30. service and hopefully lunch will be as this year.

9. To agree Child Protection Policy:

The Child Protection Policy was agreed and signed with Suzanne Waller taking the role for another year.

8. Mission Statement/Aims and Objectives:

The Vicar stated that he was very pleased to see that we have impleteneted some of these aims and objectives. He thanked all concerned for the production of the badges at the beginning of the service and the fact that the welcoming to our Church is very important. In the Family Service in June the Vicar is going to be focusing on what it means to be a member of the Family of God. He will invite people to take part in a programme tied in with what we have set as our Aims and Objectives and be Christ's people in this place here. The Vicar has no dobut that this will develop as time goes on.

The position with regard to the Church Family Register was discussed and this again will be brought up in June at the Family Service.

9. Sevenoaks Debt Advice Centre: This is run at the Vine Evangelical Church and is modelled on one in Tonbridge. Miranda Cormack stated that she believed there is more than 12 people in training for this venture. We as a Church have been asked to support this and this will be decided by the Outreach committee.

10. Mark Merson stated that we must be very careful with how we spend monies in view of the fact that we have a possible deficit of £4k this year and with Hopefest and other charitable givings we are moving towards £8k. with very little interest being earned on our deposit account. It was decided that we must have plate collections for outreach events.

12. AOB:

i) The Vicar stated that at the APCM Jo Howe asked when we would open the Church during the weeks. The Vicar and Churchwardens are looking into this

ii) Barry Sharp also asked at the APCM about Quest and the Vicar stated that he was quite happy for the teenagers to go somewhere else within the Church, but felt unable at the present time to resume Quest. Lynn Wilson asked whether some literature could be handed round to the children leaving the Sunday School.

iii) Barry Sharp thanked Audrey Bernardi for organising the pilgrimage to Rochester last week which was very successful.

iv) Sheila Mace spoke about the Hall and the fact that there were 5 keys that have been lost in the post recently and asked for permission to buy some more keys. Much discussion took place and Joanna Emery said why did we not record delivery the envelopes, with the person hiring the Hall paying for the postage and Tim Johnston suggested that keys are picked up from our house. It was also put forward that we do not put the name of our Church Hall on the letters sending the keys which was accepted.

13. Confidentiality.

There being no matters of confidentiality the meeting closed at 9.26 with the Grace.

NEXT MEETING

14TH JULY AT 8 o'clock IN THE HALL.