

# ST MARY RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN MINUTES

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
Tuesday 7 March 2017  
8.00pm in the Church Hall

## **PRESENT:**

Vicar - In the chair

Diane Williams, John Curtis, Stuart Wigley; Ronnie Todd

Margaret Curtis; Jill Dickenson; Beryl Ellinor; Karen Forster-Pearce; Doris Gosnold; Daphne Harrison;  
Margaret Nicholas; Bennet Smith; Anne Straight; Dick Thomson; Denis Williams; Lynn Wilson

## **1. Passage of Scripture & Prayers**

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer and a bible passage.

## **2. Apologies**

Martyn Berry; Nicola Joyce

## **3. Approval of Minutes 24 January 2017**

The Minutes were agreed by the PCC and signed as a true copy by the Vicar.

## **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. Finance**

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for approval by the PCC before they are sent to the Independent Examiner for his approval in advance of the APCM.

The report was commended.

Proposed: Margaret Nicholas

Seconded: Daphne Harrison

PCC all content

Stuart was thanked for all his hard work.

## **6. Church Fabric**

Diane Williams gave the report.

*Car Park Lighting:* A meeting regarding the installation of the lamp post is imminent.

*North West Kent Countryside Alliance:* There has been a lot of interaction between Amherst School and the NWKCA. They have been planting and making bird boxes amongst other things and they would like to continue once the project through Tesco has finished. A coffee morning has been proposed with the proceeds being given to a charity of our choice.

*Organ Loft:* Chris Rayner has been in contact with someone to obtain an approximate cost for soundproofing.

*Quinquennial:* The fabric committee are still drawing up a schedule of works for the congregation to help with.

*Car Park Notice:* The original notice has been removed from the top of the slope in the car park and Diane Williams will order another two notices stating "CHURCH USE ONLY"; one for the top of the slope and one for outside the back of the church at the bottom of the steps.

## **7. Events**

The Events Committee have prepared a list of events for the year which has been approved by the Vicar and given out to the congregation.

The PCC were informed of a proposed event for the local community which is designed to help people think about later life issues and the associated requirements. It would involve Insurance Agents, Solicitors, Funeral Directors and hopefully a representative from Hospice in the Weald. The idea is to offer advice to people, not to sell services. The possibility of holding bereavement coffee mornings, say once a month, is also being considered.

## **8. Outreach and Mission**

**Three Charities to Support over the year** -The short list of charities has been given to the congregation to vote on and three have been chosen, namely:

1. Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance Service
2. Porchlight
3. Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service

## **9. Deanery Synod Briefing**

Anne Straight reported that she and Margaret Nicholas had thought the Deanery Synod meeting on Mission & Evangelism very uplifting. She has written a report for the APCM and the Secretary was asked to email a copy to the PCC members.

The Vicar asked Anne and Margaret, as our Deanery Synod reps, to report on salient points from the DS meetings to the PCC in future.

## **10. Church Services**

The normal Easter services will take place:

Maundy Thursday Passover supper and stripping of the altar

Good Friday services at 10.30am and 2.00pm

Easter Sunday services at 8.00am and 9.30am

## **11. Sunday School**

The Sunday School continues to work reasonably well as a team effort with parents taking on various tasks. We still need to find some volunteers to work with Nicola as leaders once Jo and Anne have left.

The PCC were asked to hold the Sunday School and Nicola in their prayers.

## **12. Teenagers**

There was nothing to report.

## **13. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

APCM: 30 April 2017