

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick

~ *Sharing Jesus* ~

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Old School, Crick

Thursday 14 October, 2010

A short service of Evening Prayer preceded the meeting.
The Reverend David Lake opened the meeting with a short act of worship.

Present: Chairman The Reverend David Lake
 Acting Secretary Rosanna Atkins
 Church Warden Dave Milne
 Church Warden Craig Walford

Debby Kristan
Adrian White
Jane Dunkley

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

Apologies: Patricia Lake, Leigh White, Julia Potts

Item 1

Notification of any other business

None

Item 2

Signing of the Minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on the 5 August, 2010 were signed by the Revd. David Lake as being accurate and correct. One copy to be placed in the master file and one displayed in the church porch notice board. Dave Milne kindly agreed to continue to undertake this task.

Item 3

Matters arising from the meeting on 5 August 2010

None

Item 4

Mission Statement

A discussion was held to determine a new Mission Statement with the aim of summarising the essential purpose and focus of St Margaret's church. After a constructive and very positive debate all agreed to '*Sharing Jesus*' as the statement to encapsulate what St Margaret's church stands for and our focus and motivation for the future. It was agreed to bring this Mission Statement to the attention of the wider community and the possibility of a display outside church, before services, was discussed and Andy Hopkins will report back. The Revd David Lake thanked the PCC very warmly for their tremendously positive and imaginative contributions.

Item 5

Photocopier

Sheila Robertson has a space to accommodate a photocopier if needed. It was felt that a large photocopier may not be cost effective in relation to the amount of copying that is actually needed. David will check what is needed at Yelvertoft and the discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

Item 6

Correspondence

Thank you to Geoff Day who has raised a few important matters and for his helpful comments:

- a) Members of the congregation are having difficulty hearing the sermons. Craig Walford has solved the problem by re-setting the controls of the PA system. If further problems are experienced, please let Craig know.
- b) Lots of equipment is being stored in the sacristy making access difficult. Dave Milne agreed to remove all the old notice boards in order to gain extra space.
- c) Lamp failures (see item 12)
- d) Lost Poppy Wreaths – does anyone know where they are?
- e) Smart Water Sign – Geoff suggested it be placed on the left hand gate of the church port. This was approved. Dave Milne to action.

Item 7

Finance Matters

1. Parish Shares are allocated by direct debit from the current account.
2. It has been decided that as a matter of priority an independent external auditor should be appointed. He or she should be qualified and they should conduct a quarterly review. Craig and Andy will approach two people they know.
3. New signatories are: Dave Milne, Craig Walford and Leigh White. 2/3 must sign.

Item 8

Review of recent events

1. Alpha course has started with a positive response
2. We had a wonderful song Matins
3. The church was buzzing with the best Celebration Praise we have ever had
4. The recent baptism services have been very popular and upbeat
5. Harvest Festival was well attended and an encouraging number stayed for the supper

Item 9

Fete and Scarecrow Weekend

Leigh will hold a meeting with Michelle Gibbons from the Parish Council. It was generally agreed that the success of the fete is dependent on the positive and practical support of others and its success is measured in more than the funds it raises. Accordingly, Adrian asked the PCC to continue in its support and encourage others to support the Fete. It was also agreed in principle that a stall-by-stall breakdown of takings, particularly where the turnover is small, is likely to be counterproductive to achieving our aims and objectives.

Item 10

PA System

A claim still hasn't been settled with regard to equipment stolen from Adrian's car.
A full test of the PA system needs to be carried out.

Item 11

Sidesmen

Craig and Jane volunteered to compile a rota.

Item 12

Maintenance. Lighting in the nave; drains, soakaways and gutters.

Adrian, Dave and Craig have offered to conduct a general maintenance review program. The main problem is the lights. Leads need extending and fittings replaced. Andy will obtain quotes for work required.

Item 13

Benefice matters: LMT and Deanery Synod

No Deanery Synod

LMT: we are endeavouring to raise the profile of the UB by inviting interesting speakers.

Item 14

Tree festival and Flower fund

It was agreed that the Flower Fund could be used to subsidise the Christmas Tree Festival. £250 agreed.

Item 15

Dates for future meetings

Tuesday 16 November at 7.30pm

Tuesday 18 January at 7.30pm

Tuesday 8 March at 7.30pm

APCM: Tuesday 19 April at 7.30pm

Tuesday 10 May at 7.30pm

(Jane Dunkley has booked)

Item 16

AOB

None

The meeting closed at 10.10pm with the group saying *The Grace* together.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 November at 7.30pm

(N.B. A short service of Holy Communion at 7.10pm will precede the meeting)