

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick

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Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held on the 1st February 2016 year at the Old School, Crick

Present	The Reverend David Lake	Chairman
	Chrissie Turner	Secretary
	Helen Lee	Treasurer
	Dave Milne	Churchwarden
	Patrick Mulcahy	Churchwarden
	Sue Herrington	
	David Turner	
	Cameron Sinclair	
	John Rogers	

Meeting opened at 7:40pm

Opening prayer and Reading by the Rector

Meeting Chaired by The Reverend David Lake

		Action
Item 1	Apologies Brian Hemmings	
Item 2	Notification of Any Other Business Donation request from Geoff Brown Shortages of hymn books and Songs of Praise order of service	
Item 3	Signing of the minutes from 9th November 2015	
Item 4	Matters arising from the meeting on 9th November 2015 Church security – DM to contact two companies that install the security system approved by our insurers. FOSM will consider financing this. As a follow up to Jean Garner's suggestion of the church assisting a refugee family from Syria, DT has contacted Daventry District Council and, currently, they don't have a scheme to home a family. No further action at this stage.	

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Item 5	Correspondence <p>Correspondence from Nigel Howard with proposals for two carol services for 2016: - 1.) The customary Carol Service with 7 lessons and congregation carols, no choir and a Christmas homily 2.) A separate traditional Festival of Carols and Lessons (7) with supporting choir, carols for the congregation and added carols sung only by the choir and no Christmas homily. The view of the PCC was that staging two services in what is already a very busy period would stretch our overextended resources. The PCC heard that attendance at the Carol Services at Yelvertoft had increased every year for the last 3 years (Lilbourne's carol service had also shown a similar increase). It was noted that at St Margaret's service 8 carols were sung by the congregation and 9 by the choir (*compared to Yelvertoft where the congregation also sang 8 carols but the choir sang only 2*). In consequence, the PCC felt that the number of carols at our service might require some adjustment which would help keep our carol service more in line with the two other churches in the Benefice which seemed to benefit from a maximum duration of one hour. DL will communicate this to Nigel.</p> <p>Correspondence from Sheila Robertson with a proposal for the Benefice to support the purchase and distribution of a publication called 'Our Servant Queen and the King she serves' for distribution to every household in the Benefice. This would form part of the celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday in June. The total expense for the Benefice would be £1,250. The Diocesan Mission Fund is offering grants of £1,000 for Summer Community outreach and they would be open to us making an application to contribute towards the costs. However, based on the experience of previous applications, a qualifying condition is that our Benefice Parish share should have been paid in full. See item 7.</p>	
Item 6	Stewardship <p>DL shared a written report from Arthur and Ros Vardy with ideas for increasing Stewardship giving.</p>	
Item 7	Finance <p>HL presented her financial report. We haven't paid our portion of the Benefice Parish share for 2015 in full. Our allocation was £21,938 of which we have paid £18,000 leaving a shortfall of £3,938. Yelvertoft PCC has agreed to make a payment of £2,000 towards the shortfall and the PCC gave its thanks their generosity.</p>	

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	<p>We discussed proposals for paying the shortfall. Currently, there is a balance of £2,044 on the PCC deposit account which we need to retain to cover any short term cash flow needs. Therefore, to enable us to pay the 2015 shortfall a discussion followed in which proposals were put forward so that we could bridge that gap while meeting our current outgoings. The need for a concerted effort to place the finances on a firmer footing was agreed. We want a fundraising committee to be formed and the PCC will talk to people who might be willing to take part. DT also proposed that we hold a 'gift day'. This was supported and a date is to be agreed. PM will add a piece about finance and fundraising in the next TCN.</p>	
<p>Item 8</p>	<p>Review of recent services/events</p> <p>The United Benefice service held in Crick on 31st January was very well received. Special note was made of the excellent presentation by Hannah Griffiths' of her work in Hebron on behalf of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) and the first class meal provided by SH and her team which included the much appreciated help of Roz and Arthur. CT needed to leave the meeting at this point and JR took over as recorder of the minutes.</p>	
<p>Item 9</p>	<p>Mission</p> <p>To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, Ann Ward has proposed a flower festival to be held in St Margaret's. The Benefice HOPE group is also planning to hold a street party in each of the three villages.</p>	
<p>Item 10</p>	<p>FOSM update</p> <p>The excellent fundraising work of FOSM continues with a curry night on 19th February.</p>	
<p>Item 11</p>	<p>a) Proposed prayer vigil at Halloween</p> <p>PM proposed that a prayer vigil be held at St Margaret's at Halloween. This was agreed.</p> <p>b) Advent 2016</p> <p>PM is talking to Jean Garner about doing something in church from Advent Sunday to 24th December to present the advent of Christ.</p>	

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	<p>c) Review of 3 Churches News (TCN)</p> <p>PM raised ways of getting TCN out into the village. Copies to be placed at the Post Office, pubs, and the Old School. The PCC also expressed their gratitude to PM for the content and commitment to make TCN available to all.</p>	
Item 12	<p>Future dates</p> <p>A Bryan Shaw Memorial Concert is to be held on 12th March 2016. 30% of the funds from ticket sales will be paid to St Margaret's.</p>	
Item 13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Donation request from Geoff Brown for his charity work in Africa. Agreed to donate 50% of the plate collection at the 2016 harvest festival service.</p> <p>Shortages of hymn books and Songs of Praise order of service. DL will ensure more copies of the order of service are produced. No further hymn books will be purchased as we are making increasing use of the projector and screen.</p>	
Item 14	<p>Forthcoming PCC dates</p> <p>The dates of the next P.C.C. meetings are as follows: -</p> <p>14th March 2016, at 7.30 pm at Dave Milne's house</p> <p>APCM 21st April 2016 at 7.30 pm at St Margaret's church.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10.15pm with the PCC saying *The Grace*

Date of Next Meeting

14th March 2016, at 7.30 pm at the house of Dave and Sue Milne.

Signed

Date