

Ottery St Mary Parish Church - Minutes of PCC Meeting 23rd September 2015

Present: Rev Steve Weston (chair), Graham Snell, Arthur Passey, Sue Jeacock (PCC Sec, Minutes), Brian Cammack, Jill Rose, Mark Rix, John Maybery (treasurer), Frances Snell, Grenville Gilbert, David Rose, Anitra Lockwood, Di Passey, Bruce Odlin, Anne Maher, Colin Tindal.

1 **Prayers** led by Colin Tindal

2 **Apologies** received from John Green, Juliet Squire, Rev Leisa McGovern, Shirley-Ann Williams

3 **Correspondence**

3.1 Steve had received a letter from a German couple who visited the church while his 60th birthday lunch was taking place, thanking everyone for the very warm welcome they had received.

3.2 Arthur Passey has been in correspondence by email with an Australian couple who have become Friends of the church and are receiving Contact by email to keep up to date with news.

4 **Reports**

Link Report postponed to November PCC.

Bell Ringers: report received and accepted by PCC. PCC wishes to thank all who contribute to the wonderful bell ringing.

FFFocus: report received and accepted by PCC.

5 **Matters arising from the Standing Committee held on 24th August 2015**

Please note new date and venue for November PCC, Monday 23rd in the Loft.

6 **Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 22nd July 2015**

i) Signed as a correct record.

ii) Matters Arising not covered on the agenda.

Steve has sent in a report on Fiona Rimmer's candidacy.

Shop Layout: this can be appended to previous Faculty which allowed for the new units. A fee will be required. David Roberts will make the application.

WI Tree Planting Ceremony: Thursday 12th November.

7 **Treasurer's Report**

Ben Scott and Daniele's concert raised £625 for church funds.

David Rose attended Diocesan Legacy Workshop, which was very worthwhile. All information is downloadable and can be edited for your own church. Add to future agenda to discuss how/if Legacies should be promoted.

TRIO Planned Giving Workshop was full so John unable to attend, but will be receiving the paperwork and may use for the next planned giving campaign (February)

Gift Aid of £10,500 received. John will use this to reduce the Common Fund shortfall.

8 **Loos Update**

Doorway has been knocked through, site now levelled and looks tidier. Gas meter re-installed and connected to heating system. Outside tap had been left on (probably by vandals, as the top of the tap had been removed) and resulting flood had to be pumped out. Gas meter has now been boxed in, in case of further vandalism. Mark Rix will look at acquiring a removable top for the water tap. Brian and Steve to take the two site builders out to lunch to show appreciation.

Funding Shortfall: approximately £25,000. Gilbert Heale Trustees have met and agreed to match funds raised by congregation and grants. Flier in Contact for the next two Sundays asking for donations. Ottery Choral Society to be approached for a donation. Jill Rose has been approaching various funding bodies, including Bovis, Garfield Weston Foundation, Town Council. Gilbert Stephens could be approached via their agency.

9 Alpha Course

Taster Evening numbers lower than we would have liked. Need at least 10 to go ahead with the course. Six have already signed up and more forms due to come back. Can be a good as a refresher, not just for non-church people. Continue to publicise. First session Wednesday 14th October.

10 Holiday Club – Brian Cammack

Report and statistics had been circulated in advance of the meeting. A great event, and huge thanks to all involved. 80 people attended BBQ at the end of the week and the Allsorts service was well attended, with some people attending for the first time. New people also at Messy Church as a result. Email addresses have been captured and will be used for advertising children’s services and events.

John Maybery reported that the net cost worked out as £450. This will be met by the CTIO Holiday Club Fund, which has £1,800 remaining and is available for CTIO churches for work with children. If we hold another club in the future, there would be no need to pay for Portaloo, or T-shirts and lanyards which have been saved.

11 Christmas Services

Special staff meeting took place last Saturday, with Judith Reynolds, to look at the Christmas diary. Christingle will be re-instated before Christmas and held this year on Saturday 19th December. Advent Carols will take place on 29th November, Carol Service on 20th December and the Crib Service as usual on Christmas Eve. Still aiming to keep a quiet, reflective two weeks at the beginning of December, as much as is possible. Leisa will do an Advent Reflection, on 8th December. With school carol services and additional services and events church wardens will need assistance with locking-up etc.

Late night shopping will not coincide with the Christmas Tree Festival this year. Tickets for the Friends’ Christmas evening at Knightstone will soon be available.

12 Coffee

13 Ordination Service

This service will be the first ordination by a woman bishop. Diocesan press office will be contacting Church Times. There has been an article in the Ottery Herald who will also send a photographer on Saturday. Book tokens to be purchased as gifts for Leisa and Sheila.

14 Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 28th November

Helen Atkinson has agreed to run this again. Jill Rose has put in place a team to help her. Publicity is particularly important. Poster has been prepared. Fliers will be handed out on the day.

15 AOB

15.1 Harvest Festival Donations/Collections: Donations of non-perishable items to go to St Petrock’s. Collections to go to Tear Fund for Syrian refugees appeal.

15.2 Tar Barrels BBQ: This worked really well last year, raised £500. Plan to do it again this year if we can get enough volunteers for the evening.

Meeting closed with the Grace at 9.05pm.

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