

Summary of PCC Meeting of 17th March 2010

Attendance: 14 out of 24 members (58%)

Fr David opened the meeting with a Lenten reflection based on the words of the last of T S Elliot's *Four Quartets*.

The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2010 were approved.

Matters Arising: Fr David has now had an opportunity to meet with Bishop Mark regarding Bishop John's stance over joining the Roman Catholic Church at some time in the future. Bishop Mark did not feel that he could comment on Bishop John's position.

Minute of Appreciation for Shirley Aiton: The PCC unanimously agreed a minute of appreciation for Shirley Aiton, parish secretary from August 2006 to March 2010. Shirley carried out her work with skill and efficiency as well as offering a warm welcome to those who visited the office.

Frances Wallace has collected most of the outstanding moneys for the **Parish Weekend** in May.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 11 April: 3 current PCC members will be standing down in April. The PCC welcomed interest from church members wishing to stand for the PCC. Committee reports are being collated.

The Friends of St Nicholas; It is hoped to have a good turn-out to the Launch event 7:00 on 11 April. Simon Brett and local musicians are performing.

Hiring out the church as a film / TV location: This could be an opportunity to raise funds for the church. Enquiries have been made with leading agents. We will ensure that the activities filmed are appropriate to the church ethos.

Treasurer's Report including Financial Report for 2009: The Treasurer circulated the 2009 Financial Accounts for approval. It was noted that the net deficit on unrestricted funds was £417, comparing favourably with the previous year. The Accounts have been sent to the auditors and will be provided to the APCM. The Accounts were unanimously approved subject to possible minor amendments by the auditors. Mike Blakely was thanked for his hard work in producing clear and accessible accounts.

Finance Committee: £8,380 was raised by the One Hundred Kilometre Walk for the Feast Project. The PCC agreed that the Deanery Synod representatives should vote for a change in the formula for determining the parish share at the next Deanery meeting. A task group will be set up made up of members from the Finance & Fabric Committees to work on major

capital projects. The Finance committee will be seeking to raise awareness of legacies as a good way of financially supporting the church.

Fabric Committee: Working on terms of reference. Improvements to CCTV coverage are being costed, as is extending amplification with a further speaker. Costings for repairing the church clock have been obtained and will be discussed at the May PCC meeting. Notices regarding keeping the church tidy have been produced and were agreed with minor amendments.

Social & Catering Committee: No meeting held since last month's PCC meeting. Noted that the Passover Supper was very successful and Lent Lunches are going well.

Churches Liaison Committee: PCC welcomed the possibility of Election Hustings taking place in the church.

Deanery Synod: Last meeting heard an excellent talk from Richard Jackson, adviser on Mission and Renewal. His ideas will be brought back to a future meeting.

Electoral Roll stands at 245 with two recent additions.

Correspondence: Thank you card received from Shirley for flowers that PCC sent. The Charity Commission has written confirming PCC's registration – **Charity Number 1134404.**

Any Other Business:

Sunday Minibus – route could be extended. Action: Mission & Renewal. Questions were raised about how we could help parents of young children manage their children in **the crèche**. An expanded version of the proposed crèche notice would be helpful, so too a supportive word to parents about the various facilities available such as the Sunday School Room and the kitchen area.

The church's **Bavarian Link** is being flagged up with a display at this year's Ecumenical Partnership event in Munich.

The church still needs a **Cleaning Co-ordinator** – to be raised at the APCM. Father David will ask Lorinda and Chris Monaghan what help they need in running this year's **summer fete**.

Next Meeting: Thursday 27 May at 7:30pm

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