

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting  
held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009**  
7.30 pm in the Pavilions, St Andrew's Church

**Present:**

Revd Andrew Tuck (Rector)  
Steven Knowles (Churchwarden)  
Maureen Grew (Churchwarden)  
Malcolm Brett  
Joanna Elliott  
Jenny Grant  
Mary Haines  
Barbara Haworth (Secretary)  
Sally Heighington  
Elise Marlow (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Adam North (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Richard Poppe  
Jonathan Seale

The Meeting commenced with prayers.

**60:09 Apologies for Absence:**

Joy Lievesley; Brian Martin; Caroline Walker; Lesley Whympers; Jack Wingfield

**61:09 Minutes of Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July and Matters Arising:**

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting and the following Matters Arising briefly discussed:

PCC AwayDay: Andrew said there was nothing to report on welcome group, foyer groups, drawing up contract for functions in church, lunchtime activities, encouraging people to take on small responsibilities, recruitment and publicity and we must keep these matters in mind. We must try and find people to take responsibility for each item (talk to Andrew or Joy) and keep them on the agenda.

Summer Fayre: Raised approx. £5,400. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic day with great atmosphere. Maureen said she'd written letters of thanks to many, and made lists of everything to facilitate next year's fayre, shopping list for all the food and who to contact., etc. The farm animals were a great attraction though didn't make money and the hand-washing facilities little used!

Areas needing extra attention next year:

- Ask for more cakes for cake stall (contact individuals in good time)
- More jam jars for children's Tombola (sold out in 15 mins) – worth buying sweets etc to fill ourselves.
- Tower tours very successful and need separate person to take money (cream teas stall, who were taking it this year, very busy!).
- More parachutes and buckets needed for teddies.

The PCC proposed a huge vote of thanks to Maureen for arranging it so efficiently and for her extreme hard work. She placed on record that she would not be doing it next year!

Organ: The Churchwardens have signed the contract and we are waiting for a reciprocal signature from Principal Pipe Organs. Hope to start work after Christmas and before Easter and finish before end of 2010; replacement organ will be supplied. One area undecided is decoration/grilles on organ case which Ptolemy Dean has designed using copper and which is expensive. It is in a very visible position but cheaper option might have to be considered; otherwise we have fixed price contract on budget as previously discussed. Malcolm will keep eye on progress and Caroline Leishman will organise payments.

Harvest Festival: A lovely occasion, good feedback; Maureen congratulated on wonderful meal for 102 which made £220 profit; auction raised further £130 - all donated to Christian Aid. Amazing effort was put into organising children to sing and otherwise participate: they were very involved and Sally said it would not be possible to do similar performance every month for the All Age Service. Some confusion re what sort of produce/items people should bring to Harvest Festival and whether auction was good idea. Must rethink next year and put it on the PCC Agenda in good time so that we can direct congregation accordingly.

#### **62:09 Dates for next PCC Meetings**

Monday, **16<sup>th</sup> November** (Andrew has since confirmed)

Thursday, **17<sup>th</sup> December** – PCC Christmas Party at The Rectory.

Monday, **11<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Monday, **22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Monday, **22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Sunday, **25<sup>th</sup> April** - Annual Parochial Church Meeting

#### **63:09 Bishop Ian's Visit to the Deanery**

Confirming Ros Crowe tomorrow and six children on Thursday.

He will be at Fox and Pelican pub in Grayshott this Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8.00 pm to discuss anything we want to put to him, and will be conducting Deanery Service at 6.40pm at The Bourne Church on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>. There is to be a Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday when the mission and pastoral plan will be discussed – each deanery has produced one and copies of St Andrew's were circulated to the PCC.

Andrew said we continued to get excellent feedback on our re-ordering: he'd received a letter from Dr David Edwards, previously Dean of Southwark Cathedral, saying how revitalising he found our changes, and 42 clergy and parishioners from Kettering are coming to St Andrew's on Saturday to see what we have done. Our work is seen as an encouragement to other churches to modernise.

#### **64:09 Finance and Stewardship Renewal**

Matthew reported that three quarters through the year we were roughly on target, though of course the budget predicts a deficit, and usually the year ended slightly better than anticipated. So far, weekly giving is down £2,500, we have received a generous legacy of £4,000, gift aid is still to come in and the gas bill is £7,000 against a budget of £4,000.

Stewardship Renewal is 18<sup>th</sup> October and it was decided a letter should go out to the congregation – one to existing givers and one to new people – though times are of course hard. Matthew said he would try and get them out

this week. Jenny asked whether fewer people were now on the envelope scheme but Matthew said the total was roughly on budget.

### **65:09 Autumn and Christmas Arrangements**

This **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**, is a coffee morning with tower tours (Barbara Milam in charge) and also the people from Kettering will be provided with lunch. In the evening is the FoStA concert at 7.30pm.

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30pm: meeting of Churches Together in Farnham. Felt this has lost its way a bit and an effort is going to be made to reinvigorate the getting together of St Andrew's with the URC and Methodists.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**: Dance Workshop, hosted by a group from Coventry Cathedral who specialise in liturgical dance. Each year they do an outreach workshop somewhere different and Andrew commended it to us! They are very enthusiastic and the day should be great fun.

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November (All-age Worship)**: Andrew hopes somebody will do a presentation at the 10.00am service of what they learned at the Dance Workshop.

See Parish Diary for other events.

**Christmas Eve: Christingle** Over-full last year and carrying of so many lighted candles stressful! Andrew suggested two services this year, at 3.00 and 4.30 pm, and PCC agreed to back this: help will be needed with services. More details nearer the time.

**20<sup>th</sup> December**: Children's nativity play.

### **66:09 Young People's Work**

Andrew said he and Joy were very committed to helping the process of nurturing the children's groups by attending meetings with the group leaders and talking things through.

Children's Church – every Sunday at St Andrew's, apart from All Age Worship on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, to have continuity through till Easter.

All Age Worship yesterday (Harvest Festival) was brilliant but this level of preparation cannot be sustained every month. Did the children learn from this experience? We must adapt accordingly and enrich first Sundays in some way.

7Up – has taken off well, Caroline and Clare Shepherd involved – 20 children last time, mainly social. Potential for more input, how can we resource more effectively, how can helpers be involved? More experienced can help and lead. Thanks to Mary Haines who started group and who has worked really hard to keep it going.

Pizza and Praise, now 5.00-6.00pm on second Sundays, also started by Mary, is going well and now has 11-year-olds acting out adapted bible stories each month, written by 15-year-old. Exciting link with 7-Up. Children giving their time, bringing on younger ones.

FCCT very keen to support youth work and willing to offer financial support, particularly if we work with other churches: meeting later this week on how to progress. Need to rethink how we approach as not straightforward, previous experience didn't work as too spread out. Exploring possible need for dedicated person at St Andrew's.

### **67:09 Chairman's Notices**

- Health and Safety – work in progress.
- Memorial Service and tea 01.11.09.
- St Andrew's Day: having "bit of a bash" 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.00-9.30pm; Alan Beattie and Eggar's School Jazz Band lined up.

- Farnham Directory has entry for Pizza and Praise service.
- Farnham Humanists' Debate on Tuesday, 3 November, 8.00pm South Farnham School.
- Clergy house, 6 High Park Road, has been let for a year @ £1,295 per month.
- Charity Commission re-registration – held in office: need to get done and signed asap.
- Adam North is going to Zambia in January 2010 for one year minimum. He'll operate from the Anglican Cathedral in Ndola as youth worker with a USPG charity in a slum area for 500 orphans. He has completed training. Maureen offered to organise additional financial support for him.
- The church was packed for Tim Rose's licensing service at his new parish in Stanford in the Vale and 33 parishioners went in the coach from St Andrew's to take part. Congregation clearly delighted to have him.
- Andrew thanked everyone who had sent cards for his and Angela's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and said he'd write piece for magazine re their trip to Sri Lanka. Also reminded others who travel to write for magazine.

#### **68:09 AOB**

- Need new mugs and tea towels in kitchen: Maureen said would buy from refreshments proceeds.
- Matthew reminded Andrew that redecoration of a room in the Rectory was included in this year's budget: Andrew said kitchen needed doing and he would get some quotes.

#### **69:09 Next Meeting**

The next PCC meeting will be on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Pavilions.

The meeting concluded with prayers at 9.20pm.

Barbara Haworth, PCC Secretary

Copies to: all the above  
Caroline Leishman (Parish Office)