

Highlights for the meeting of the Parochial Church Council due to be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 26th September 2007 at 8.00pm.

1) The Chairman welcomed all members and opened the meeting with prayers.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2007 were signed off with no amendments.

4) Chairman's notices and announcements

a) Stewardship Update: details of the presentation are now on the website. 365 packs were given out. The Chairman thanked Suzanne Barrett for her role co-ordinating the event. Members of the PCC felt the presentation was excellent and the tone was just right

b) Bringing Worship to life. All is going as planned, we've had a huge level of response from people and it's great that we have such talent from within our community. This event is also our PCC away day so if we haven't yet signed up to a session, there is still time to do so. Positive comments re adults and children mixed.

c) Thank you from Bell Ringers Restoration Fund for £55.00

d) Harvest Quiz Night and Fish & Chips = Fri 9th Nov not 13th Oct. **Date for your diaries.**

e) Communion Assistants. With Pat and Bryan Ellis leaving it was proposed and approved that Sue Burke and Andrew Strong join the communion assistants' rota. The Chairman will organise the training with John Silk.

f) The theme for the November Sermons this year is "Changes in Society". More details to follow.

5) Report from the Standing Committee held on 5th September was discussed: Re purchase of Portable Sound system: we managed to get a better price than originally quoted. It was proposed that we should keep it in the Church Hall.

6) Church Quinquennial Report Update / Waiting for Hughes to look at the transept roof. Details to follow.

7) **Date for your diaries:** 9th Feb 2008 proposed PCC away day.

8) Financial Matters. Reported that we are currently in good shape, and noted that although the money in the budget for Property Maintenance has

not yet been spent by the end of the year it will be, so Stewardship was well timed. This led to another discussion about the success of the Stewardship Programme.

9) Risk Review Items

Consideration of Health and Safety review by PCC is minuted.

- Reviewed the Health and Safety Report (previously circulated). The PCC agrees with the proposals in principle but wanted certain items that were raised addressed.

The Chairman thanked Geoff Trickey as did the PCC for the huge amount of work and effort that has obviously gone into producing the report and all the work that has been put in behind the scenes. Well done and thank you Geoff!!

Other comments raised re Health and Safety:

- The Pascal Candle has been moved to behind the font.
- Concerns were raised about which fire extinguishers were to be used and when / this will be covered in the above report and with key people reviewing together the use and operation of the extinguishers.
- When we have lots of visitors in Church (i.e. full 12.00 Baptism service, Crib service) we should announce that we have a back door as an emergency exit.
- Concerns raised about the practicalities of evacuating half the Church through the small back door.
- The Chairman said he had requested a review of the Crib Service arrangements and one improvement was this year there would be no chairs at the back of Church. Torches for the little children rather than candles. **Action - Thought to be given to this as part of the Crib Service review.**

10) Members' notices and questions:

- Vauxmead: could it be used for parking. The issues surrounding this suggestion were discussed.
- PCC's permission sought to take TAG to the Acts of the Apostles on the 13th October. At present the proposal is parents will take cars. The PCC gave its approval on the basis that the Risk Review document and all the relevant paperwork and approvals are signed off. The question was raised whether the car drivers need to be CRB checked. The Chairman stated again we should get the form and follow it.
- The application form for Susan Parfitt to join the electoral roll was presented. It was suggested that we should invite all our confirmands to join.

- We discussed the fact that lead is being stolen from church roofs and agreed to be vigilant in noticing strange people hanging around the church at odd times. Should the Church lighting be on a sensor rather than a timer? This is going to be looked into.

The Chairman finished on a happy note, advising us that we have 12 adults on the *Getting Started* course this year, 10 of whom may be confirmands and 8 juniors. Some of these people are on the course because of the gentle 'evangelism' that takes place via *Gems*, *Young Vines*, *Baptisms* and the *Office*, and the Chairman was pleased at the little nudges people are getting from these areas.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th November

The meeting finished at 9.30 with prayers.