

**The Parish of St Nicholas Church Remenham.**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

**held on 24 November 2011 in The Chantry House**

**Present:**

Martyn Griffiths, Rector, Chair  
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden  
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden  
Eileen Dowsett  
Ruth Palethorpe  
Glen Palethorpe  
Anthea Prescott (Deanery Synod Representative)  
Leslie Prescott  
Ann Shemilt  
Anthony West

**1. Prayers**

**2. Apologies:** Nigel Gray, Treasurer, Rosemary Duckett, Secretary, Sue Laing and Peter Sly

**3. Minutes of meeting held on 12th May.** There were no amendments

**4. Matters arising:**

4.1 The Internet - Charlotte Every had contacted the Church Near You website and now had full editing rights for the St Nicholas Remenham page. This was now up to date with regular and Christmas services. The PCC **agreed** that St Nicholas should have its own webpage. Charlotte Every would progress.

4.2 Organist - Jonathan White could not commit at present to playing two Sundays a month at Remenham. Don Hickson could play on the first Sunday. Charlotte Every would find out which Sundays Nigel Wallington could commit to and then any spaces would be backfilled.

4.3 Electrical Works: Charlotte Every had applied to the DAC for the work to be done. However, they had asked at very short notice before their meeting for extra technical information which it had been impossible to supply. The contractor would have to pay another visit to the church and might have to amend the estimate. *[CE will contact Sparkes to make an appointment.]*

**5. Finance Report:**

5.1 The PCC looked at the Treasurer's report – there were no comments.

5.2 The Rector reported that there were 1, 2 or possibly 3 churches in the Deanery that would default on their parish share. At present the Henley Deanery pays

123% of its costs and have told the Diocese that from financial year 2012/13 it will only pay 110%; even with the rebate we currently receive on our share this would be a reduction in our share. This would be voted on at the next Deanery Synod meeting.

**6. Parish Hall** – the building work was a week behind schedule but should be finished soon.

## **7. Any other business**

7.1 The PCC discussed Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. Charlotte Every had received an email from the Bishop of Dorchester; a Jubilee Churches Festival would be held but after discussion it was agreed that the proposals were not suitable for Remenham. Charlotte Every would find out what plans there were to celebrate the Jubilee in Remenham and any celebrations for Remenham church would be made to fit in with these.

7.2 The service on Sunday 1 January would be a joint Communion service in St Mary's at 1100 followed by a New Year Brunch in the Chantry House.

7.3 Canon Ratings was now unable to officiate at midnight mass. Bishop Bone had been approached but was already conducting a service in Harpsden at 9.30pm. Bearing in mind the age and health of Bishop Bone, the Rector would see if he could take the 9.30pm service and Bishop Bone could come to Remenham. If no celebrant could be found Anthony West would conduct the service using the Reserve Sacrament.

7.4 It was agreed that for the candle lit services over Christmas silver foil would be placed under the candles on the window sills on the north wall to prevent the sills being spoiled by dripping wax.

7.5 Anthony West asked that the parish hall finances be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

7.6 Anthony West asked if traditional collects could be used in addition to those set by the lectionary. The Rector would consider this.

## **8. Dates of future services and meetings**

8.1 4 December, Patronal Festival; 18 December at 4.00pm service of 9 lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the parish hall, 24 December at 11.30pm midnight mass and 11.15 on Christmas Day – children's service with Holy Communion (45 minutes).

8.2 **Standing Committee meetings** would be held on Friday 9 March at 9.30am and Friday 11 May. **PCC meetings** would be held on Thursday 22 March and Thursday 24 May. The **APCM** would take place on Sunday 22 April; Charlotte Every would take responsibility for the production and circulation of papers.

**Date of next meeting:** Standing committee 9 March, PCC 22 March 2012