

The Parish of St Nicholas Church, Remenham.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parochial Church Council

held on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm

Present: Father Martyn Griffiths, Chairman
Charlotte Every, Churchwarden
Mike Dowsett, Churchwarden
Anthea Prescott
Leslie Prescott
Sue Laing
Ann Shemilt
Hugh Whitfield
Glen Palethorpe
Ruth Palethorpe, Secretary.

Apologies: Nigel Gray
Anthony West
Eileen Dowsett

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013 were proposed by Charlotte Every and seconded by Mike Dowsett and approved, unanimously.

1. Matters Arising:

- a) Chancel repairs:** Anthony West obtained a Report from the National Archives, at Kew, which seemed to indicate that no properties in the Parish carried such a liability. However, further enquiry of Copas Partnership would be advisable as former Glebe land could be affected and this would not have been disclosed by the Report

2. Finance Report:

Nothing new to report.

3. Parish Hall:

A new draft Constitution for the Parish Hall was presented to the PCC by Father Martyn. Father Martyn advised he had liaised with Peter Grace (Parish Hall Committee) to produce this draft, copies of which were with the Parish Hall Committee to consider. The final result had to come back to the PCC for final approval; hopefully this would be at the 2014 APCM.

4. Deanery Synod:

Report from the meeting Held at Bix Village Hall 19th June 2013

The Election of a new Deanery Lay Chair, upon the resignation of Lady Sally Horton, was announced. Heather Llewellyn has accepted this appointment. She is the Deanery Representative for St Mary's Ipsden.

All Saints Peppard was to have New Ancient and Modern hymn books at a cost of £5.00 each on November 23rd 2013.

The Rev Mark Blamey was leaving Goring and Streatley for the Channel Islands.

Parishes and Churches might now appoint Parish Nurses who would make personal visits locally, in much the same way as the old District Nurses and cover physical and spiritual well being. The details could be found at www.parishnurses.org.uk.

Financially, owing to an expected shortfall, there would be no rebate for the Parish Share. Letters would be sent to Parish Treasurers. Henley Deanery contributed to ministry training and we could be said to pay our own way.

The meeting finished with the singing of a Cameroon traditional song "Stand firm and see what The Lord can do", sung in four-part harmony and was surprisingly successful.

This item is courtesy of Anthea Prescott, Deanery Representative for St Nicholas, Remenham.

5. Any other business:

- a) **Health and Safety check:** Father Martyn would ask the gentleman who has recently done this work at St Mary's to carry out the check at Remenham.
- b) **Items stored at Holme Farm, Aston:** Charlotte Every advised she had various items belonging to the Church stored at her residence, Holme Farm. These included the pew from the back of the church; a piece of embroidery; a collection of collars and cuffs; the choir surplices; a clock; and aisle carpet. Father Martyn thanked her for storing these items
- c) **Child Protection Policy:** The full policy could be found on the Church of England website at www.churchofengland.org/media/37378/protectingallgodchildren.pdf
- d) **Insurance Policy:** After some discussion the PCC unanimously agreed to accept the renewal quotation for St Nicholas Church, Remenham without the organ. The level of cover being 100% with a £500.00 excess.
- e) **Small appliance testing:** Hugh Whitfield advised he would look into this.

6. Electoral Roll:

Father Martyn advised there were 4 new applications to consider.

7. Future dates:

Parish Hall Centenary Celebrations	Saturday 28 September
Harvest Festival Service	Sunday 29 September
PCC Standing Committee	Friday 11 October at 1700
Harvest Supper	Friday 11 October 1900, Parish Hall
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 22 October at 2000, Parish Hall
Remembrance Service	Sunday 10 November at 1055
Patronal Service	Sunday 8 December
Carol Service	Sunday 22 December at 1600
Midnight Mass	Tuesday 24 December