

**ST MARY RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN  
MINUTES**

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council  
Tuesday 10 July 2018  
7.30pm in the Church Hall

**PRESENT:**

Vicar in the chair, Diane Williams, Alison Bull, Stuart Wigley, Ronnie Todd

Susan Allender, Daphne Harrison, Margaret Nicholas, Charlotte Rakhit, Barry Sharp, Bennet Smith, Anne Straight, Dick Thomson, Rachel Wigley

**1. Passage of Scripture & Prayers**

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer and a bible passage.

**2. Apologies**

Martyn Berry, Andrew Swidzinski, Ali Wakefield, Sarah Way

**3. Approval of Minutes 17 April 2018**

The Minutes were amended to include Daphne Harrison in the list of apologies, agreed by the PCC and signed as a true copy by the Vicar.

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Finance**

The Treasurer informed the PCC that we have received a legacy of £10k from Bernard Palmer who used to worship in St Mary's. A letter of thanks has been sent to the family.

The stewardship presentation in May will be followed up in a later service. People will be asked to consider whether they would like to review their level of giving.

The Vicar mentioned that Synod is reviewing the formula for Parish share giving.

**6. Church Fabric**

Diane Williams gave the report.

In light of the recent legacies and gifts the Fabric Committee suggested we look at renewing the outside notice boards. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a "Welcome" notice board erected at the top of the car park. A working party will be needed. Margaret Nicholas advised the PCC that her son will be renovating the notice board at the bottom of the front steps.

Quinquennial Repairs - Diane and Robert McIntock are meeting with the builder on Friday who will provide an estimate for the remainder of the work.

The lighting in the chancel is in need of renewal. The subject of using a ladder to reach the chancel lighting was discussed. The PCC agreed it was too dangerous for one person to attempt it but would be happy if we received an indemnity notice, a risk assessment and assurance that there would be more than person in attendance during the work. The Churchwardens, Diane and Alison, will oversee the above.

It was agreed to have the drainage inspected by the vestry door as every time it rains the water collects there and is very slow at draining away.

**7. Events**

Vicarage Bring & Share Lunch - All in hand

Riverhead Carnival - 3rd Sunday in September (16<sup>th</sup> - Events Committee to meet)

Estonian Choir visit - 20-21 October (Karen Forster-Pearce co-ordinating accommodation)

Church Quiz - Invite all three churches - (Events committee to coordinate)

Traidcraft Stall - 3 November

## **8. Outreach and Mission**

Rosemary McLintock is in the process of arranging visits for speakers to attend a service at St Mary's from our three chosen charities.

## **9. Deanery Synod Briefing**

There has been no meeting since our last PCC meeting.

## **10. Church Services**

22 July - Annika from our link church in Estonia will be talking to the children during the service

5 August - North West Fellowship service at The Drive; St Mary's leading it. 11 November - Memorial Service - First World War Centenary

Alison Bull told the meeting that she is in contact with the Parish Council who will be putting out a flier to ask for knitted poppies to use for decoration around the village. We could decorate the church with a variety of craft poppies and ask the congregation if they would like to contribute. Alison will ask the Parish Council to collaborate with us. They are intending to have coffee and cake in the village hall after the memorial service. A suggestion is to ask the congregation to wear red and black for the church service. The Vicar will find out details of the trumpeter who has played at the memorial service for the last two years. We will also invite the Scouts, if they aren't at Dunton Green.

## **11. Sunday Club/Teenagers**

Sunday Club continues to do well. It was suggested that when the children are in church on the third Sunday it would be a good idea if the older children sat with the younger ones to help them follow the service. It is encouraging to see how they are developing.

The matter of the Teenagers' Room is ongoing.

## **12. Any Other Business**

*Crib Trail* - Will happen between 23 to 30 December in local churches and shops. Anne Straight informed the meeting that a booklet is being prepared which will list dates and times of the places where nativity scenes are being displayed. CTSD would like a volunteer to liaise with shops in Riverhead. CTSD have cribs they are able to give out on loan if necessary. Margaret Nicholas was asked to put a note in the pew sheet asking for volunteers.

*Family Curry* - St Mary's Kippington have asked if any families from the three churches (St Mary's K, St Mary's R&DG and St Luke's) would like to participate in a family curry evening. Families from Sunday Club will be asked.

*Burial of Ashes* - The Vicar has been asked for permission to inter the ashes of Violet Allen and to erect a memorial stone in the closed churchyard of St. Mary's Church. The PCC were asked whether they approved the suitability of the memorial stone in relation to the fabric of the church and its placement to ensure it will not hamper the cutting of the grass. The PCC unanimously agreed. The Secretary was asked to prepare a resolution to that effect for the Vicar to send to the Diocese with the formal application.

*Martyn Berry* - The Vicar informed the meeting that Martyn Berry will be stepping down from his role as Reader. The Vicar suggested we offer thanks and appreciation for all he has done for St Mary's over the years on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. He will be invited to participate on special occasions if

he would like to and feels able. The PCC unanimously agreed. We offer our prayers and blessings to him. He will be made a Reader Emeritus and will receive a letter from the Bishop to that effect.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Standing Committee

Tuesday 11 September 2018

PCC Meeting

Tuesday 25 September 2018