

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, St. Peter's Draycott

Held on 26/11/2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Kundasan, Westfield Lane.

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1. Opening prayers

Rev. Sue opened the meeting with a prayer. Tricia Heckbert took the chair.

2. Attendance, apologies and welcome

<i>Present</i>		Thea Oliver	TO
David Cheetham	DC	Barry Rose	SR
Richard Dingley	RD	Sue Rose	BR
Chris Green	CG		
Tricia Heckbert	TH	<i>Apologies</i>	
Alison Jeffries	AJ	Janet Jeffries	JJ
Colette Jeff	CJ	Tricia Lumley	TL

3. Minutes from PCC of 08/10/2014

The PCC minutes were agreed as an accurate record, with the exception of the spelling of these names- Mike Jory, Alistair Glanvile, Paul Kingdom. The minutes secretary apologised.

4. Matters arising

28/05/14 8a (Car Park safety)- Hedge cutting has been done CG presented a draft letter for sending to the Highways Authority, which was agreed. *ACTION*: CG to send letter, copying in the school (NB. no need to consult them as this is just an enquiry).

06/08/14 6b (Car park sign)- Cheddar signs had given us rather a high quote, including a post. However DC had approached the school and they had agreed we could put one below the existing school sign at the car park entrance, and asked Cheddar Signs for a quote for this sign. He had not yet heard back. *ACTION*: carry over.

06/08/14 6d (Food bank)- CG had mailed Sue Albone but not heard back. *ACTION*: CG mail again and suggest postponement until the New Year.

08/10/14 6a (After School Club proposed by Community Church)- SR had talked both to John Reynard and Mike Jory. The school now understand our reservations.

08/10/14 7a. iv (Paul Kingdom expenses)- Yes he does need them. *ACTION*: DC to arrange.

08/10/14 7b. i (boiler service)- done.

08/10/14 7g. (Magazine)- too late, Rob had already arranged it.

08/10/14 7i. (Calendar for church usage)- done, now hanging in vestry.

5. Any other business

(Notice of Funeral on 4th December at 11. Barry will play.)

6. Items for Decision

6a. SR Departure

- i. Last service- 1st Feb. This would be a joint one at Cheddar- Candlemass.
- ii. Service cover- general. SR had met with ministry team, and also with the retired clergy in the parish. Judith Rose will be first contact for funerals, Hilary Thomas, Alistair Glanville and Mike Gelder will assist in covering them. Hilary will be first contact for weddings, do retirement home communion visits. Service cover will be co-ordinated through the ministry team (CG would take minutes at meetings). NB. the benefice will only stay united if this happens centrally and represents all three churches. The gap in Rodney Stoke representation will be filled by Joanne Turner (who has agreed) and Steve Percival (to be asked by SR) .
- iii. Sunday service rota. SR will sort out the rota for the first 2-3 months. Given the lay-led services already arranged, only 2 services per month should need to be covered from outside the benefice. Judith, Hilary will take one Sunday each, and preach and preside. (They may be able to preside more often if needed, but not to preach.) We have offers from Victor Daly to cover Rodney Stoke occasionally; also from John Hall (Rodney Stoke or Draycott). There are other staff attached to the cathedral who could be approached- SR will advise. Fees for service cover by any non- Cheddar clergy should be met by the diocese. (*ACTION*: SR to mail the draft rota to churchwardens and CG).
- iv. School. One issue is replacement for SR's role of foundation governor. Mike Brownbill has agreed to act as an interim one. Draycott PCC needs to decide on replacement.
- v. Messy Church. Hilary would be the clergy presence at Messy Church, which is to continue by popular demand.
- vi. SR profile – has mailed TO, will mail DC
- vii. Website – Draycott website needs to be revamped and kept up to date as it becomes an important 'shop window' for prospective applicants.

6b. Second Sunday Service- review, future.

We had agreed to review this after it had been running a little time. It had started last January.

It has been happening each month, with a single exception (the Remembrance Day joint service). While this had always been based on Morning Prayer, we have varied other aspects, particularly the 'sermon slot'. It has included two hymn practice services (one with the practice led by BR,

the other by DC). Alan Rowntree had given his history of church and village. One had featured a joint reading of the Passion. In another, Gordon Jeff had led us in a short meditation. Each time, worship has been followed by discussion over refreshments. In general, these services had proved popular with little difference in numbers compared to our communion services. There was little evidence that we were reaching out to different people however, which was disappointing.

ACTION: We should continue this service into the New Year. We need more publicity (an article in the next magazine, flyers at coffee & cake...), and probably a revamped service booklet.

6c. Christmas.

- i. Christmas Card. SR has designed a card, which will have details of our benefice services (NB. these had not appeared in the Magazine!). We need about 500 for Draycott. *ACTION:* SR will arrange printing, we need people to post them a street at a time.
- ii. Carol Service. Sadly Cheddar is not taking part in our 09:30 service on the 22nd, as they thought it was too much to do both this and their (evening) service in one day.
- iii. Sunday after Christmas (28th). Draycott will join Cheddar at 10.00, in Cheddar. Rodney Stoke are having their usual 4th Sunday service with Alistair.
- iv. Concert (28th)- tickets would be £10, half for under 16's. We congratulated Barry for his award for 'Chorister Trainer of the Year'!

7. Items for Discussion

7a. Worship

(nothing further)

7b. Fabric

(nothing further)

7c. Finance

DC reported £10,100 in general funds (current, deposit) and £4,127 in the Fabric Fund. NB. the additional funds in the former are mainly due to VAT money. We have not yet paid the insurance bill, or our share of benefice expenses to Cheddar (DC is in discussion about this with Dawn, the Cheddar PCC treasurer).

From January next year the parish share will be reduced, from £1,054 (the current amount) to £871 per month.

7d. School

- i. There had been a very successful Remembrance Day service at St. Leonards. Silence was kept, and they have given us the wreath that they made.
- ii. Foundation committee- TO has been asked to join this by SR.

7e. Deanery Synod

The bishop attended. SR was appointed as Rural Dean. Curates produced a photo-tour of the deanery, which was entertaining and instructive. Five different people spoke about events across the deanery. Each deanery in the diocese has been asked to decide on its top three priorities for the bishop.

Since SR will not be able to continue as Rural Dean, Sharron Crossman (Highbridge) has agreed to be acting Rural Dean. Consultation on a new candidate has gone out to clergy and lay officers.

7f. SoSP

The curry night raised nearly £700, of which half was given to the CSC (Sisters of the Church in Bristol). The 70s night attracted about 50 people and made £160 or so profit.

First Saturday this month will include not only coffee and cake (starting a little earlier, at 10.00), but also a Christmas Fayre- which will run at the same time as the School one (hoping they will benefit each other). There will then be a soup lunch from 12:00 – 14:00 (soups needed, please!).

SoSP will provide mince pies at our village carol singing in the Strawberry Special pub on the 14th at 18:30. NB. For our carols in The Laurels earlier that day at 16:00, the Laurels now has a piano.

Next year- we may have another curry night for St. Valentine's Day in Feb.

7g. Church Magazine

(Nothing further)

7h. Local Ministry Group, Cheddar Valley Churches

- Andrew Hemming is going to Bristol (Redhill) in a house for duty.
- Paul Kingdom is now licensed to the Isle of Wedmore benefice.
- For Ascension there will be a picnic and service at Wedmore, on Thursday that week.
- There will be a Beetle Drive on January 24th.
- SR setting up a review of Lay Worship Assistants.

8. Items of new business

8a. The Laurels

SR asked whether anyone would be able to help with communion at The Laurels on Tuesdays. TO can sometimes do it, RD usually. They will do it together where possible.

8b. Joint PCC

The archdeacon may want a joint PCC. We may know more after tomorrow.

9. Items for Information

(none)

10. Dates

PCC meetings: 15/01/14 - 8 pm, at Kundasan.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace.