

## PARISH OF NEWPORT PAGNELL

### Summary of the Minutes of the Parochial Church Council, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

<b>Chair:</b>	Rev Nick Evans
<b>Members:</b>	12 present, 5 apologies
<b>Minutes:</b>	Dick Smith

**Minutes of the PCC Meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017** were accepted with minor corrections.

**Matters Arising** Committee members were reminded that discussions within the committee are confidential to those present and that access to the approved minutes which summarise PCC discussions and decisions are available for members of the congregations.

**Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017** were noted.

**Finance report** Accounts up to October 31<sup>st</sup> had been circulated previously and there were no questions.

**2018 Fees** – Proposed increases to fees for Weddings and Funerals had been circulated previously and with one amendment to the Flowers Fee the proposed fees were agreed.

**Outside Giving** –The proposed recipients were approved and are:

Bridgebuilder Trust - £1,000

MK Night Shelter - £750

Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia - £1,000

Mead Centre - £250

Melanesian Mission UK - £1,000

NP Christmas Lights committee - £150

The collections from the Christingle and Crib services to be donated to The Children's Society.

Retiring collections during Advent and the Christmas period and donations to the Parish Christmas Card, would be donated to Keech Hospice Care.

**Deanery Synod Report** Coralie Mansfield was now in place in Sherington. Applications had closed for Olney and 3 applicants had been chosen for interview in December. Father Gary Ecclestone had been appointed by the Bishop as Area Dean with the Revd. Richard Caddell continuing as Assistant Area Dean. The meeting was reminded that the Deanery offers grants of up to £500 for mission projects. It was agreed that we should apply to the Deanery for a grant towards our Prayer week.

**CTNP** "Songs of Praise" went well. A new "Stable" has been erected on the Rectory forecourt for Advent this year which will be a permanent fixture which can be used throughout the year to promote activities. The new structure has been approved by the Town Council and was funded by the Red House restaurant.

**Communications Group** Lathbury and Moulsoe were not aware of the Christmas Tree Festival. The Christingle is being publicised. After discussion it was agreed to make the Carol Service at SSPP more informal and advertise it as "Carols by Candlelight" with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

**Church Mission Project** It was felt that the Church re-ordering project needed reinvigorating. The "vision" of what we are trying to achieve is vital and a meeting with a team of architects Stephen and Mervyn had met at the CRE exhibition, to advise what may be feasible, was agreed for Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and any PCC members are welcome to attend.

**Fabric Committee** The work that the Fabric Committee had been doing regarding 3 Castle Meadow Close was explained. There was considerable discussion after which it was agreed that redecoration and essential repairs should be undertaken with a budget of up to £20K. Money to fund the project is available

but if we were unsuccessful in finding a House for Duty priest in the short term, we could replenish funds with a percentage of the income received from renting the property. The Fabric Committee were thanked for all the work they had put into the project.

**Christmas Tree Festival** 35 trees promised but some may not materialise. There is a tree at the back of the Church, labelled St Peter and St Paul and St Luke's congregations, which was donated by Ian and Mary Rose Carman and anyone in our congregations may add a decoration. The children's tree will be arriving during the week before the festival. The event is open to the public from 10am-4pm Friday and Saturday and from 2-4pm on Sunday.

**House for Duty Priest Update and Section 12 Meeting** An updated draft Parish Profile has been sent to Gill Lovell and we are awaiting her comments. The Section 12 meeting is planned for December 11th at 7.30pm at St Luke's. This meeting will be open to members of the congregations as well as the PCCs but only the PCC members are eligible to vote.

#### **Any other business**

The Christmas Bazaar raised £2,150. All helpers were thanked and the new people who volunteered were very welcome. However, there was a shortage of help at times. A summer event, possibly with a similar mix of fundraising and mission, was discussed but no decision taken.

Mervyn and Lynda were thanked for all their efforts in co-ordinating the bazaar this year.

**Date of next meeting:** January 22nd 2018