

MINUTES OF ST.PETER'S AGM

Sunday 14 April 2013 after morning service

Present : See sheet in Minute Book (36 attendees)

The meeting opened with prayer

Apologies : Yvonne Crack, Mary Thomas, Ian and Carol Nurcombe

Minutes of the AGM of 1 April 2012 were agreed and signed as accurate

Matters Arising:

MR apologised for the omission of details in The View (where Annual Reports can be found) relating to services conducted in other locations (something that should be included in the annual reports). He confirmed that services are conducted at Cullum Road (Residential Home) where approximately 3 to 5 people attend, also at Cornwallis Court where there are 5 to 15 attendees.

Vicar's Report

- Vision Day – MR confirmed that there had been some hard work in relation to the All Age Service. The Easter Service had been well attended by families and links have been forged with Little Fishes
- MR asked for prayer for the new 'Mini Church' service proposed for the 3rd Sunday of each month (a stepping stone to church) – help always appreciated please
- Our communications officer (Jackie Post) has been appointed and she is working hard on Facebook/Website and the notice board which is looking much better.
- Social events included the neighbourhood Jubilee party and other events co-ordinated by the social events group (any suggestions to Carol and Ian Nurcombe). A summer or Christmas Fayre were possibilities for the future.
- Work was continuing on ensuring the church is included as part of the local community and thanks were extended to Neville for his work on the production of a leaflet for which we were very grateful. Links with the Hyndman Centre were also being strengthened. MR asked that everyone consider what gifts they have to offer the church in any way, including if it was felt you had a calling to ministry – a call the Church of England has made on church communities.
- Figures in the Annual Report show that church numbers are down but since October there have been some new people join us and this is a source of great encouragement. Sadly, also named in the Annual Report are members of the congregation we have lost this year.
- Highlights for 2012 included the Life Exhibition, Carol Services (including EACH), Diamond Jubilee and Barn Dance. MR was delighted to report that Marie Curie and Ridgeons the builders have requested the use of St Peters for

their annual Carol Services. The parish is looking to develop the Amplify service

- Prayer group meeting on the 1st Sat of each month, kindly hosted by Marie MacInnes. This is a group that has met regularly for some time and will now be focussing more specifically on prayer for St Peter's and its ministry here.
- Diocese has just released info on parish shares. Early proposals suggest that potentially the shares would enable growth and Malcolm is hopeful that a community worker or pastor for St Peter's is still a possibility.

Warden's Report

- Work on restoring stonework behind the reredos is now complete and this has been well received by the congregation and visitors.
- Heating has now been mended
- Portacabin has now been successfully and completely demolished and rubbish removed
- Quinquennial work – there have been some delays due to the weather but the work should get underway in the next few weeks

MR wished to extend his, and the congregations thanks to the Wardens for the astonishing amount of work they had undertaken for us. PB added that they considered the role/work an act of worship itself.

Financial Report (financial statements in minute book)

- ❖ MR began by paying tribute to Joy Banham for her continuing work as Treasurer and thanks from the congregation were extended to Joy for all her hard work. Joy has agreed to continue to do the books/treasurer role, but Eric Humphreys will be the 'face' of the Treasurer position for the sake of bringing reports to meetings etc. A vote was taken and all agreed and no abstentions
- ❖ EH provided a report (details in Minute book). Unfortunately we did not meet the increase in the parish share, gift aid has reduced and EH would encourage people to join the giving scheme. Money can now be claimed back from donations from non-tax payers. Eric thanked the Wardens for obtaining good quotes for the portacabin and heating work.

Further reports are in The View (in Minute Book)

There were no questions

David Crofts thanked all those that had worked on the reports – there were many and varied reports. Vote of thanks received – proposed by David Crofts and seconded by Stuart Lowe,

Election of Officers (see note in Minute book)

Proposed

Seconded

Voted

Church Warden

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| Gary McD no abstentions | Cindy Hudson | Yvonne Crack | All in favour |
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Deputy Church Warden

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| Peter Boyt | Cindy Hudson | Yvonne Crack | ditto |
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| Phil Hymers | Peter Boyt | Gary McDowell | ditto |
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| Jackie Post ditto | John Dixon | Barbara Unwin | |
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| Sheila Spaul | Eric Humphreys | Jackie Post | ditto |
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St Peter's Committee

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| Mallie Sharpe | Hazel Humphreys | Patricia Mackie | ditto |
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It was also agreed that whilst Joy Banham would remain as Treasurer, Eric Humphreys would present accounts/financial matters at Committees on Joy's behalf.

Any Other Business

Sheila Spaul raised the issue of whether church members felt services were being 'dumbed down'. Although not a view she necessarily agreed with, it was one that she had heard voiced by another member of the congregation. Daphne Swatman felt they have been. It was felt that the emphasis on children's activities in the service had taken away some of the 'reverence' of it. These matters, and length communion services had been discussed at staff meetings and whilst this point was understood, we did want to attract younger families to church. It was aired that some services were chaotic and lacked reverence and could this work not be done when children went out for teaching/aligning it with the church service. Barbara Unwin pointed out that the teaching at Sunday school and in church were two totally different things and that children could quickly lose their concentration. She also said that we must include the children, as the family of God. It was agreed that the 'talk' could include hearing about what the children have been doing.

MR concluded by thanking all concerned for their contributions, and asking that we all make a real effort to welcome new people – his continual 'nag'. He also expressed his sincere thanks to DC, HH and D and B Webb as well as Lionel and Rebecca.

The meeting closed with prayer.