

# **CHURCH OF ST.NICOLAS, CRANLEIGH, SURREY**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in St. Andrew's Room on Wednesday January 11th 2012**

**Present:** Rev'd Canon Nigel Nicholson: Jim Wakefield: Revd Jonathan Thomas (Curate): Roy Glasper: Susan Clarke: Richard Allon-Smith: Gill Bowles: David Newberry: Judy Wedderspoon: Gill Avery: Jill Pettyfer: Robert Isherwood-Crook: David Cox: Doug Douglas: John Menlove: Sandra Keeping.

**Apologies:** Katherine Tuck: Hilli Waller: Derek Standen: Sally Jones.

Judy Wedderspoon opened the meeting with prayers.

### **1. Additions to the agenda:**

- i) **Alpha Group** There is a new Alpha course starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the home of John & Mary Blowers.
- ii) **Youth Work** It has come to our attention that PCC approval was needed for Georgie Hendy, Susan Clarke and any other driver involved in taking the young people of our Parish on outings e.g. to Laser Quest in Horsham on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 10 Pin Bowling in Guildford on the 4<sup>th</sup> March was necessary. It was agreed that the PCC would back this and suggested that due care must be taken by anyone from the Parish transporting young people.

Jonathan went on to say that Georgie has now been with us for four months and in his opinion was doing an excellent job so far. Although Kids of Faith were slightly lacking in numbers, the Parent & Toddler group were thriving. An element of 'church' had been introduced from time to time by Emma and her helpers. Pathfinders & ACTS are also growing in number which is really encouraging. The Wednesday morning Tea & Toast is steadily increasing in numbers. The help of members of the MU has been much appreciated. Drop 'n' Shop has also been well received and was successful.

One of the options being considered for the future is 'Messy Church'. This is an opportunity for families to come together after school for activities etc. Another idea is a possible parenting activity. Georgie & Jonathan are also trying to encourage families who have had children baptised to come to a Family Service, this would then be followed by a BBQ or some social event.

In the light of all this extra activity extra hands may well be needed as it is a huge undertaking for just one or two people.

The PCC wished to express their appreciation to Georgie and Jonathan for all that has so far been achieved, also to Claire Ulyett who has supported Georgie so well in her new venture.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday November 9th 2012** were accepted as read and signed by the chairman.

**3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising but Nigel wanted the PCC to know that the Queen's visit was absolutely lovely and a very special occasion.

**4. Correspondence:** The Rector had one item of correspondence, a letter from Bishop Christopher requesting volunteers to work with the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation. After a brief discussion he decided that he would investigate further to see exactly what is required from us as a Parish.

**5. Committee Minutes as presented:  
Church Rooms Committee.**

Accepted. Gill mentioned that the ongoing toilet problem had now hopefully been resolved. The Rector requested that we minute our huge debt to Tom Worsfold for all he does for St Nicolas. Thanks also to his able assistant Tom Avery.

**Finance and Standing Committee.**

Accepted. The Rector mentioned the starred items and would discuss them further in additions to the agenda.

**Marketing Committee.** (previously Publicity)

Accepted. David Cox gave a brief resumé about the proposals for Gift Day 2012. (Please refer to Jim's report item 6)

**6. News from the Deanery:**

Sandra Keeping reported that there was no news from the Deanery but that a meeting was planned for the near future.

**7. Honorary Treasurer's Report:**

Roy Glasper reported:

There were several significant cheques issued since the Finance & Standing Committee Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

£2978.88 to Roderick Maclennan Architects Ltd

£436.70 to C.E.S. (replacement of Church lamps)

£372.00 to Country Services Pest Control Ltd (annual service fee)

£428.00 to Entaprint Ltd (printing January parish magazine)

The statement of cash and bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 were also presented as was a cash budget for 2012. Roy has also produced a list of possible projects for 2012 together with some quotations which had already been received. The Rector thanked Roy for all his hard work – we are in safe hands!

**8. Churchwardens' Reports:.**

**Jim Wakefield**

Jim gave a short insight into the procedure of gaining a faculty.

- 1) **Gutters and Downpipes** Would the PCC confirm their agreement that two further downpipes be added to the area of the South elevation of the Chancel and the East elevation of the South Transept. Additionally to alter the angle of the guttering on the Chancel wall to promote the flow of water away from the corner of the South Transept/Chancel walls. Proposed Judy Wedderspoon, Seconded Gill Avery. Carried unanimously. No quote as yet but for KT no more discussion!!

- 2) **Wallpaintings** Would the PCC confirm their agreement to allow the renovation of the paintings in the Lady Chapel and the Tower. Proposed Sandra Keeping, Seconded Richard Allon-Smith. Carried unanimously. Quote received £7700 + VAT
- 3) **New Vestry Toilet** Would the PCC confirm their agreement to allow the bricking up of the second doorway to the current WC and the installation of a new WC on that wall and the replacement of the basin and water heater. Then break through from the Choir Vestry to current WC, utilise the frame and door previously removed and install new basin and WC. Proposed Robert Isherwood-Crook, Seconded Gill Bowles. Carried unanimously. Estimated cost Approx £2500
- 4) **Baynard's Chapel South Window (MU)** In 1944 the stained glass window was destroyed. With a legacy from Louise Burrige there is now the opportunity to have this window transformed with a new stained glass designed by Rachel Mulligan. The window will be in memory of Louise Burrige and will also be a mark of the work of the Mother's Union. Would the PCC agree to allow the process of agreeing to a suitable design and then the manufacture and installation of a new stained glass window. Proposed Jill Pettyfer, Seconded Susan Clarke. Carried unanimously. Estimated cost in the region of £25000. £20000 has been left as a bequest by Louise Burrige, £4000 by Edna Riches and the shortfall would come from the Mother's Union.
- 5) **Tower Infestation** It was decided that this should be dealt with as soon as possible. Estimated cost from PGH £5920.
- 6) **Gift Day 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012** Following the Finance agreement of using an updated 2011 leaflet for 2012, the PCC's thoughts were sought. David Cox advised that it was the Marketing Committee's contention that they had gone almost as far as they could with the design bearing in mind that ideas and designs were transferred back and forth via the internet when designing the 2011 leaflet. The committee were struggling to get 'ideas' people on board. Mention was made that a course was set to market the Church. Brian Boxall would re-emphasise procedure for media coverage and Committee Chairs would be invited to the next meeting (15/1/12). There is a need for further equipment, details of which are being sought. The PCC agreed to an updated version of the 2011 leaflet being used for 2012.

## 9. Rector's Report:

**Jubilee** The Rector had received a leaflet regarding 'Beacons'. This would be investigated, a cost of £299 per beacon was suggested. On Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> the 10am Service would be designed around the celebrations for the Jubilee possibly in conjunction with the Parish Council. The Rector would also like to give to each child a souvenir of the event. (He thought approximately 100 would be needed) Members of the PCC were invited to make suggestions of a suitable souvenir and let him know their thoughts. A coin, possibly a jubilee crown was suggested as mugs are apparently not the 'in' thing.

**Jack Cook** was an Elmbridge resident and has left a legacy of £25000 to St Nicolas. The Rector felt that it was appropriate to use this to enhance the

Choir Vestry in his memory. This was proposed by David Cox and Seconded by Gill Bowles. The PCC agreed unanimously.

The Rector also wished to convey his thanks to the Mission Committee for all their efforts last year in raising approx. £17500+ for distribution. The Mission Committee wish to continue their support of Holy Trinity Aldershot. This was also agreed along with the repair and replacement of jewels to the Processional Cross. It has been sent to Vanpoules and is likely to cost in the region of £1250.

Finally The Rector wished to say a huge thank you to the Parish for all their efforts in the Church over the Christmas period – too numerous to mention individually. We are blessed that the Church is so loved.

**10. Any Other Business:** Jim wished to say thanks to all the Clergy but especially Nigel and Jonathan for all their hard work and love over the Christmas period.

Doug Douglas and David Cox offered their apologies in advance of the March meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 8pm

Jim Wakefield will say the prayers.

The meeting closed with a prayer and the Grace.