

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

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in St. Andrew's Room on Wednesday June 9th 2010**

**Present:** Revd. Canon Nigel Nicholson: Howard Hardy: Angela Wild: Roy Gasper: Katherine Tuck: John Menlove: Antony Douglas: Gill Avery: Julia Finill: Caroline Oldroyd: David Cox: Adrian Graham-Smith:

**Apologies:** Richard Allon-Smith: Fiona Cantelo: Jan Goldsmith: Jan Durrant: Derek Standen: Hilli Waller: Clare Barber.

The Rector opened the meeting with prayers.:

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

- i) Stewardship programme**
- ii) Sound system**
- iii) Heating**
- iv) Letter of intent to Goodwin's**
- v) St Andrew's Room floor**
- vi) Fete**

**2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday May 12th** were accepted as read and signed by the Rector.

**3. Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising

**4. Correspondence:** Katherine Tuck had received a letter from Church Housing Trust asking the PCC to consider donating to the trust to enable them to provide hostels and facilities for homeless people. The letter will be passed to the Missions committee.

### **5. Committee Minutes as presented:**

**Finance and Standing committee.**

**Buildings committee.**

There was nothing on which to comment.

**News from the Deanery:** No report this month.

### **6. Honorary Treasurer's Report:**

Roy Gasper reported:

Significant cheques issued since Finance and Standing committee:

£470 to Dan Frett to reimburse for the iPad he purchased for Valerie Speers.

£2380 to Lizzie Lansberry, balance for altar frontal restoration work.

**Gift Days** £14,748 received to date

79% of this amount will be gift aided, an amount of £3,205.

Total to date £17,953. ( Final Total in 2009 was £20,570)

**Cash and bank balances** to end of May were presented to the PCC.

We have received £8,026 from HMRC (gift aid recovered) for period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

The bank and cash balance has increased by nearly £42,000 over same period last year.

The Rector commented that the balance paid to Lizzie Lansberry was more than anticipated. The altar frontal has been beautifully restored, although the final invoice was far above the original estimate agreed by the PCC. Lizzie Lansberry had cited the extra hours as the reason. After some discussion the Rector agreed to meet Lizzie halfway between the estimate and final cost. The agreed final invoice was £2380.

The Rector said he had drawn people's attention to the blue envelopes and asked them to use them. He wondered if it had made a difference. The comment was made that people would need to be reminded constantly.

## **7. Churchwardens' Reports;**

### **Howard Hardy**

- i) A letter of intent has been sent to Goodwin's with regard to the replacing of the radiators. It is hoped the work will be done in the early autumn.
- ii) Osborne Cabinet makers have still not quoted for the North Transept plans. Paul Osborne is having difficulty getting suitable drawings for the faculty petition. Howard Hardy is confident that the cost and designs will be available soon.
- iii) Ecclesiastical Insurance have responded to Howard Hardy's request for a discount on the church insurance in recognition of the fire alert system now installed. Details of the installation will be sent to the insurance company for them to consider the request.
- iv) The damp around the Lady Chapel window reveals is continuing to dry out. There is some doubt as to whether the paintings are as valuable as first thought. Brian Bagot and Howard Hardy are to meet to debate the extent of considerable expenditure that should be expended on the wall paintings. It is hoped the damp level will be sufficiently overcome to allow some restoration to begin at the end of the summer.

### **Angela Wild**

Angela said that some people had objected to the pews reserved for young families at Family Services!! Although there was some disbelief that this happened it was agreed that we would try and re word the notices to read: "Please help us keep these seats available for young families."

## **8. Rector's Report:**

- i) The Rector had received an irate email complaining about the bellringing on Sundays and for practices and about the clock chiming through the night. Chris Robinson has responded.

- ii) The mausoleum in the churchyard is in need of some restoration. Brian Bagot had written to the family who own it to ask if they might like to donate to the restoration. The family sent £50. They also said that they would like to use the mausoleum in the future for a member of the family who is now 93. The Rector said this was not possible as the only way to get in to the mausoleum would be to dig around it and this area is now used for the internment of ashes. A reply has been sent to the family.
- iii) The Rector had spent a very good day at Bristol Theological College meeting with Jonathan Thomas and his tutors – and receiving good reports.
- iv) Jonathan will be ordained 4<sup>th</sup> July 10:30a.m. at Guildford Cathedral
- v) The Rector has asked Jonathan Thomas to open the Rectory fete.
- vi) 22, Orchard Gardens will be vacated at the end of June when a few small repairs and decorating jobs will be carried out.

Howard Hardy reported that Jeremy Watts has secured a council tax rebate on 22 Orchard Gardens, for the Diocese, backdated 17 years.

#### 9. Any Other Business:

- i) **Sound system:** £20,100 has now been raised for the Sound System. A bequest of £6,500 has been received which the Rector suggested be put to the sound system. The Finance and Standing committee ask the PCC to approve the release of the balance of the funds so that the order can be placed. The fund raising effort should continue to reimburse the final £7,000. Howard Hardy proposed that we go ahead and place the order. This was seconded by Katherine Tuck and the PCC agreed that this go ahead
- ii) **St Andrew's Room floor.** Gill Avery reported that the Church Rooms' committee feel the need to do something with the floor. Several quotes have been received but Gill said the committee feel the best option is the Harlequin Company who provides dance floors. Harlequin will lay a membrane over the existing parquet floor and lay the new floor on this. This will allow the floor to be lifted in the future if required. Harlequin gives a 5 year guarantee but expect the floor to last for 25 years. Gill Avery asked the PCC to approve the quote of £3784.40 plus VAT. She said that there was sufficient money in the Church room funds to pay for this. The Rector said that Gill Avery and her team do a great job in looking after the Church Rooms and that he felt the flooring should be ordered. The PCC agreed. Gill said the floor should be laid in August. She also said that hire charges would rise in 2011.
- iii) **Rectory Fete** Caroline Oldroyd reported that all is in hand and preparations are moving ahead. This year there will be a refreshment area where the tombola has previously been, to include beer, Pimms and soft drinks.

David Cox asked whether some kind of archway could be constructed over the gateway but it was felt this was not possible as needed to get fire engine etc in to the driveway. If we place any boards outside on the pavement we need to get council permission

There will be more publicity this year, including a press release to the Surrey Advertiser, an article in the Challenger and on Eagle radio bulletin board.

Sue Ulyett has found that the Rectory fete dates back to 1924 – one of the oldest fetes?

- iv) Permission to officiate has been granted to Edna Bond until December 2010. This has to be renewed annually.
- v) **Stewardship programme** will take the form of a Garden party on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September. People will be specifically invited. They will be encouraged to come for a fun afternoon with activities for children too and they will be addressed about stewardship – not just money but all the gifts that can be used for the church.
- vi) **Cranleigh Music festival. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September.**  
To raise money for, and the profile of, youth in the community. The money will be used to support youth work and youth ventures in the local community. Flyers are in the village and tickets now on sale.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday July 14th 2010

(Apologies from the Rector, Hilli Waller, Jan Durrant, Julia Finill, Gill Avery)  
Howard Hardy will chair the meeting.

Adrian Graham-Smith will say the opening prayers.

The Rector asked that PCC members remember Arnie and Caroline Oldroyd in their prayers.

The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace.