



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2008 at 7.45 p.m. at St Leonard's Hall

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Jackie Griffiths	Lesley Willoughby (arrived late)
	(presiding)	Maureen James	Paul Walker
	Fliss Akehurst	Roy Johnston	Steve Baynes
	Jim Dashper	Wendy Jenner	
	Joe Gibbs	Angela Lindstrom	
	Pete Gibbs	John Norfolk	
	Rev Brian Griffiths		

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	OPENING PRAYER Tim led a short litany "As we go out to serve God."	
2	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Glenda Collins, Michael Kennedy, Gerald Paine, Peter Owen and Leslie Rimell.	
3	MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th September 2008 were received and approved.	
4	MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	Tim welcomed Joe Gibbs as our new Children's and Families Pastor	
4.2	PIANO The piano has been moved from St Leonard's Vestry to the Hall. The piano from the hall is available to any one who will take it away.	
4.2	CHILD PROTECTION Sheree Walker has agreed to be our Child Protection representative but would like some training from the Diocese about the church procedure. Joe Gibbs will liaise with Sheree as she has recently attended a Diocesan course on child protection. Tanya Bridgen has agreed to be the C.R.B checks co-ordinator. It was agreed unanimously that these people should be appointed immediately.	
4.3	FACULTY The faculty for the storage cupboard in the south aisle at St Peter's church has been received. ----- Kate led devotional worship concerning gifts of the spirit. A self assessment questionnaire was given to each P.C.C. member concerning gifts of the spirit which are to be filled in and returned to Kate within two weeks for assessment.	

5.0 REPORT ON THE NEW SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

There has been positive feedback so far with good attendance at both services. It was decided that the collection should be taken during the first song of the 11 a.m. service so that it does not interfere with the flow of the service. It was suggested that there should be a definite end to the service but that ministry would continue as needed.

The refreshments in the north aisle need to be reviewed as the trolley used is too small.

6.00 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from David Rowlands the Captain of the Tower thanking the P.C.C. for all the repairs to the ringing chamber and the clock chamber.

7.00 FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The trees have been taken down at the St Leonard's site and the re-plastering of the toilets in the St Leonard's Hall has been completed. The painting of the toilets has commenced and will be completed during the half term holidays.

The work on the tower of St Peter's church has been completed.

8.00 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Rob and Fiona have produced a balanced set of accounts up to 7/10/08. and these will continue to be updated until the end of the financial year so that the annual accounts will be available for the P.C.C. to agree at their January 2009 meeting. These accounts can then be sent to the auditors before the end of January. It was proposed the Fiona Anjo should be co-opted as treasurer in January 2009 with Rob Penn still overseeing the accounts for the time being. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed that a fixed budget should be produced for next year with expenditure not exceeding income. All additional items to be listed and carried out if funds become available. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed the amount of £14,978.41 owed by Iver Educational Trust should be written off as a bad debt but that I.E.T should pay any remaining undesignated funds in its possession to the P.C.C. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed that the P.C.C. should pay a further £30,000 of the Parish share immediately and that the remaining £18,953 should be paid in full or part as further funds become available at the end of the year. It was also proposed that the grant to societies should be paid as soon as possible. This was agreed unanimously.

9.00 YOUTH WORK REPORT

The arrangements to keep the Youth Activities going are working well. The interviews for a new Youth Worker will be held on Sunday 2nd November preceded by a lunch to give P.C.C. members an opportunity to meet the candidates.

10.00 CHILDRENS' WORK

It is intended to start the Promise land programme at Kids Klub in January 2009. Fifteen volunteers have agreed to help. Stepping Stones and Totszone are going well. Joe is starting a Parent Church Association P.C.A. with termly meetings to give information and encourage parental involvement as well as fund raising. A meeting has been on 18th November for all interested parties including the Parish Council, and the Children's Centre. Joe has produced an information leaflet for families work.

There will be a childrens' nativity at St Peter's on 14th December at 11 a.m. There will be X Factor auditions on 30th November at St Peter's. There will be a nativity at St Leonard's on 23rd December.

There will be no alternative Halloween activities this year as there has not been time for Joe to organise anything.

11.00 VICAR'S REPORT

Tim has tickets for "The Liberator" by the Lacey Theatre company on 22nd November. at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. A member of the company will perform a three minute sketch at 9.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at St Peter's and the 10 a.m. service at St Leonard's morning service on 26th October. A number of people have volunteered to help with "front of house" on the night of the performance.

Tim informed the P.C.C. that the Diocesan authorities have agreed to provide accommodation for the potential curate for Iver and that the P.C.C. should provide £350 per month towards this cost.

12.00 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a "thank you" party on 11th January to thank everyone who helps church activities in any capacity.

Helpers will be needed for the Christmas Tree Festival to act as stewards and to serve refreshments.

The future of "Celebration" was discussed and it was decided that there may no longer be a need for this service as the new 11 a.m. serves a similar purpose. It was suggested that there should be an open music rehearsal on one Monday each month instead.

It was decided that we should produce a book mark again this year to advertise our Christmas services. Paul will design the bookmark and Steve will arrange printing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th November 2008 7.45 p.m. at St Leonard's Hall

OTHER DIARY DATES

22 November – Lacey Theatre Company, The Liberator at the Village Hall

CLOSE OF MEETING

Rev Tim Eady closed the meeting with prayer at 9.45 p.m.