



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2008 at 7.45 p.m. at St Leonard's Hall

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Jackie Griffiths	Angela Lindstrom
	(presiding)	Maureen James	John Norfolk
	Steve Baynes	Roy Johnston	Gerald Paine (arrived late)
	Jim Dashper	Wendy Jenner	Paul Walker
	Rev Brian Griffiths	Michael Kennedy	Rev Kate Wilson

In Attendance: Rob Penn, bookkeeper and former treasurer acting as advisor to the PCC in the absence of the new treasurer.

		<u>ACTION</u>
1	OPENING PRAYER Kate opened the meeting in prayer focussing on the gifting questionnaire "what happens now?" <i>G Paine entered the meeting at 7.58 p.m.</i>	
2	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Fliss Akehurst, Glenda Collins, Joe Gibbs, Pete Gibbs, Gerald Paine (apology for lateness), Leslie Rimell, and Lesley Willoughby Tim handed out the Christmas 2008 bookmarks and remarked that this would be Mike's last meeting as he would be taking up his new appointment at Henley on Thames and will be working there every Tuesday evening. Glenda has offered to take the minutes until the APCM.	
3	MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st October 2008 were received and approved with thanks to Maureen for taking the minutes in Mike's absence.	
4	SETTING THE BUDGET	
4.1	Tim welcomed Rob Penn to the meeting and invited him to present the proposed budget for next year. Rob explained the current position and the available funds, as at 31 st October 2008 is £18,538.18. There remains to pay in this year the rest of the Parish Share at £18,953 and missionary giving of £8,036. The PCC has advised Roger Savage that it is unlikely that it will be in a position to pay our Parish Share in full this year. Unless income massively increases between now and the 31 st December we would be in a deficit position if we paid the Parish Share in full.	
4.2	Rob explained the position for the year ahead. He said that Fiona,	

our new Treasurer, would be producing a monthly position statement. Rob is shadowing Fiona each month to balance the accounts on a monthly basis. Unfortunately Fiona was unable to attend this meeting, as she is about to undergo a major operation that will keep her out of action for several months.

The expected income for 2009 is £113,632 and expected expenditure including the Parish Share of £76,975 is £136,280 – a deficit of £31,291. We will, therefore, not be in a position to pay the Parish Share in full next year and will need to flag this up with Roger Savage (at the Diocese) at an early stage. The financial situation was discussed at Deanery Synod and there is a real possibility that the number of clergy in the Deanery will have to be cut. The Area Dean's view is that our first obligation is to pay the Parish Share and this view will need to be discussed by the PCC with the Deanery.

Rob said that no increase in giving has been budgeted but this may be an overestimate as the trend is for giving to be decreasing. It would be helpful if an explanation is given to the congregation as to how the money for the Parish Share is spent. Tim would prepare a letter to go out to all members of the congregation and John Norfolk would give a brief presentation at each Church service. It was noted that giving is severely restricted at the new 11 am service.

The PCC asked the Finance Committee (on the 2nd December) to put together a plan to manage the budget for next year and present it to the PCC on the 9th December with clear options e.g. pay 50% of the Parish Share in 2009. There needs to be a passion for giving. We need to "gossip" this message wherever possible e.g. home groups. Maureen explained that by April the PCC must become a registered charity and therefore each member must be a Trustee. Employees of the PCC cannot be Trustees and a balanced budget must be set.

Jackie Griffiths was asked to present the up to date Cornerstone Accounts to the December meeting of the PCC.

A letter would be sent to all parents of the young people attending youth groups raising the issue of money and introducing the new youth pastor.

The budget for the Children's and Family Worker is currently running at a shortfall of £1,500 for the year. Brian Griffiths would liaise with Tina to produce a budget for youth work for next year.

Rob Penn left the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

5.0

Cornerstone Report. Jackie reported on the quarter figures for September to November. She explained that donations were up and highlighted the donation by the Iver Parish Council £2,200 (*post meeting note – Glenda informed that this grant was not from Iver Parish Council and was most likely from South Bucks District Council*).

The grant was conditional on publicity going in the newspaper. Jackie expressed her thanks to all volunteers who help out at Cornerstone.

6.0 New Sunday Services at St Peter's. Mike James has produced attendance figures for the new services. The figures show a slight increase in numbers of children and adults attending since the introduction of the new service format. It was noted that these figures do not include youth church on Wednesday.

7.0 Correspondence. None

8.0 Fabric Committee – no meeting.

9.0 Youth Work Report – Claire Godge has been appointed to start in January. There will be a service of induction on 11th January for her.

Jim Dashper left the meeting at 9.44 p.m.

10.0 Children and Families Worker Report – In the absence of Joe it was reported that the idea of a Parent Church Association was well received.

11.0 Vicar's Report – At the recent staff meeting Tim reported that there would be a day of prayer every term, the next one being on Saturday 10th January 2009 in St Peter's. Home Groups would be asked to produce a prayer stations

PCC Away Day 6th June. Martin Goldsmith would be speaking at our parish away day on 7th February. PCC members are encouraged to make this day a priority.

12.0 Christmas Tree Festival in December needs volunteers to sign up for one hour sessions to keep the church open throughout the day.

Date of Next meetings – 9th December and 20th January.

Close of meeting 9.52 p.m.