



# The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.45 p.m. at St Peter's Centre

<b>Present</b>	Rev Tim Eady (presiding) Fliss Akehurst Clare Gordge Pauline Telfer Rev Kate Wilson	Jackie Griffiths Maureen James Chris Dalwood Tina Lewis Wendy Jenner George Howard	Angela Lindstrom John Norfolk Nicky Foggoa Peter Owen
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**1 | OPENING PRAYER**

*Tim opened the meeting with a reading from Proverbs 19 – what motivates our Church. Lay aside our own agendas and seek to discover what God would do amongst us. This was followed by a prayer.*

**ACTION**

**2 | APOLOGIES & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Baynes, Jim Dashper, Leslie Rimell, Sarah Smith, Brian Griffiths, Joe Gibbs, Gerald Paine, Paul Walker.

Tim welcomed George to his first meeting.

Tim distributed 'Living Faith' leaflets and small cards with 5 headings on 'how can we go out and serve other people'

**3 | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were received and approved.

**TO CO-OPT AN ADDITIONAL PCC MEMBER**

Tim confirmed that we do not have to co-opt Nicky Foggoa at every meeting.

**4 | MATTERS ARISING**

A nomination for the post of treasurer has been proposed by Tim Eady and seconded by Fliss Akehurst. Karen Hall take over the role as Church treasurer immediately. Tim thanked her for volunteering for the position. Karen is unable to be co-opted onto the PCC as her job precludes her from being a trustee. Karen will be invited to attend PCC meetings.

Tim wanted to express overwhelming thanks to Rob Penn for his hard work and it was agreed that a letter should be sent from the PCC thanking him.

Jackie would also like to thank him for all the support he has given

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Cornerstone.

The PCC agreed to buy Rob a gift token as a thank you to him.

J G

Under point (9) of our last PCC meeting – George is moving into his house on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Tim asked that we all pray for George and his family that they will settle in well.

Tim expressed thanks to Clare for opening up the Core for a day of prayer during the PCC Away Day. This event was not very well attended but Tim still feels that prayer days are important for the parish. Tim would like to hold a prayer day at Cornerstone. Jackie agreed. The date would be late September. Jackie to advise date.

J G

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**6 FINANCE REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

Maureen invited Karen Hall to the last Finance meeting. Karen provided clear and concise reports.

The Church is £1000 down from giving. Our expenditure is £3300 down but the St Peter's Centre has made a significant loss.

Things are picking up at the Centre but very slowly.

St Leonard's hall is making a profit and doing well.

Joe Gibb's position is now covered by giving and gift aiding.

Clare Gordge's position is short by £3000 which we will need to fundraise to cover.

Maureen stated that however we cut costs we cannot cover the parish share. We have sent £20,000 approx. 1/3 of how much we should have.

Gift Aid is similar to last year.

Fundraising ideas: Loose change box and sponsored bike ride. Hiring tables and chairs.

Peter Owen met Chris Collis (Iver Junior School) to discuss holding a car boot sale at the school. This will be held the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> September.

All ideas for fundraising welcome.

Karen proposes providing a bi-monthly financial sheet to be handed out with the pew sheet on Sundays.

One significant issue concerns the 11am service, which does not generate much income at present.

Wendy stated that there are 68 church members giving via direct debit out of 177 electoral roll members. However, most of donors are married couples.

George asked when we last ran a stewardship campaign. Maureen said that we had not run a proper campaign for years. In 2005 all PCC members were asked to contact 2 church members regarding giving. George advised that the diocese recommend 'reminding' individuals every 3<sup>rd</sup> year about giving.

Karen has produced overheads to show on Sunday mornings.

Peter, Kate, Steve volunteered to be on a committee to co-ordinate the Christmas Tree Festival to raise funds.

We plan to advertise the Christmas Tree Festival at Tower Tours.

It was agreed that we need to advertise donations better at the Tower

P.O.

Tours.

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### **FABRIC REPORT**

Peter Owen gave a report. The Fabric committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Pauline and John Telfer have agreed to go onto the committee. The heating in both churches needs attention. Approx. cost £1200/£1400.

Peter has started to work through outstanding jobs at St Leonard's. He has emptied the loft now. Graeme Jenner has started work at St Leonard's.

The North Aisle window at St Peter's is the next big expense. Approx. £1400. This should be fine for the next 3 years.

Ongoing work on the floor in St Peter's. Hopefully the insurance will cover. The excess is £500

Tower tours – Mike suggested filling in the castellations to avoid people leaning over. Mike & Peter will put up the week before.

Jan to put in the pew slip 'for health & safety reasons the castellations have been blocked'.

St Peter's entrance needs tidying up and the large notice boards need to be taken to the tip. Work has started.

Jan to circulate Fabric and Finance meeting minutes 2 weeks prior to meeting on 22 September.

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### **DEANERY SYNOD**

Unfortunately Paul Walker was unable to attend due to sickness.

Tim gave an overview on behalf of Paul. The Deanery plan to hold a Living Faith day next year across the deanery. It is an attempt to involve the whole Deanery in mission. At the end of the week there will be a united event. The Deanery can provide resources and training. September 27<sup>th</sup> is 'Back to Church Sunday' and Harvest Festival.

The Deanery is forming its next Deanery plan from 2012 onwards.

We as a PCC will be asked to complete a questionnaire on our views.

Pinewood project – Fliss raised that we should start thinking about collaborating with Iver Heath St Margaret's to meet the needs of the new residents. We need to be pro-active and plan ahead.

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### **YOUTH WORK REPORT**

Clare said that the youth service went really well. The music was very impressive. Groups are winding down for the summer and there will be lots of movement within the groups in September. Clare has been advertising the clubs.

The grant for the Art Project was unsuccessful and Clare is planning to re-apply and run in October.

Volunteers are going well for the clubs but Clare would welcome more. Clare will be speaking at St Leonard's on 30<sup>th</sup> August with George leading.

Clare will be sending out new programs for September.

There are several youths interested in Youth Alpha starting on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Tim showed the PCC 'we love our youth worker' booklet. Tim suggested that Clare form a support committee to meet 3 times a year to support, encourage, share ideas, reflect and pray. Clare will

C.G.

10	<p>approach people.</p>	
	<p><b>CHILDRENS' AND FAMILIES WORKER REPORT</b></p>	
11	<p>Please see attached.</p>	
	<p><b>CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH IVER P.C.</b></p>	M.J./P.O
	<p>Peter received a complaint from Gerald Paine that grave flowers in the churchyard had been strimmed. Peter and Maureen will reiterate to the Parish Council that they need to take more care around the graves. Maureen has met with Glenda Collins regarding the maintenance contract. Overall the work has been good and we have had no complaints. Maureen will continue to liaise with Glenda.</p>	
12	<p>The contract was proposed by John Norfolk and seconded by Angela.</p>	
	<p><b>PCC AWAY DAY</b></p>	
	<p>All agreed this was a good day. See attached points to ponder from our PCC away day.</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We proposed a revised mission statement – ‘Go out and service the people of Iver in the name of Jesus by offering Jesus to them, by sharing his love in work and in deeds, by encouraging them to walk in his footsteps’. ALL AGREED.</li> <li>2. Back to Church Sunday – Tim handed out invitations to be circulated to Church members for handing out. Members then record the names on their bookmark and pray for them.</li> <li>3. George suggested liaising with the Junior School to make fruit and veg animals to be displayed at the service. Clare agreed that Gap could produce these as well. We also need to involve messy church and invite the parents to church.</li> <li>4. Maureen will go through the past electoral rolls and see who has left or not attended recently.</li> </ol>	<p>G.H. C.G. M.J. P.W.</p>
13	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	
	<p><b>Home Groups</b></p>	
	<p>Tim suggested that we re-name the groups ‘Cell Groups’. As a PCC we encourage everyone to belong to at least one cell group. I.e. home group, Mothers’ Union, etc. We need to make sure people are being catered for.</p>	
	<p>Current home groups: Sheila Monk, Tony Williams, Joe Gibbs, Jan Rowsell/Kate Wilson, John Norfolk, Paul Walker, Emerging culture. Roy Johnston’s new group following on from Alpha need to be encouraged to either start a new group or join an existing one. There is a BBQ on August 5<sup>th</sup> for Roy &amp; Margaret retiring from Alpha and John suggested this was a good time to promote the home groups. John is happy for all Roy’s people to join his group if they wish to do so.</p>	
	<p>Tim requested that we have a home group leaders meeting to discuss ideas and people who need a group and ‘what’s next’ after Alpha to ensure people are kept in a group.</p>	
	<p>Kate suggested keeping the new group together and finding a leader.</p>	
	<p><b>Reports</b></p>	
	<p>Maureen suggested that reports from all areas are read prior to the meeting and that we then address any issues arising to help us move</p>	

14 forward. Tim suggested that for the meeting in September we address the issue of 'service to the community'. Where do we as a PCC want to go with this? (See points to ponder from the PCC Away Day).

**Swine Flu**

Wendy suggested that we should not be sharing the cup at communion during this time.

Tim has had direct instructions from the Diocese which are being continually updated. All agreed that on Sunday morning communion people will be given a choice as to whether they would like to take the wine or dip their bread in.

Kate asked that the sidespeople encourage direction during communion.

**Evangelical Alliance**

15 Jan stated that we had been contacted by the EA regarding our subscription. All agreed that we cannot afford to pay subscription at this time. Jan will contact them and advise them of our decision.

**VICAR'S REPORT**

None

The next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.45pm St Peter's Centre.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm with the Grace.

J.R.