



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2010 at 7.45 p.m. at St Peter's Centre

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Fliss Akehurst	Sarah Smith
	(presiding)	Chris Dalwood	Pauline Telfer
	George Howard	Jackie Griffiths	Maureen James
	Brian Griffiths	Wendy Jenner	Janice Rowsell
	Steve Baynes	Tina Lewis	Peter Owen
	Clare Gordge	Angela Lindstrom	
		Gerald Paine	

1	OPENING PRAYER <i>Tim opened the meeting with a reading followed by a time of prayer. Tim welcomed everyone to our first meeting of 2010.</i>	<u>ACTION</u>
2	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Kate Wilson, Jim Dashper, Joe Gibbs, Lesley Willoughby, John Norfolk, Nicki Foggoa. Paul Walker.	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th December 2009 were received and approved. MATTERS ARISING Maureen has sent off the Deanery survey completed by our Leadership Team and PCC Members. Bishop Alan wished us a Happy New Year. Music Sheree Walker has stepped down as Child Protection Officer and George has agreed to take this role as he has previous experience and is CRB checked. All agreed. Paul Walker will officially complete his time with us on Easter Sunday. Roger is very nobly handling the rotas at the moment. He is happy to continue to co-ordinate the 11am music. Tim is meeting Roger on 1 st February to discuss this. Sarah Meere has agreed to co-ordinate the 9.15am music. Tim will be meeting her tomorrow to discuss further. St Leonard's will continue as they are and Roger will continue to do their rota for the time being. Paul has offered to return and play the organ for weddings when he is available. A lady came to tower tours and has shown an interest in playing the	

organ. Tim has followed this up but so far she has been unavailable. Tim is encouraging her to attend on a Sunday morning.
Steve has a contact at his local Church for an organist which he will follow up.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

None

5 DEANERY SYNOD

Tim stressed that we must ensure that this is on the agenda every month. We now have 2 vacancies for Deanery Synod and it is important that we find someone.

6 CHILDRENS' AND FAMILIES WORK

No report

7 FINANCE REPORT

Karen presented the budget and at present if everything is included in the budget we will have a loss of £16,000. If Karen omits our parish share we will show a profit. This is obviously not a true reflection though as we still owe this money. We do not want to portray conflicting messages to our church members by showing we have a profit. Parish share and mission giving are not legally binding to pay. Tim voiced that we as a pcc need to advise people of our financial situation. It was suggested that a note was put with the accounts stating the profit/loss issue. Tim agreed and Karen will ensure this is shown at the APCM.

The 2010 budget is only balancing due to lowering the mission giving and parish share.

No noticeable increases in giving have been seen. There have been 2 direct debit forms requested at St Leonard's. The finance committee will focus on giving and fundraising and encouraging people to give. Karen agreed with Fliss that the mission donations would be 50% of the previous year.

The parish share is based on what we can afford. This was agreed at the amount we paid in 2008.

The Diocese have indicated that they have received 90% of their parish share.

St Leonard's house has been valued at £1300 per month rental.

Peter and Joe were informed that the matter was being discussed at this pcc meeting. Tim read out an email from Peter and Joe Gibbs regarding their position. Tim stressed that a rental value of £1300 was a proposal and that it needed to be agreed by the pcc. Also the length of the lease needed to be agreed. The pcc have proposed a yearly lease. Further discussion concerned the value of having a church member as a tenant as opposed to a private tenant. It was agreed that two more quotes would be sought to value the property and the churchwardens will look at the list of repairs.

Tim asked the pcc to give approval to the three points on the finance report (see sheet):

1. Mission giving - £4400 is honoured in 2010 and the remainder

- written off. Chris proposed and Tina seconded this. All agreed. MJ/TE
2. Parish share - £7500 to be paid immediately and the remainder written off. Gerald proposed and Steve seconded this. All agreed.
 3. St Leonard's house rent increase to £1300 in 2011. This matter is to be considered at the next PCC meeting after further quotes are received.

Thank you to Karen Hall for all her work on this budget. Regarding fundraising Gerald said that the Mansion Lane home group are proposing a St George's Day dinner with entertainment to raise funds. Chris is holding a Pamper Day with Sam Bifolco.

8 FABRIC REPORT

No report

9 YOUTH WORK REPORT

See report.

Clare would like to attend a youth work retreat on 2nd February and has asked the PCC to agree. The cost is £70 from the youth budget. Clare would like to use the time to reflect on her time in Iver and produce a leaving document giving her feedback for the parish. After some discussion it was agreed that the PCC would agree Clare's time and that donations would be sought to cover the cost of the retreat. The PCC will underwrite any short fall. This was agreed. Tim thanked George and Kate for their participation in Youth activities over Christmas. The Gap/Synergy Carol service was a great success, the church was full and it was a delightful event.

10 VICAR'S REPORT

As Paul has been the Director of Music since 2003 Tim felt that we should mark his retirement on Easter Sunday and give Paul a gift. Living Faith Programme – the Deanery are hoping to organise a week of mission in September.

On 27th February there is a training day. Kate is attending. Please let her know if you would like to go.

Bishop John will be coming to our parish for 24 hours (24th /25th September). Tim wants ideas for activities that Bishop John could be involved in. Tim suggested a meal in the village hall with Bishop John speaking. Brian would like the Bishop to come to the St Peter's Football on Saturday and perhaps have a BBQ afterwards. It is important that Bishop John meets the real people of Iver.

George suggested a Gap/Synergy/EC BBQ. Karen suggested a community gracing day where the youth go into the community and work.

Tim felt we needed a working party to produce some ideas. Tim will chair the group. Kate, Brian, Jackie, Sarah and George agreed to be part of the working party. Maureen suggested Sam Bifolco.

Tim handed out leaflets – Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling.

Tim showed a new booklet he has produced – belonging to the church. Tim will visit each house group during Lent to discuss being a member of the church.

Tim asked: 'What do we do to help and encourage our church in their faith'.

Maureen felt we need to encourage more house groups. House groups are important for support and encouragement during every day life.

PCC members were asked who goes to a group. Most are members. Sarah will add photos of house group leaders to the church notice board. There is a new house group starting on Thursday this week which has followed on from the Alpha course.

MJ

Paul's house group will need new members when Paul and Sheree leave. Tina will update the PCC at the next meeting after their next house group meeting.

Steve asked if we could produce a library of materials for house groups. Jan agreed to compile a list and post it on the website detailing what it is, who it is for, a description and who holds it. Jan to email all house group leaders and ask for details.

Tim agreed that house groups can go into more depth with teaching and feels that the Mothers' Union and other daytime groups can also meet this need.

SS

George suggested that we use Lent to invite people to house groups. Steve said that the Alpha Course follow up supper had 100% attendance and that a new house group is starting from it this week. Steve said that we need to encourage people to think about God during the week and not just on Sundays.

Maureen felt that more house group leaders were needed and that as a leader you still learn all the time.

George raised the area of 'ministry of welcome'.

We offer prayer ministry every week but we do not always 'welcome' new people on a Sunday. St Leonard's are excellent at welcoming but at St Peter's we need to highlight our welcomers – where a badge, see who is new, fill out a details card and look after them.

JR

Brian suggested inviting people to a new comers dinner with a leaflet drop. We should also relook at the parish welcome packs that were stopped and perhaps the magazine distributors could highlight new people when delivering the magazine.

We need new people to be welcomers in Church. We need a small group with the gift of welcome (different to regular volunteers).

Fliss voiced that the bookstall was a good form of welcome.

Brian suggested producing a welcome pack with details of youth, childrens' work, services etc.

Steve suggested that we need to look at our leaflets and display better and ensure that the welcomers are aware of all the leaflets.

The entrance area needs to be more welcoming.

Steve will work with Tim to re-design and produce leaflets for display.

During the next meeting Tim wanted to discuss music as Paul is moving on and Joe has requested time to focus on Children's and Families and Youth work.

Maureen felt that we need to revisit items each meeting and mark our progress on the ongoing work.

Tim discussed the issue of childrens' and youth volunteers which was a point raised at Joe's appraisal. We need to review this and the 11am service. The 9.15am service has its own ethos but we need to revisit the 11am service and what we want to achieve.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Thank you to Fliss for co-ordinating the prayer day on Saturday. Tim felt it brought together everything that we pray for during the year. It was well worth doing and worth repeating in the future.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February 2010 7.45pm.