



# The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.45 p.m. at St Peter's Centre

<b>Present</b>	Rev Tim Eady	Jackie Griffiths	Angela Lindstrom
	(presiding)	Maureen James	John Norfolk
	Rev Brian Griffiths	Sarah Smith	Gerald Paine
	Fliss Akehurst	Leslie Rimell	Paul Walker
	Clare Gordge	Chris Dalwood	Nicky Foggoa (arrived 8.10pm)
	Pauline Telfer	Tina Lewis	

		<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
1	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> <i>Tim opened the meeting with reflection and a reading from Ephesians. This was followed by a time of prayer.</i>	
2	<b>APOLOGIES &amp; WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS</b> Apologies for absence were received from Steve Baynes, Jim Dashper, Revd Kate Wilson, Peter Owen, Joe Gibbs, Wendy Jenner & Lesley Willoughby.  Tim welcomed the new members of the PCC – Chris Dalwood, Tina Lewis, Pauline Telfer, Sarah Smith and Jan Rowsell as PCC Secretary.	
3	<b>APPOINTMENT OF PCC SECRETARY, VICE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER</b> The appointment of Fliss Akehurst as Vice Chairman. Nominated by Jackie Griffiths and seconded by John Norfolk. All agreed. The appointment of Jan Rowsell as PCC Secretary. Nominated by John Norfolk and seconded by Leslie Rimell. There were no nominations for the position of Treasurer and this position remains vacant. Tim expressed his sincere thanks to Rob Penn for continuing to cover this position but Rob is finding it increasingly difficult to do so. Therefore a Treasurer needs to be appointed urgently.	
4	<b>TO CO-OPT AN ADDITIONAL PCC MEMBER</b> Nicky Foggoa was nominated by John Norfolk to be a co-opted PCC member. This was seconded by Fliss Akehurst. All agreed. Paul raised that we may need to co-opt Nicky at each meeting. Maureen will check the procedure. Nicky was introduced to the other PCC members.	M.J.
5	<b>MINUTES</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 were received and approved.	

**MATTERS ARISING**

6 There were no matters arising from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**7 APPROVE THE COMPOSITION OF PCC SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Standing Committee**

The chair proposes to retain the existing members with the Treasurer. Maureen to confirm to Jan for the minutes.

M.J.

**Finance Committee**

The committee will compose of Tim, Maureen, Pete, Fliss, Wendy and Angela.

**Fabric Committee**

The committee will compose of Tim, Maureen, Pete, Gerald, Leslie and Mike. Maureen will encourage a further two non PCC members to join.

M.J.

**Mission Committee**

The committee meets once per year. The existing members are Fliss (Chairman), Diana Stroud, Paul Walker, Glenda Collins. Chris Dalwood agreed to join the committee. Fliss thinks all the existing members will remain.

**8 CONFIRM POLICIES**

The PCC Health & Safety and the Child Protection Policy were agreed and approved.

Paul raised that the band have moved to the front of the Church and may need a risk assessment. Maureen has recently reviewed the Church H&S and is taking it to the next Fabric Committee meeting. Sheree Walker is the Child Protection Representative and Tanya Bridgen co-ordinates the CRB Checks.

Brian Griffiths added that St Peter's Football club is attached to the football association in respect of policies and CRB checks.

**9 CORRESPONDENCE**

Maureen has been issued with a Flu Pandemic action plan from the Diocese.

Tim updated everyone on the appointment of George Howard who will be starting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 as the Parish Curate. George has three children age 13, 8 and 6. He comes with extremely good references. from the diocese. Tim is confident that George will be a great asset to the Parish. George and his family will be moving into the O'Malleys' House in Somerset Way, Richings Park at the end of July. Tim has put out a request to anyone who may have temporary accommodation for George and his family for 3 weeks prior to the house becoming available.

We will host a welcome afternoon tea on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm for George and his family.

Brian said a large thank you to John and Sharon Plaskett for their 14 years service to St Peter's Football Club. Jan will send a thank you letter to them from the PCC.

J.R.

**10 FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

There has been no meeting of the Fabric Committee since the last

P.C.C. meeting but Maureen met with Glenda Collins (Parish Council) regarding the Churchyard service level. Glenda is to take this matter to the next Parish Council meeting and Maureen will report back at the next PCC meeting. John asked Maureen to check the mowing at the back of the Churchyard.

Maureen reported that the certificate of completion of the work on the Annex at St Peter's Church has been received from the Planning Dept.

M.J.

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### **FINANCE REPORT**

Maureen produced a sample cardboard 'loose change' box.

150 boxes have been ordered and paid for by donation. All agreed this was a good idea.

The bank account is satisfactory but we are not making any progress at present. No payment of the Parish Share has been made yet.

There is currently £8000 in the bank account. Tim agreed that a meeting was needed soon to discuss finances.

### **Deanery Synod Meeting**

Paul reported on the last Deanery Synod meeting as finances were raised. The Quinquennial costs are to be raised from £80 to £100 per building.

There will be a Living Faith evening and posters are already advertising this event in both churches and it is on the news sheet.

Tim asked if any PCC members would like to attend and support Joe Gibbs who will be talking on Messy Church.

Regarding the involvement of the Church in the local paper – the editor is keen on developing links and for the Deanery to have a weekly slot.

Local Papers – Slough Observer and Slough Express.

Tim suggested that we have a press officer/contact to liaise with the papers to include any advertising we may require.

Brian volunteered and Sarah volunteered to provide photos.

It was agreed that events are not as successful when they have not been advertised and therefore we need to advertise early – the Door, the Echo and local papers.

Brian added that he is the Faith representative for the Parish Council and SBDC are keen to be more involved and will be participating in the Christmas Tree Festival this year. Brian will need to be fed the publicity information. Jackie suggested it may be better if someone can write copy. Brian will contact the paper and report back at the next PCC. Jan asked if Alan Carey can be copied on anything for the parish magazine.

B.G.

C.G.

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### **YOUTH WORK REPORT**

The youth participated in a car wash for Christian Aid and raised £100. Some of the youth helped at the Duck Race.

A group will be attending Soul Survivor this year – approx. 11 or 12.

Clare will be running a Youth Alpha in September.

Clare has applied for a grant to run a week's summer artwork project.

The artwork will be displayed during the tower tours. Jackie has asked for some to be displayed at Cornerstone. They will all be displayed in the Core after the event.

John asked if we could have notice boards up in the Church advertising the youth events, clubs and projects that are happening. Clare agreed.

The Iver & District Countryside Association will hopefully display artwork of Iver during the tower tours.  
Tim has encouraged everyone to invite friends and family to come to the tower tours and cream teas every Sunday in August.  
Jackie voiced that she needs volunteers. John volunteered.  
Paul suggested that we have a large display board with details of 'what people do' ie. Bellringers, coffee ladies, PCC. Paul volunteered to co-ordinate this. The Fabric Comm. Need to look at re-organising the entrance. Paul has asked for photos and information.  
A quiz for children has been produced.

P.W.

Clare is still looking for volunteers. She can continue in the Autumn term but still needs more people.

### 13 **CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES WORKER'S REPORT**

Tim reported that the work continued to go well. Messy Church is fitting into a good pattern. There were approx. 40 adults and 60 children today at the event. Joe is doing well networking with Mums at school and Totzone. John voiced that we should make Mums aware of Sunday mornings and Tim said that Joe had this in hand.  
Brian added that Joe's preaching was excellent on Sunday.  
John would like more leaflets available for childrens' and youth work.  
The Duck Race supporting childrens' and youth work raised £1180.  
There was good support despite the weather.

### 14 **PCC AWAY DAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

There will be a day of prayer from 7am-7pm at the Core. People are required to steward the Core throughout the day.  
Worship will begin at 10.30am at St Leonard's. Start at 11am.  
The theme of the day: Developing the vision. This follows on from the Leadership team meeting on 'The Vision' hosted by Andrew Gear.  
The meeting will end in worship at 2.45pm. Tim understands that all may not be able to attend.  
Tim has emailed 2 documents to bring for group discussion.  
The Diocese are encouraging us to be involved in 'Back to Church Sunday' on 27<sup>th</sup> September- our Harvest Festival weekend. Invites will be provided to hand out and prayer cards for people to keep.  
Also Need Orientated Evangelism to be discussed (PCC meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009). Brian will provide an email version for Tim.  
Pastoral Care – do we need a more co-ordinated policy? Through staff, OLMS, Churchwardens? Some people are falling through the net.  
Paul suggested a means of referral from the prayer ministry and Fliss said that this was already in place but the congregation were not aware.  
Maureen recommended a pastoral care group and Jackie said that Kate and herself had attended a training course and was willing to share any information. Sandie Faloon has just completed a pastoral care course.  
Paul suggested a co-ordinator to field peoples needs accordingly. Tim suggested discussing this at the PCC Away Day. All agreed.

B.G.

### 15 **VICARS REPORT**

Tim reminded everyone that Thursday is Ascension Day. Service at St Leonards' 8pm.

- 16 Dates for future PCC meetings were agreed:  
14<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 17 Fliss suggested putting a prayer request box in the church. This would be confidential and only the prayer ministry team or the leadership would see the prayer request. Tim needs a suitable box for this. Fliss will contact Alan Carey and put it in the parish magazine and Jan will put in the prayer and diary notes.

The next meeting will be the PCC Away day on 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am St Leonard's Church.

Tim thanked everyone for their attendance and was looking forward to working with everyone. The meeting closed at 9.25pm with the Grace.

F.A.  
J.R.

**Subsequent to the meeting:**

Please note that the Living Faith evening on June 17<sup>th</sup> begins from 7pm at St. Paul's, Slough, but due to the inefficiency of the deanery, Joe will not now be speaking during the evening.