



# *The Parish of Iver*

*The churches of St Peter and St Leonard*

## *PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL*

Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45 p.m. at St Peters Centre

<b>Present</b>	Rev Tim Eady	Jackie Griffiths	Gerald Paine
	(presiding)	Maureen James	Paul Walker
	Rev Brian Griffiths	Wendy Jenner	Lesley Willoughby
	Pete Gibbs, arrived	Angela Lindstrom	Rob Penn
	late	John Norfolk	Fiona Anjo
			Roger Savage

		<u><b>ACTION</b></u>
1	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p>Tim opened the meeting with prayers of penitence and dedication as it was Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>Tim welcomed Rob Penn our former treasurer and Fiona Anjo who hopes to become treasurer. He welcomed Roger Savage, the Deanery Treasurer who will give a presentation about the Parish Share</p>	
2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Fliss Akehurst, Steve Baynes, Glenda Collins, Jim Dashper, Joe Gibbs, Roy Johnston, Peter Owen, Leslie Rimell and Paul Walker</p>	
3	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>Maureen James agreed to take the minutes in the absence of the secretary.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January were received with the following amendments</p> <p>The date of the meeting was 20<sup>th</sup> January and not 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as stated in the heading.</p> <p>Section 11 should read the 9.15 a.m. service not the 9.25 service</p> <p>Section 12 The Christmas Tree festival produced some income not very little income. The next prayer day will be held in the Core</p> <p>The minutes were then approved</p>	
4	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence. Pete Gibbs arrived at the meeting</p>	
5.0	<p><b>FINANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>Rob Penn presented the Finance Report for 2008 which had been previously circulated to the members of the P.C.C.</p>	

The voluntary income has dropped by 22% which is £22,000 although this trend appears to have stabilised.

Youth work and Childrens' and Family work have effectively been placed in restricted accounts.

Our expenditure has considerably exceeded income so that we have seen a fall from £37,500 available in January to £5,300 at the end of the year. This is a serious trend which obviously cannot continue.

Rob summarised the accounts and answered queries.

It was proposed by John Norfolk that the accounts should be accepted and seconded by Gerald Paine. This was agreed unanimously.

Tim thanked Rob for all his help during the past year.

## **6.0 PRESENTATION – Iver P.C.C. and the Parish Share**

Roger Savage the Deanery Treasurer gave an interesting and informative presentation explaining how the Parish Share is apportioned by the Diocese and the Deanery. He explained how our share was made up and the reasons for the large increase in our share... He emphasised that the Deanery Synod decided how the Deanery share is apportioned and the importance of strong representation on the Synod from our parish. The parishes of Burnham and Slough Deanery will pay 4.2% of the Diocesan Share which is £782,700 in 2009. This figure is reduced to £715,800 as we are allowed four "free" stipendiary ministers because the deanery is counted as a deprived area.

Roger answered questions and pointed out that because of the current financial crisis nearly all congregations are really struggling to pay their share but he hopes that we will pay as much as we are able this year.

Tim thanked Roger for his interesting and informative presentation.

Roger and Rob left the meeting

## **7.0 FABRIC COMMITTEE**

Following the Fabric committee meeting it was decided that the estimate for work on the boilers in all our buildings should be carried out at a cost of £1,185. The work at St Leonard's has already been done. There will be some money left in the tower fund when all bills have been paid and we will explore the possibility of carrying out some work on the stonework of the west door.

## **8.0 YOUTH WORK**

Clare reported that she has started Sunday activities weekly during the 11 a.m. service at St Peter's and at St Leonard's once each month at the moment.

## **CHILDRENS' AND FAMILIES WORK**

.In the absence of Joe Tim reported that there were 85 people at Messy Church which had been a great success.

## **9.0 VICARS REPORT**

The P.C.C. awayday has been moved to 13<sup>th</sup> June as Iver Fair is now on 6<sup>th</sup> June and it was decided that the two events should not clash.

It has been reported that someone is concerned that the new service times are already fixed because there are on the church notice board at St Peter's. Tim reported that the six month period is coming to an end and that a final review should be carried out. It was suggested that there should be a notice in the news sheet asking people to tell members of the P.C.C. what they felt about the new services or to write to Tim before 24<sup>th</sup> March. Concern was expressed about the tendency to gossip about complaints rather than bringing them to the attention of the wardens or the P.C.C.

**10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Wendy Jenner reported that the Electoral Roll is due for revision and Maureen reported that forms will be sent to each P.C.C. member concerning the new legislation which means that P.C.C. members will have to be registered with the Charity Commission.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 7.45 p.m. St Peter's Centre. Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

\*\*\*\*Please note that subsequent to the meeting the date of Iver Fair has again been changed to 12<sup>th</sup> September. In view of the fact that several other events seem to be occurring on 6<sup>th</sup> June I suggest that we stick to 13<sup>th</sup> June for the P.C.C. away day.

Tim