

St Mary's Church, Brighstone, Isle of Wight
Extraordinary Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
18th December 2016 at St Mary's Church, Brighstone

Minutes

Attendees: Alan Edwards (Chair), Peter Johnson, June Horsfall, Gill Bradbury, Norma Bradley, Chris Goodman, Miriam Crewe, Alison Mascarenhas (Secretary), Steve and Rebecca Noyes

Apologies: Keith Plater, Beth Peckham

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20th October 2016 were agreed and signed.

2. Bells Update

Steve and Beccy Noyes updated the PCC on recent developments.

It was noted in the last minutes that "The PCC fully supported the installation of the 2 new Tower bells and an air conditioning unit subject to Faculty approval." Steve said the DAC office had already had a first look at the Faculty and had requested an extra letter on available funding that he would add in.

Alan said that the cheque which Steve has sent had now cleared and the PCC could issue a cheque for the deposit for the bells at Whitechapel.

Steve then outlined the suggested inscriptions for the new bells. It is usual practice for new bells to have the benefactors names on them, along with an inscription of their choosing. In the case of the 2 new bells the charity, Society for the Preservation of Isle of Wight Church Bells (SPIWCB) and the local ringers are the benefactors. SPIWCB had donated £12,000 towards the bells.

Steve said that the idea was to have an inscription that has a special significance to Brighstone, so two lines by Bishop Thomas Ken, one from the Priest's prayer card on the bookstall ("A Leader's courage...") on the lightest bell that would spend the majority of its time 'leading' and the other from a hymn that Ken wrote ("Improve our talents...") were suggested.

The inscription on the first bell would be:

A LEADER'S COURAGE, WHICH THE CROSS CAN BEAR

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And for the second bell:

THE RINGER'S BELL
IMPROVE OUR TALENTS WITH DUE CARE

Angela Ann Caroline

Clarissa Dan Emily Fleur Hugh

Jenny Leigh Lily Mark Nancy Rachel

Steve and Beccy

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Alan proposed that the PCC should agree to the above bell inscriptions and Gill seconded the proposal. The PCC unanimously agreed that the above inscriptions be engraved on the new bells.

3. Derick Stevenson's Icon

As noted in the minutes of the PCC meeting dated 20th October 2016, Gill Bradbury (Churchwarden) said that the PCC had been presented with an icon painted by the late Rev Derick Stevenson. The PCC discussed the question as to whether, and if agreeable, where the icon and descriptive plaque could be placed. Please see extract from minutes below "Gill said that Joan had donated one of Derick's icons to the church. The icon painted by Derick was of Jesus' Baptism. The PCC thought that a position near the font would be appropriate and Gill said that the faculty could probably be approved by Peter Sutton."

It was proposed by Gill Bradbury and seconded by Chris Goodman that, in view of Rev Derick Stevenson's service to this Church, and to the community, we should request permission of the DAC to install the icon and plaque on the southern wall adjacent to the font as the icon depicted Jesus' baptism. The position is to match up with a memorial plaque on the facing wall. The icon could be affixed by Peter Horsfall (Churchwarden's husband) and/or Dave Crewe. Both have done sterling work in the Church and Church property for some years and their work has been exemplary and also without charge and the PCC agree that they are both well qualified to carry out this work to a very high standard. There will be no charge for this work, apart from the small cost of screws and mirror plates. All members of the PCC present voted in agreement and were unanimous to add this to a current faculty application requesting permission of the DAC to proceed. See pdf photo of presentation to DAC attached.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The next Brighstone PCC meeting is on 9th February 2017.

Signed as correct.

Alan M. Edwards

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