

St. Peter's Church, Shorwell
Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 21st October 2015

Present: Lay Minister Stephen Sutcliffe, Brenda Rowe, Yvonne Willoughby, Mary Tester, Christine Pain, Jill Downer, Janet White and Yvonne Hide.

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Helen O'Sullivan, Roy Carter Jones and Jill Thomas.

1. Brenda (lay chairman) opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct and signed by Steve Sutcliffe.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Treasurer's Report and Parish Giving Scheme.
Helen has written a report of parish finances for consideration (see file).
Points to note: Kingston churchyard grass has been cut monthly through the summer and Michael Blee is dealing with Gift Aid donations but no money has been recovered yet.
Steve explained the Parish Giving Scheme run by Gloucester Diocese and already taken up by Brighstone (i.e. all standing orders reviewed and converted to direct debits; can be anonymous; can automatically track inflation; Gift Aid calculated and received promptly; no cost to parish).
5. Deanery Synod Report.
The Joint East and West Wight D.S. Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 started with a Commissioning Service for the 20 people who have completed the first Lay Pastoral Assistants' Course (including 3 from Brighstone parish).
Three presentations followed the routine business of the meeting:
 - 1) Revd Jenny Hollingsworth (Deputy Diocesan Secretary) spoke on the development of Ministry for Mission and the theme Live Pray Serve.
 - 2) Revd Canon Dr. Anthony Rustell (head of Diocesan Mission, Discipleship and Ministry Team) considered Diocesan Future Strategy.
 - 3) Victoria James (Diocesan Stewardship Advisor) spoke on Resourcing the Future. (report on file).

6. Lay Minister's Report
Steve spoke of his confidence in the PCC whom he knew were capable of doing great things in the parish and community, in spite of some diffidence on their part.
At Christmas he plans to have carol singing outside the homes of elderly and housebound people, finishing with a gathering for mince pies and mulled wine. We need to know names and plan a route. Dick Davis, who used to live in the village, is interested in helping.
Steve also hopes to have incense at the Christmas Midnight Communion Service, and Helen has agreed.
Steve spoke of finding inspiration in Luke 4 verses 18 and 19 – “The Spirit of the Lord is on me....” which can also be an inspiration for us all.
 7. Kitchen/Toilet Project.
Steve expressed a determination to move forward with this and everyone present agreed. Jan and Jill Downer were appointed to visit local churches for ideas so we could make plans and find a sympathetic architect. The estimated cost of the project would be a target for fundraising.
 8. Correspondence.
A letter from the Midsummer Fair Committee donating £500 to the church.
Email from Ruth Gardner with news of September's earthquake in Chile.
Latin Link's Autumn Newsletter (on the table at the back of the church).
 9. Any other business:
 - The Flower Festival made £550.
 - Remembrance Service on 8.11.15, jointly with Methodist Church, confirmed as starting at 10.45am.
 - St. Christopher merchandise. It was agreed to ask Laura to reorder tea towels and mugs .It is not known how much profit these make. Laura suggested reprinting the leaflets in bulk (the hospital print shop is very cheap). The meeting agreed Laura should be re-embursed with £100 towards her past printing costs.
 - Archdeacon Peter Sutton and the Diocesan Stewardship Advisor, Victoria James, will meet the PCC at the Old Vicarage at 6.30pm on 18.11.15.
 - Christine Pain announced she wished to “un-co-opt” herself from the PCC. She has enjoyed her time with us but realizes she is happier returning to her roots with the Methodists. We were unable to persuade her to stay.
 10. Steve closed the meeting with prayer.
- Dates to note: 18.11.15 Meeting with Archdeacon at Old Vicarage 6.30 pm
19.11.15 JPCC Meeting at Brighstone Methodist Church 7.30pm
2.12.15 PCC Meeting at Old Vicarage 6.30pm.

